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**THE PARK SYSTEM FILLS OCTOBER
WITH FAMILY FUN**



MIDDLETOWN – From *Drop-In Zip Line* to *The Real Story of the Jersey Devil*, the Monmouth County Park System has filled October with family-friendly offerings. Here’s what is planned:

Drop-In Zip-Line

Friday, October 1 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Big Brook Park, Marlboro

Experience the thrill of zip-lining! All equipment is provided. Participants must wear closed-toe, closed-heel shoes, and face coverings. Open to ages 8 and up; under 18 with adult.

Limited number of equipment; first-come basis. Registration ends at 5:15 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person; cash or check only. Fee includes two rides down the zip-line.

Deep Cut Gardens Fairy Day Fest

Saturday, October 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Plan to spend some quality time, building a fairy house for the garden fairies to live in this winter. All fairies, gnomes and elves are welcome! **FREE!**

Cookstove Demonstration

Saturdays, October 2, 16 & 30 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!**

Mill Demonstration

Saturdays & Sundays, October 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 23 & 24, and 30 & 31 from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

See the 19th century gristmill in action. **FREE!**

Yarn Bee

Sunday, October 3 from 12-2:30 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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.

Climb Time

Sunday, October 3 from 1-4 p.m.

Clayton Park Activity Center, Upper Freehold

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!**

The Casual Birder

Tuesday, October 5 at 9 a.m.

Shark River Park, Wall - Meet in the main parking area.

Tuesday, October 12 at 9 a.m.

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

Tuesday, October 26 at 9 a.m.

Thompson Park, Lincroft - Meet in the Marlu Lake parking area.

Join a Park System Naturalist for a laid-back morning bird walk and meander 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 ages 10 and up; under 18 with adult. **FREE!**

Nature on the Move - Autumn Nights

Friday, October 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold - Shelter Building parking area

Friday, October 22 at 5 p.m.

Shark River Park, Wall - main parking area

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

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, October 9 from 10 a.m.-2 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.

Corn Harvest

Saturday & Sunday, October 9 & 10 from 12-2 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See the farm staff harvest corn as it would have been done in the 1890s; weather permitting. **FREE!**

19th Century Woodworking Demonstration

Saturday, October 16 from 12-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See the carpenter use 19th century woodworking and carving tools during this demonstration. **FREE!**

Accordion Melodies of the 1890s

Saturday, October 16 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Thompson Park Day

Sunday, October 17 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thompson Park, Lincroft

This family fun event that includes pumpkin painting, wagon rides, kids races, entertainment and so more! Some activities have a fee. Admission and parking are free.

Piano Ballads

Saturday, October 23 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Join in a sing-along with ballads from the turn of the century. **FREE!**

Nature Lecture Series - The Real Story of the Jersey Devil

Thursday, October 28 from 7-8 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

Learn about the history and folklore of the Jersey Devil during a presentation by a Park System Naturalist. **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.