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OCTOBER 2ND IS WALNFORD DAY!

UPPER FREEHOLD – With plenty of fall festivals to choose from, the Monmouth County Park System’s Walnford Day offers visitors a unique experience. Held from 11am to 5pm on Sunday, October 2 at Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold, this event brings local history alive through music, hands-on activities, demonstrations and horse-drawn wagon rides.

Youngsters may feel as if they have stepped back in time as they play games from the 18th and 19th centuries, try on old-fashioned garments and write with a quill pen. There is also a visual scavenger hunt to help explore the site. Perhaps the most fascinating place to explore is the Waln’s House. It will be open from cellar to attic for the event. Visitors can tour this grand pre-Revolutionary War home at their own pace while imagining life at Walnford through artifacts and stories. Be sure to see the second floor exhibit on Western Monmouth Wildlife. Then enjoy sounds from yesteryear when elegant flute and harpsichord music is performed in the house from 1-4pm.

Members of the New Jersey Blacksmiths Association will showcase their skills near the old blacksmith shop, while inside the cow barn weaving and spinning demonstrations will be ongoing. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be offered from 1-4pm. After experiencing the sights and sounds of horse drawn transportation, stop in the Carriage House and see the Waln’s sleigh and carriage.

For more information on Walnford Day and the Monmouth County Park System, visit 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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PHOTO CAPTION: History comes to life through a variety of demonstrations, activities and exhibits during Walnford Day. This free event will run on Sunday, October 2 from 11am-5pm at Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold.