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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM PLANS FULL MONTH OF ACTIVITIES

HOWELL — From kayak rentals to nature programs, the Monmouth County Park System has planned a full month of activities for county residents to enjoy. Here are few ways to enjoy the Park System this June:

#### **Eco-Kayak Drop-in Tours on the Navesink River**

**Wednesday, June 1 from 9-10:30am**

**Thursday, June 9 from 3-4:30pm**

**Tuesday, June 21 from 2:30-4pm**

**Claypit Creek section of Hartshorne Woods, Locust Avenue, Middletown**

Join a Park System Naturalist for a leisurely paddle on the beautiful Navesink River. Novice paddlers welcome. All equipment is provided - single and tandem kayaks are available. Wear appropriate clothing that can get wet. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$20 per person. Cash or check only. First come, first served.

#### **Climb Time**

**Saturday, June 4 from 10am-2pm**

**Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Ocean Avenue, Long Branch**

**Saturday, June 18 from 1-5pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir, Windeler Road, Howell**

Join us for a FREE chance to try our 25 foot rock climbing wall.

#### **A Honey of a Bee**

**Saturday, June 4 at 1pm**

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

Learn about our state insect and its importance.

#### **World Environment Day**

**Sunday, June 5 at 11:30am**

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

Celebrate World Environment Day. Color and discover ways to protect Mother Earth.

### **Summer Canoe Rentals**

**Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12 from 9am-3pm**

**Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft**

Canoes will be available for rental at Marlu Lake. All equipment provided, limited number of canoes available. The cost is \$15 per canoe (which accommodates 1-3 people) for 2 hours. Cash or check only.

### **All About Box Turtles**

**Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12 at 2pm**

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

Meet one of our box turtles while learning about these creatures.

### **Deep Cut Gardens Open House**

**Sunday, June 12 from 10am-3pm**

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

Enjoy guided tours, horticultural activities, demonstrations and more during this open house.

### **Snake & Shell Day at the Cove**

**Sunday, June 12 from 10-11am; 11:30am -12:30pm & 1:30-2:30pm**

**Fisherman's Cove Activity Center, Third Avenue, Manasquan**

See and learn about live snakes! Bring along a few favorite beachcombing treasures and we'll help you identify them. All are welcome. Space limited to 20 people. Sign-up sheet available at the site starting at 9am.

### **A Taste of Geocaching**

**Sunday, June 12 from 10am-2pm**

**Thompson Park Visitor Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft**

Try this high-tech treasure hunt! This self-led program will help you explore the outdoors in a whole new way. GPS units and basic instructional packet provided. The cost is \$15 per group (up to four people).

### **Wild New Jersey: Adventures in the Garden State**

**Sunday, June 12 at 1pm**

**Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth Road, Port Monmouth**

Join us for a free presentation by author David Wheeler on his new book that explores the wild side of New Jersey.

### **Fiddler on the Porch**

**Sunday, June 12 from 1-3pm**

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

Enjoy the fiddler's tunes while touring the house, picnicking by the creek or relaxing on the porch.

### **Creature Feature**

**Saturdays, June 18 & 25 from 10-11am**

**Huber Woods Park, Brown's Dock Road, Middletown**

Discover fascinating facts about many of the critters that share the county with us through live animals, taxidermy and other artifacts.

### **Tree ID**

**Saturday & Sunday, June 18 & 19 at 1pm**

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

Learn to identify trees found at the Reservoir during a short walk.

### **Mill Tour Behind the Scenes**

**Sunday, June 19 at 11am**

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

Learn how the mills works during this informal, informative, hands-on tour.

### **Open Shoot Archery Program**

**Sunday, June 19 from 12noon-2:30pm**

**Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft**

Try your hand at archery during this open shoot. All equipment will be provided.

This is a non-instructional program open to ages 8 and up (under 18 with adult).

The cost is \$5 per person. Cash or check only.

### **Daylily Day**

**Saturday, June 25 from 10am-2pm**

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

Come enjoy the large selection of daylilies on the grounds. Also see daylily displays and meet with experts who can answer questions.

### **Summer Solstice**

**Saturday & Sunday, June 25 & 26 at 11:30am**

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

Discover this celestial event's significance and its role in ushering in summer.

### **Eco-Elephant Family Flea Market**

**Saturday, June 25 from 9am-1pm**

**Dorbrook Recreation Area, Route 537, Colts Neck**

Come out and browse our vendors at this outdoor market for the one-of-a-kind item you did not even think you needed.

### **Sailboat Rentals**

**Saturday, June 25 from 1:30-4:30pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir, Windeler Road, Howell**

Are you a sailor without a boat? Rent a 15' American or 12' Laser Pico sailboat.

Those renting sailboats must provide a Red Cross, US Sailing or MCPS sailing card.

The cost is \$80 per boat. Two person maximum per boat. Cash or check only.

### **Meet the Cow, See the Chickens: Butter and Eggs in the Backyard**

**Sunday, June 26 from 1-4pm**

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

Gain a multi-sensory appreciation of these foods and their historic roles in daily life at Walnford.

**Summer Seining**

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, June 27-August 26 from 11am-12noon**

**Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth Road, Port Monmouth**

Discover marine life while seining Raritan Bay. Meet on the beach near the fishing pier. Closed-toed shoes required. Sorry, NO GROUPS

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 Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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PICTURED - Join us for *Summer Seining* on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from June 27-August 26 at Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth Road, Port Monmouth.



PICTURED – Enjoy the scenery while wandering the grounds during *Deep Cut Gardens Open House* on Sunday, June 12 from 10am-3pm. The event is held at Deep Cut Gardens, Red Hill Road, Middletown.