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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**SEE WHAT THE PARK SYSTEM HAS PLANNED THIS NOVEMBER**



**LINCROFT** – It's going to be a November to remember thanks to the Monmouth County Park System and all of the fun, family-friendly activities it has planned. Here are some of the Park System's offerings this November:

**Historic Portland Place Tours**

**Wednesdays-Sundays, October 29-November 2, 5-9, and 12-16 at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**

**Historic Portland Place, Hartshorne Woods Park, Locust**

Tour this beautifully restored 18th century house with exhibits that help tell the story of the region's history and the Hartshorne family legacy in Monmouth County. Tours are limited to 10 persons and may be suspended during severe weather conditions. Register on site at the Portland Place Visitor Center day of tour. **FREE!**

## **Milling Demonstrations**

**Saturdays & Sundays, November 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 15 & 16, and 22 & 23 at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

See the 19th century gristmill grind corn into meal. Each demonstration lasts approximately 15 minutes.

***FREE!***

## **Climb Time**

**Sunday, November 2 from 12-3 p.m.**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft**

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!***

## **Fall Craft Show**

**Saturday, November 8 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping during this craft show featuring local crafters. Admission and parking are free.

## **Open Shoot Archery**

**Saturday, November 8 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.

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

**Saturday, November 8 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

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

## **Cookstove Demonstrations**

**Saturdays, November 8 & 22 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!**

### **Blacksmith Demonstration**

**Sunday, November 9 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

See the blacksmith at work turning iron into functional tools and hardware during this demonstration.

**FREE!**

### **Casual Birder**

**Tuesday, November 11 at 9 a.m.**

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

Join a Park System Naturalist for a laid-back morning bird walk and meander for about an hour and a half and see what birds we can find. No need to be an expert at identifying birds to enjoy this walk. A limited number of binoculars will be available on a first-come basis. **FREE!**

### **Nature Lecture Series - Hammerhead Sharks of the Jersey Shore**

**Wednesday, November 12 from 7-8 p.m.**

**Bayshore Waterfront Activity Center, Port Monmouth**

Learn about the life of a hammerhead shark and the many threats it encounters in the Atlantic Ocean during this talk by a Park System Naturalist. **FREE!**

### **Awesome Autumn Amble**

**Wednesday, November 12 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Clayton Park, Upper Freehold - Meet in the Emley's Hill Road parking lot.**

**Wednesday, November 19 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

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

Explore the trails with a Park System Naturalist and discuss all manners of plant and animal phenomena.

Open to all ages; under 18 with adult. **FREE!**

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

**Saturday, November 15 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

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

#### **Cider Making Demonstration**

**Sunday, November 16 from 12-2 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Help press this year's apple harvest into cider. Sample some cider and talk about other uses for cider on the farm. **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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