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### **PARK SYSTEM SHOWERS RESIDENTS WITH DROP-IN PROGRAMS DURING APRIL**

LINCROFT— From Earth Day Celebrations to Fun with Frogs, the Monmouth County Park System is hopping with things to do this spring. Here's a list of upcoming Park System activities planned for April:

#### **Milling at Walnford**

**Saturday, April 2 from 1-4pm**

**Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold**

The mill is back in action! Demonstrations resume every weekend afternoon from April through November. Experience the rumble and clack of the mill as our industrial and agricultural heritage come together in this restored 1872 gristmill.

#### **Rug Hooking & Braiding Demonstration**

**Saturday, April 2 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

See how rug hooking and braiding was traditionally done during this demonstration.

#### **April Fools**

**Saturday & Sunday, April 2 & 3 at 2pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**

Discover the tricks of camouflage and mimicry while exploring how some animals hide in plain sight.

### **Open Ceramics**

**Sundays, April 3, 10 & 17 from 12:30-4:30pm**

**Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft**

Drop in for an hour or two and choose from a large selection of bisque-fired pieces to glaze and make your own. Leave your piece to be fired and pick up in a week or so. The cost is \$6 per person per hour plus cost of bisque-ware. All ages welcome, children 12 and under with an adult.

### **Snakes of Monmouth County**

**Saturday & Sunday, April 9 & 10 at 1pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**

Learn about snakes found in Monmouth County during this naturalist-led discussion featuring live snakes.

### **Blacksmith Demonstration**

**Sunday, April 10 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

See what the blacksmith is making in his workshop.

### **Wooden Buckets and Barrels**

**Saturday, April 16 from 11am-4pm**

**Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold**

See an old-fashioned cooper using historic tools and techniques of this craft while making a wooden bucket.

### **Earth Day Celebration at Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center**

**Saturday, April 16 from 12noon-5pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**

It's too big for one day! The Park System is hosting a full weekend of Earth Day Celebrations. The first part is held at the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center where visitors will discover ways to enjoy nature in their backyards or a county park. This fun day includes pontoon boat rides, live animal shows, environmental vendors, nature walks, crafts and more. (Some activities require fee.)

### **Great Spring Perennial Plant Swap**

**Saturday, April 16 from 10am-2pm**

**Deep Cut Gardens, Red Hill Road, Middletown**

Bring plants in one-quart, one-gallon or two-gallon containers and take home the same size and number of plants. Exchanging vegetable/herb seedlings are permitted, but no ornamental annuals.

### **Earth Day Celebration at Huber Woods Environmental Center**

**Sunday, April 17 from 12noon-5pm**

**Huber Woods Environmental Center, Brown's Dock Road, Middletown**

The second half of the Park System's celebration moves to Huber Woods Environmental Center where eco-wonders await at the Wide World of Recycled Sports, Eco-Carnival, Naturalist Corner and Craft a Better Tomorrow areas. For a nominal fee, the Frog Pond Outpost is only a wagon ride away. Enjoy a live animal presentation.

### **Working with Wood**

**Sunday, April 17 from 12noon-4pm**

**Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold**

Watch as a log is transformed into a useful tool such as a hay fork, rake or spoon.

### **Music Man Rich Marzec**

**Sunday, April 17 from 1-3pm**

### **Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Hear history come alive through music as Rich Marzec plays tunes from the turn-of-the-century.

### **Let's Go Outdoors!**

**Sunday, April 17 at 2pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**

Join us for this short naturalist-led hike.

### **Wool Days/Sheep Shearing**

**Saturday & Sunday, April 23 & 24 from 12noon-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

This annual demonstration allows visitors to appreciate the work of an old-fashioned sheep shearer. The Monmouth County Historical Association's Holmes Hendrickson House staff will demonstrate the way wool was used in Colonial America. Farm staff will provide wagon rides between the two living history sites.

### **Fun with Frogs**

**Saturday, April 23 at 11am & Sunday, April 24 at 2pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**

Discover the differences between frogs and toads during this interactive show and tell featuring live amphibians.

These programs do not require registration. Visitors can just stop by and enjoy at their leisure. 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 TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks and Recreation agency.

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PICTURED – Fun nature-related activities will be part of both Park System Earth Day Celebrations! Held from 12noon to 5pm, the dates are Saturday, April 16 at the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center in Howell and Sunday, April 17 at the Huber Woods Environmental Center in Middletown.