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SEE WHAT THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM HAS PLANNED IN FEBRUARY



LINCROFT - Think things are quiet in your county parks this time of year? Think again! The Monmouth County Park System is filling February with fun, family-friendly activities. Here's what is planned:

Cutting, Splitting and Hewing

Sunday, February 1 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Get warmed up using a two-man saw and splitting wedge; learn how farmers used a froe to rive shingles or a broad ax to hew beams. Open to adults. **FREE!**

Groundhogs, Woodchucks & Whistlepigs...Oh My!

Sunday, February 1 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Celebrate mid-winter by learning about groundhogs and making a craft to take home.

FREE!

Casual Birder

Tuesday, February 3 at 9 a.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

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. **FREE!**

Under the Winter Stars

Saturday, February 7 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck - Use the soccer field parking lot.

Join our guide and look for key objects and constellations in the night sky. Bring a camp chair to rest on and a flashlight to light your way in the dark. Program may be cancelled due to overcast skies or inclement weather. Open to all ages; under 18 with adult. **FREE!**

Nature Lecture: Seals of Monmouth County

Sunday, February 8 from 12-1 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

Learn about the species of seals that call the Jersey Shore home in the cooler months during this talk by a Park System Naturalist. **FREE!**

Parlor Games for Wintry Weather

Sunday, February 8 from 12-2:30 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Play two long-forgotten 1890s board games - Halma and Basilinda. We'll also have old-time favorites like Backgammon, Checkers and Reversi. **FREE!**

Wondrous Winter Walk

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

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

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

Monmouth County Parks Backyard Bird Count

Friday, February 13 from 9-10 a.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Visitor Center, Howell

Saturday, February 14 from 9-10 a.m.

Freneau Woods Park Visitor Center, Aberdeen

Sunday, February 15 from 9-10 a.m.

Huber Woods Environmental Center, Middletown

Join a Park System Naturalist in celebration of the Great American Backyard Bird Count and look to see what winter birds are at our local feeders. We'll also take a small walk to see what birds we can identify. A limited number of binoculars will be available to borrow, if needed. **FREE!**

Winter Beach Walk

Saturday, February 14 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Manasquan

Go on a guided walk along the beach collecting and identifying some of the ocean's natural treasures. Dress in warm clothing and bring along something to carry shells in. **FREE!**

Historical Valentines

Saturday, February 14 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Discover how penmanship has changed as we view letters and valentines from the 18th and 19th century. Create a valentine of your own or write a letter to a friend using historically inspired materials. **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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