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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR JANUARY

HOWELL – If time flies when you're having fun, than let the Monmouth County Park System help January pass in a blur. With its ability to feel longer than 31 days, the month can feel endless. Here are a few, fun, drop-in activities planned:

#### Meet the Otter Day

**Saturday & Sunday, January 1 & 2 from 10am-4pm**  
**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**  
Learn about the River Otter and how he lives.

#### Whose Skull?

**Saturday & Sunday, January 8 & 9 from 10am-4pm**  
**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**  
Match the fossil to the creature.

#### Open Ceramics

**Sundays starting January 9 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. All ages welcome, children 12 and under with an adult.

#### Nesting Habits

**Saturday & Sunday, January 15 & 16 from 10am-4pm**  
**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**  
Find out how bald eagles prepare for the nesting season.

#### Blacksmith Demonstration

**Sunday, January 16 from 1-3pm**  
**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**  
See what the blacksmith is making in his workshop.

### **Your Nature Calendar**

**Saturday & Sunday, January 22 & 23 from 2-3pm**

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

Start the year right by making your own nature calendar.

### **Seashore Open House**

**Sunday, January 23 from 1-4pm**

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

Stop in during our Open House for seashore fun and light refreshments. Engaging hands-on activities will entertain and educate you and your family about the shore and the sea. Speak to a Park System naturalist about your own shell collection or the aquatic animals on display. You can even create a beach keepsake to take home.

### **It's Snow**

**Saturday & Sunday, January 29 & 30 from 10am-4pm**

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

Make snowflakes while learning cool facts about snow.

### **Smoked, Pickled or On Ice?**

**Sunday, January 30 from 2-3pm**

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

Ice house, smoke house, cellar...how was each used historically for food preservation at Walnford? Find out by joining us for a tour and talk about seasonal food preservation and storage.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are 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 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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