



**CONTACT:** Karen Livingstone  
Communications  
732-842-4000, ext. 4256  
[klivings@monmouthcountyparks.com](mailto:klivings@monmouthcountyparks.com)

or

Patti Conroy  
Visitor Services  
732-842-4000, ext. 4247  
[pconroy@monmouthcountyparks.com](mailto:pconroy@monmouthcountyparks.com)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Monday, March 21, 2022**

### **SPEND APRIL IN A COUNTY PARK**



LINCROFT - This April hop over to the Monmouth County Park System and enjoy fun, family-friendly activities. Highlights for the month include the ***Spring Craft Show***, ***Music on the Porch***, ***Splendid Spring Strolls*** and ***Wool Days/Sheep Shearing***. Here's a full listing of April events:

#### **19th Century Woodworking Demonstration**

**Saturday, April 2 from 12-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

See the carpenter use 19th century woodworking and carving tools. **FREE!**

#### **Piano Ballads from the Turn of the Century**

**Saturday, April 2 from 1-3 p.m.**

### **Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Tap your feet, dance a one-step, or sing along to popular turn-of-the-19th-century ballads as they are played inside the farmhouse. **FREE!**

### **Music on the Porch**

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

#### **Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Let the toe tapping tunes from members of the Magnolia Street String Band enliven your visit. **FREE!**

### **Spring Craft Show**

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

#### **Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

Browse local artists and crafters. Admission and parking are free.

### **Open Shoot Archery**

**Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m.-2 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, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover accepted.

### **Traditional Basketmaking Demonstration**

**Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

#### **Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Join artisan Mary May for a close look at the craftsmanship that goes into making a basket. Her focus is weaving traditional New Jersey baskets, specializing in South Jersey white oak baskets and basket traditions. **FREE!**

### **Cookstove Demonstration**

**Saturdays, April 9 & 23 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!**

#### **Vintage Base Ball - Monmouth Furnace Base Ball Club**

**Sunday, April 10 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Holmdel Park, Holmdel**

See one of America's favorite pastimes played using rules from the 19th century. **FREE!**

#### **Starting a Summer Garden**

**Sunday, April 10 from 12-2:30 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Make a newspaper pot and start a collection of seeds to transplant into your home garden.

The cost is \$5 per person; cash or check only.

#### **Splendid Spring Strolls**

**Monday, April 11 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Big Brook Park, Marlboro - Meet in the lower pond parking lot.**

**Monday, April 25 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Manasquan Reservoir, Howell - Meet in the Environmental Center parking lot.**

Join a Park System Naturalist on a peaceful trail walk. Sturdy footwear is recommended as trails used may have inclines or tree roots to step over. **FREE!**

#### **Casual Birder**

**Tuesday, April 12 at 9 a.m.**

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

**Tuesday, April 19 at 9 a.m.**

**Holmdel Park, Holmdel - Meet in the Shelter Building parking lot.**

**Tuesday, April 26 at 9 a.m.**

**Shark River Park, Wall - Meet in the Shelter Building parking lot.**

Go on a laid-back morning bird walk led by a Park System Naturalist and meander through the park for about an hour and a half. No need to be an expert at identifying birds to enjoy.

A limited number of binoculars will be available to borrow if needed. **FREE!**

### **Sowing Seed Potatoes**

**Saturday, April 16 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Give the staff a hand as they sow this year's crop of potatoes. Weather dependent. **FREE!**

### **Accordion Melodies of the 1890s**

**Saturday, April 16 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

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

### **Nature on the Move**

**Saturday, April 16 at 3 p.m.**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft - Meet in the Old Orchard parking lot.**

Look for our colorful *Nature on the Move* van and join a Park System Naturalist for a 45-60-minute hands-on interactive program. **FREE!**

### **Climb Time**

**Tuesday, April 19 from 3-6 p.m.**

**Shark River Park, Wall**

**Sunday, April 24 from 12-3 p.m.**

**Clayton Park Activity Center, Upper Freehold**

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!**

### **Nature Lecture Series: Weakfish – A Troubled Fish of NJ**

**Thursday, April 21 from 7-8 p.m.**

**Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth**

Come to this talk by a Park System Naturalist and learn about this beautiful saltwater fish and efforts for its restoration. **FREE!**

### **Wool Days/Sheep Shearing**

**Saturday & Sunday, April 23 & 24 from 12-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Learn how the farm staff uses traditional shearing practices to remove the fleece from the sheep. Gene Sheninger will return with his collies to show their herding skills. **FREE!**

#### **Seabrook-Wilson House Tours**

**Sunday, April 24 from 1-4 p.m.**

**Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth**

Visit this house which dates back to the early 1700s and see displays on the ecology of the bay and local history. **FREE!**

#### **Traditional Quilting Demonstration**

**Saturday, April 30 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

See the quilter demonstrate hand stitching. **FREE!**

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 County Commissioners, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

#