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MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM FILLS APRIL WITH FUN



LINCROFT - This April, the Monmouth County Park System is showering local residents with fun – the *Spring Craft Show, Earth Day Open House*, nature walks, and so much more!

Here's what's planned for the month:

19th Century Woodworking Demonstration

Saturday, April 5 from 12-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See how a woodworker studies his materials, plies his tools, and crafts beautiful and functional items. **FREE!**

Milling Demonstrations

Saturdays & Sundays, April 5 & 6, 12 & 13, 19 & 20 and 26 & 27 at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

See the 19th century gristmill grind corn into meal. Each demonstration lasts approximately 15 minutes. **FREE!**

Climb Time

Sunday, April 6 from 3-6 p.m.

Shark River Park, Wall

Try the Park System's 25' portable climbing wall. You must be 42" or taller to climb. Open to ages 8 and up; under 18 with adult. **FREE!**

Splendid Spring Stroll

Wednesday, April 9 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Freneau Woods Park, Aberdeen - Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot.

Wednesday, April 30 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Clayton Park, Upper Freehold - Meet in the Emley's Hill parking lot.

Welcome the season by joining a Park System Naturalist on a peaceful trail walk through the park. Sturdy footwear is recommended as trails used may have inclines or tree roots to step over. **FREE!**

Spring Craft Show

Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

This seasonal craft show features 40 + local artists and crafters. Admission and parking are free.

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

All equipment is provided for this open shoot. No outside equipment permitted. This is not an instructional clinic and NOT designed for beginners. If you are new to archery, register for one of our instructional classes prior to attending. Open to ages 10 and up; under 18 with adult. The cost is \$10 per person; cash or check only.

Accordion Melodies of the 1890s

Saturday, April 12 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Hear melodies of the 1890s played on the accordion during your visit. **FREE!**

Cookstove Demonstration

Saturdays, April 12 & 26 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See what's cooking on the woodstove and discover how recipes, cooking techniques, and kitchens have changed since the 1890s. **FREE!**

Seashore Open House

Tuesday, April 15 from 1-4 p.m.

Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park Activity Center, Long Branch

Stop in during our annual Open House for some fun by the sea. Engaging hands-on activities will entertain and educate you and your family about the shore and the ocean. Speak with a Park System Naturalist about your own shell collection or the aquatic animals on display. Free admission and parking.

Seabrook-Wilson House Open

Sundays, April 20 & 27; Mondays, April 21 & 28; and Thursday, April 24 from 1-4 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

Visit this house, which dates back to the early 1700s and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and see displays on the ecology of the bay and local history. **FREE!**

Earth Day Planting

Tuesday, April 22 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Holmdel Park, Holmdel - Use the Forest Edge parking lot.

Join a Park System Naturalist as we restore our native forests. Your actions will provide valuable food and shelter for local wildlife. Supplies provided, but plants are limited.

Nature Lecture: Skate Fish Along the Jersey Shore

Thursday, April 24 from 7-8 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

Skates are flattened fish related to sharks and rays and live in the waters off the New Jersey coast.

Learn more about this unique fish that calls the Jersey Shore home during this talk by a Park System Naturalist. **FREE!**

Earth Day Open House

Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Huber Woods Environmental Center, Middletown

Celebrate Earth Day with live animal displays, guided nature walks, crafts and more. Local nature organizations will be on hand to provide valuable information. **FREE!**

Wool Days/Sheep Shearing

Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27 from 12-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See the farm staff use traditional blade shearing practices to remove the fleece from our sheep. Gene Sheninger will return with his collies to demonstrate their herding skills. **FREE!**

Earth Day Beach Cleanups

Sunday, April 27 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

Sunday, April 27 from 1-3 p.m.

Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park Activity Center, Long Branch

Help clean our coastline of trash and plastic debris while discovering more about the local environment.

Wood Carving Demonstration

Sunday, April 27 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See how the wood carver whittles a block of wood into a beautiful work of art. **FREE!**

Casual Birder

Tuesday, April 29 at 9 a.m.

Big Brook Park, Marlboro

Join a Park System Naturalist for this laid-back morning bird walk and meander for about an hour and a half and see what birds we can find. Participants should expect to be walking a few miles (2-4)

on sometimes uneven or muddy terrain. No need to be an expert at identifying birds to enjoy this walk. A limited number of binoculars will be available on a first come basis. **FREE!**

To learn more about these Park System activities, please visit 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 County Commissioners, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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