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SEE WHAT THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM HAS PLANNED IN FEBRUARY



LINCROFT – Fall in love with your county parks this February by joining the Monmouth County Park System for the following:

Cutting, Splitting and Hewing

Sunday, February 2 from 12-2:30 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!**

Wondrous Winter Walks

Wednesday, February 5 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell - Meet in the Environmental Center Parking Lot.

Wednesday, February 19 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 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!**

Nature Lecture: Grey Squirrels of Monmouth County

Saturday, February 8 from 3-4 p.m.

Freneau Woods Park Visitor Center, Aberdeen

Learn about these furry critters and some other species of squirrels that call New Jersey home during this talk by a Park System Naturalist. **FREE!**

Winter Beach Walk

Sunday, February 9 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Manasquan

Take a Park System Naturalist 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

Sunday, February 9 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 centuries. Create a valentine of your own or write a letter to a friend using historically inspired materials. **FREE!**

Pine Barren Bonfire

Wednesday, February 12 from 6-8 p.m.

Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold

Enjoy a winter evening around a bonfire at the council ring with games, s'mores, and a full moon!

Please dress appropriately for the weather. Open to all ages; under 18 with adult. The cost is \$15 per family of up to four; cash or check only.

Monmouth County Parks Backyard Bird Count

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

Manasquan Reservoir Visitor Center, Howell

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

Freneau Woods Park Visitor Center, Aberdeen

Sunday, February 16 from 9-10 a.m.

Huber Woods Park 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!**

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, February 15 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.

Parlor Games for Wintry Weather

Sunday, February 16 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!**

Casual Birder

Tuesday, February 18 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

Wednesday, February 26 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 as we star search 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!**

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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