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MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM PARKS ARE THE PLACE TO BE THIS WINTER

LINCROFT— It might be cold outside but the Monmouth County Park System is just getting warmed up! With plenty to do inside and outside, winter might just be the best time of year to discover everything the parks have to offer. Here are a few things to do this winter:

- Sign up for a Park System class or trip! Ever go on a *Moonlight Hike*? Tried your hand at *Archery*? Wanted to be *Stronger for Longer*? Then check out the latest issue of the *Directory* for these and other Park System sports, nature, hikes and exercise classes. Information and registration available online at www.monmouthcountyparks.com.
- Visit one of our environmental centers! On days when it's simply too cold or wet to be outside, connect with nature in the comfort of the Huber Woods Environmental Center in Locust or the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center in Howell. There's plenty for little (and big) hands to do with interactive exhibits. Both locations bring the outdoors inside with wildlife viewing areas.
- Have an indoor picnic! The Manasquan Reservoir Visitor Center in Howell, with its cozy fireplace and spectacular views, is a great spot to bring lunch or a snack. Tote along a good book and make an afternoon of it.

- Take it outside! Don't let a little thing like winter keep you inside. Layer your clothes, don your hat and gloves and enjoy the fresh air. There are plenty of things to do – bird watch, visit a playground or go on a winter hike.
- Play a round of golf! Bel-Aire Golf Course, Wall, is open year round. Nothing beats the winter blues like a round on our greens. Best of all, golfers can enjoy great discounts – green fees are \$12 for the 18-hole course and \$8 for the 9-hole course.
- Visit the greenhouse at Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown, and see what's blooming. From tropical and bonsai plants to late winter orchids, there's always something to see. Afterward, stop by the horticultural library and start planning your spring garden. Bring your little ones along and let them browse the children's section.

If a little (or a lot) of snow falls, be sure head over to the sledding hill in Holmdel Park, Holmdel, or go cross-country skiing, ice skating or ice fishing in a county park. No matter the weather, there's plenty to do. To learn more about the Park System, please visit 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 – Kids’ arts and crafts classes are just one of the many activities offered by the Monmouth County Park System during the winter months.