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## THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM INVITES YOU TO ENJOY ACTIVITIES THIS AUGUST

LINCROFT — From canoe rentals to nature programs, the Monmouth County Park System has planned a full month of activities for residents to enjoy. Here are a few ways to enjoy the Park System this August:

### **Paint a Pony**

**Monday, August 1 from 10:00-11:00am**

**Sunnyside Recreation Area, Middletown-Lincroft Road, Lincroft**

Children ages 6-12 will let their imaginations run wild as they use non-toxic sidewalk chalk to draw on a real live horse. Participants will get to take home a photo taken with their new equine friend. Cost is \$7 per person.

### **Kayak Drop-In Tours on the Navesink River**

**Tuesday, August 2 from 10:00-11:30am**

**Monday, August 22 from 3:00-4:30pm**

**Thursday, August 25 from 6:00-7:30pm**

**Tuesday, August 30 from 10:00-11:30am**

**Claypit Creek section of Hartshorne Woods Park, Locust Avenue, Middletown**

Join a Park System Naturalist for a leisurly paddle on the beautiful Navesink River. Novice paddlers welcome. All equipment is provided – single and tandem kayaks available. Wear appropriate clothing that can get wet. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$20 per person; cash or check only. First come, first served.

### **Creature Feature**

**Saturdays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:00-11:00am**

**Huber Woods Park, Brown's Dock Road, Middletown**

Discover fascinating facts about many of the critters that share the county with us through live animals, taxidermy and other artifacts.

### **Climb Time**

**Saturday, August 6 from 1:00-5:00pm**

**Holmdel Park, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

**Sunday, August 21 from 10:00am-2:00pm**

**Dorbrook Recreation Area, Route 537, Colts Neck**

Enjoy a FREE chance to try our 25 foot climbing wall.

### **Snake & Shell Day at the Cove**

**Sunday, August 7 from 10:00am, 11:30am & 1:30pm**

**Fisherman's Cove Activity Center, Third Avenue, Manasquan**

Come see and learn about live snakes! Bring a few of your beachcombing treasures and we'll help you identify them. Space limited to first 20 people. Sign up sheets available beginning at 9am.

### **Open Shoot Archery**

**Sunday, August 7 from 12:00-2:30pm**

**Sunday, August 21 from 12:00-2:30pm**

**Turkey Swamp Park Archery Range, Georgia Road, Freehold**

If you're looking to try archery, join us for an open shoot. All equipment provided. This is a non-instructional program open to ages 8 and up (under 18 with adult). Cost is \$5.00 per person; cash or check only.

### **Canoe Rentals**

**Saturday & Sunday, August 13 & 14 from 9:00am-3:00pm**

**Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft**

Canoes will be available for rent at Marlu Lake. All equipment provided; limited number of canoes available. First come, first served. Cost is \$15 per canoe for 1-3 people for 2 hours; cash or check only.

### **Sailboat Rentals**

**Saturday, August 13 from 1:30-4:30pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir, Windeler Road, Howell**

Are you a sailor without a boat? Head to the Reservoir and rent a 15' American or 12' Laser Pico sailboat. Renters must provide a Red Cross, US Sailing, or MCPS sailing card. Two person maximum per boat. Cost is \$80 per boat; cash or check only.

### **A Taste of Geocaching**

**Sunday, August 14 from 10am-2pm**

**Thompson Park Visitor Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft**

Try this high-tech treasure hunt! This self-led program will help you explore the outdoors in a whole new way. GPS units and basic instructional packet provided. The cost is \$15 per group (up to four people).

### **Penny Rug Demonstration**

**Saturday, August 14 from 1:00-3:00pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Come see how these decorative coverings were made.

### **Blacksmith Demonstration**

**Sunday, August 14 from 1:00-3:00pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Come see what the blacksmith is making in his workshop!

### **Cool Down on a Hot Day**

**Sunday, August 14 from 1:00-4:00pm**

**Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold**

Come learn how people beat the summer heat before modern air conditioning.

**Discover Disc Golf**

**Saturday & Sunday, August 20 & 21 from 10:00am-3:00pm**

**Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft**

See how many throws it takes for you to hear the “ching” of the disc hitting the goal. The “holes” are set up of varying lengths from 150-250 feet. Sign in at the Visitor Center for discs and a course map.

**Roving Park System Naturalist**

**Sunday, August 21 at 10:00am**

**Shark River Park, Schoolhouse Road, Wall**

**Monday, August 29 at 9:00am**

**Holmdel Park, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Join our roving Park System Naturalist for a walk and learn about seasonal points of interest.

**Music Man Rich Marzec**

**Sunday, August 28 from 1:00-3:00pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Hear history come alive through music as Rich Marzec plays tunes from the turn-of-the-century.

## **Summer Seining**

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays through August 26 from 11am-12noon**

**Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth Road, Port Monmouth**

Discover marine life while seining Raritan Bay. Meet on the beach near the fishing pier.

Closed-toed shoes required. Sorry, NO GROUPS.

Looking to plan ahead for fall? On Monday, August 1 the fall edition of the Park System Directory, which includes the complete line-up of autumn recreational programs, will be available at most County parks as well as only at [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com).

To learn more about these Park System activities, please visit [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com) or call the Park System at (732) 842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the Park System TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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PICTURED – Discover marine life while seining the Raritan Bay during Summer Seining. This free drop-in program is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through August 26 from 11am-12noon at Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth.