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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ALL ABOARD! WEEKEND BOAT TOURS AT THE MANASQUAN RESERVOIR

HOWELL— See turtles, egrets, herons, ospreys and other wildlife in their natural habitat during a boat tour of the Monmouth County Park System's Manasquan Reservoir in Howell. Tours are offered on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend (weather permitting). Approximately 45 minutes, tours begin at the top of the hour from 1-4pm and leave from the Visitor Center, Windeler Road, Howell. Tours are also offered at 2 & 4pm on Wednesdays. Starting this year, tours will also be offered on the first Friday evening of each month. Please call (732) 751-9453 as times will vary for the evening tours.

Each tour is led by a Park System naturalist and offers excellent opportunities to see wildlife. The fee is \$5.50 per adult and \$3.50 per child age 12 and under. Tickets are available in the lower level of the Visitor Center. Tours can be arranged for organized groups.

Memorial Day Weekend also marks the start of summer hours for the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell. Summer hours are 10am-5pm Saturday-Thursday and 10am-8:30pm on Friday and continue through Labor Day Weekend.

The Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center is dedicated to providing experiences of learning and discovery related to wetlands ecology and wildlife and habitat protection.

Through interactive exhibits, multi-media presentations, educational activities for schools and community groups, and wildlife observation areas, visitors gain an understanding of the importance of water in our world.

For more information about the boat tours or the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, please call (732) 751-9453. 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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