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**THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM FILLS DECEMBER  
WITH FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES**



LINCROFT– Whether you’re looking for some holiday cheer or an escape from the madness of the season, the Monmouth County Park System has you covered thanks to the array of family-friendly activities it’s offering this December. Here’s what is planned:

**Wondrous Winter Walk**

**Wednesday, December 1 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Huber Woods Park, Middletown - Meet in the Environmental Center parking lot.**

**Wednesday, December 8 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Big Brook Park, Marlboro - Meet in the Lower Pond parking lot.**

Toss on your winter gear and tag along with a Park System Naturalist as you explore nature in the wintertime. Open to all ages; under 18 with adult. Please note that sturdy footwear recommended; trails used may have inclines or tree roots to step over. **FREE!**

## **Yarn Bee**

**Saturday, December 4 from 12-2:30 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Whether just starting a new hobby or working on an old project, all are welcome to this gathering! The relaxed atmosphere means no pressure - you can knit or crochet at your own pace, and farm staff will be on hand to assist those needing a little extra help. Bring your own supplies. Open to ages 10 and up; under 18 with adult. The cost is \$5 per person; cash or check only.

## **The Creative Arts Center Exhibit**

**Saturday, December 4-Saturday, December 11 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

**Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft**

Celebrate the original artwork of the Creative Arts Center's students and instructors during this show. Many pieces are available for sale. Admission and parking are free.

## **19th Century Christmas Ballads**

**Saturdays, December 4 & 11 from 1-3:30 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Enjoy 19th century Christmas ballads played on the piano. **FREE!**

## **Winter Beach Walk**

**Tuesday, December 7 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Manasquan**

Take a guided walk with a Park System Naturalist along the beach while collecting and identifying some of the ocean's natural treasures. Be sure to dress in warm clothing and bring along something to carry shells. **FREE!**

## **Casual Birder**

**Tuesday, December 7 at 9 a.m.**

**Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Manasquan**

**Tuesday, December 21 at 9 a.m.**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft - Meet at Marlu Lake.**

Join a Park System Naturalist for a laid-back morning bird walk and meander through the park for about an hour and a half to see what birds we can find. No need to be an expert at identifying birds to enjoy. A limited number of binoculars will be available to borrow if needed. Open to all ages; under 18 with adult. **FREE!**

## **Cookstove Demonstration**

**Saturday, December 11 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!**

## **Edible History Series: Coffee Cake**

**Saturday, December 11 from 2-3 p.m.**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Drop in for a cup of coffee and a piece of coffee cake made from a 19th century recipe.

Learn about the history and evolution of America's favorite "pick-me-up" and the tasty crumb-topped treat that accompanies it. **FREE!**

### **The Sounds of Christmas**

**Sunday, December 12 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Celebrate the holidays by listening to Larry Moser and Mary Nagin play Christmas carols on the hammered dulcimer and fiddle. **FREE!**

### **Nature Lecture Series: Seals of the Jersey Shore**

**Thursday, December 16 from 7-8 p.m.**

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

Join a Park System Naturalist for this talk on the different species of seals that call the Jersey Shore home during the colder months. **FREE!**

### **Stockings Hung with Care**

**Sunday, December 19 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Decorate and "sew" your own paper stocking to take home. **FREE!**

### **Clear the House Stroll**

**Friday, December 24 at 10 a.m.**

**Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown**

Clear the house by sending family and guests on a stroll with a Park System guide. This stroll takes place on even paths and at a slow pace, perfect for enjoying Deep Cut's winter splendor. **FREE!**

## **Nature on the Move: Winter Days**

**Wednesday, December 29 at 3 p.m.**

**Holmdel Park, Holmdel – Meet in the Shelter Building parking area.**

Look for our colorful *Nature on the Move* van and join one of our Park System Naturalists for a 45-60-minute hands-on interactive program. **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.

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