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### **ENJOY ALL YOUR COUNTY PARK SYSTEM HAS TO OFFER THIS SUMMER**

LINCROFT— Whether you're looking to dip your toes in the Atlantic or sleep under the stars, the Monmouth County Park System is here to make this summer a memorable one. With its sand, sun and surf, Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, offers everything needed to enjoy a day at the beach during the summer months: snack bar, sheltered eating areas, volleyball area, outdoor showers and changing areas and designated areas for surfing. Guarded swimming is available weekends and holidays starting Saturday, May 28 and daily starting Saturday, June 18. Both daily and seasonal passes can be purchased. The site also features a skateplex and an inclusive playground for children of all abilities.

Prefer spending the day on the links? Head to a county course! With eight Park System golf courses at six locations throughout the county, golfers are sure to find one to suit their level of play. Seasoned golfers can tee off on Hominy Hill Golf Course in Colts Neck while novice golfers can refine their game on Bel-Aire Golf Course in Wall. Other golf courses are Charleston Springs in Millstone, Howell Park in Howell, Pine Brook in Manalapan and Shark River in Neptune.

While the Park System offers many golf courses – there is only one Sprayground and it can be found at Dorbrook Recreation Area. This popular water-enhanced playground, located on Route 537 in Colts Neck, is open seven days a week from mid-May to mid-September. Opening at 11am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and at 10am on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; the Sprayground shuts down one hour prior to posted park

closing. Make a day of your visit by bringing lunch and stopping at Challenger Place, the park's inclusive playground.

Can't bear the thought of going home after a day of fun? Check out Turkey Swamp Park Campground, Georgia Road, Freehold, for a getaway that's not too far away. This family-friendly campground features 64 wooded campsites (52 which can be reserved). The park offers a lake where visitors can bring or rent canoes, kayaks, rowboats and paddleboats. Anglers can try their luck with the bass, crappie, catfish and bluegills that call the lake home (NJ Fishing license required for ages 16 and up). The park also features picnic areas with charcoal grills, playgrounds, over nine miles of multi-use trails and plenty of open space. Call (732) 462-7286 for more information or to make reservations.

The Manasquan Reservoir, Windeler Road, Howell, also has rowboats and kayaks available for rental. Those with their own kayak, rowboat or canoe can launch from sites throughout the county including the Manasquan Reservoir in Howell, Thompson Park in Lincroft, and Perrineville Lake Park in Perrineville. While boating is a great way to go fishing, anglers can cast from the shore at Holmdel Park, Holmdel; Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Manasquan; and Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth among other sites. Check the Park System's website [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com) for a full listing and more details.

These are just some of the ways to enjoy the Monmouth County Park System this summer. For more information, 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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