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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SEE WHAT THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM HAS PLANNED FOR MARCH



LINCROFT – Welcome spring in a county park! It’s never been easier thanks to all the great activities offered by the Monmouth County Park System during the month of March. Here’s what is planned:

Summer Job Fair

Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Discover exciting summer job opportunities available within the Monmouth County Park System.

Admission and parking are free.

Cookstove Demonstration

Saturdays, March 7 & 21 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!**

E. Murray Todd Half-Marathon

Sunday, March 8 - 8:30 a.m. start

Brookdale Community College, Lincroft

This 13.1-mile race takes runners through Lincroft, Holmdel and Colts Neck. Race-day registration begins at 7 a.m. and costs \$70 per runner; checks and cash only.

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, March 8 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See the blacksmith working at the anvil turning iron into functional tools and hardware. **FREE!**

Splendid Spring Strolls

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

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

Wednesday, March 18 from 10-11:30 a.m.

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

Say "farewell" to the frosty weather as you join a Park System Naturalist on a peaceful trail. Sturdy footwear is recommended as trails used may have inclines or tree roots to step over. **FREE!**

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, March 14 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.

Nature Lecture: Salamanders of Monmouth County

Friday, March 20 from 7-8 p.m.

Freneau Woods Park Visitor Center, Aberdeen

Learn about these ambiguous amphibians during this talk by a Park System Naturalist. **FREE!**

19th Century Woodworking Demonstration

Saturday, March 21 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Accordion Melodies of the 1890s

Saturday, March 21 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Under the Spring Stars

Saturday, March 21 from 9-10 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!**

Casual Birder

Tuesday, March 24 at 9 a.m.

Crosswicks Creek Park - Meet in the Province Line Road parking area in Allentown.

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

Spring Craft Show

Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

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

Wood Carving Demonstration

Saturday, March 28 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!**

Piano Ballads from the Turn-of-the-Century

Saturday, March 28 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Head to the farmhouse and hear popular turn-of-the-19th-century ballads. **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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