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GO CAMPING AT TURKEY SWAMP PARK

FREEHOLD— Spring into spring by spending a night under the stars at the Monmouth County Park System's family campground located in Turkey Swamp Park, Georgia Road, Freehold. Opening for the season on Sunday, April 1, the campground features 64 wooded campsites (52 which can be reserved while 12 are available on a first come, first serve basis). All campsites are pull-through and feature water and electric hookups. The facility features drinking water, a dump station, picnic tables, modern restrooms with hot showers and laundry, as well as fire rings for charcoal cooking and campfires. Families are sure to appreciate quiet hours from 10pm to 7am. The rates per night are \$33 for county residents and \$37 for non-residents.

The campground also offers two cabins. Both cabins have two rooms and feature a double bed and two sets of bunk beds as well as lights and electrical outlets. Outside each cabin is a water spigot and picnic area with fire pit. One of the cabins is ADA accessible. The cost of each cabin is \$56 a night for county residents and \$66 a night for non-residents. Weekly rates are \$255 for county residents and \$315 for non-residents.

This summer, the Park System will continue its *Campfire Programs* in Turkey Swamp Park. Held on Saturday evenings June through August, these family-friendly offerings include **Full**

Moon Howl, Christmas in July and ***Musical Mayhem***. Interested campers can register for free with the campground office.

Besides the ***Campfire Programs***, there's plenty for campers to enjoy in the park. Turkey Swamp Park features a lake where visitors can bring or rent canoes, kayaks, rowboats and paddleboats. Visitors with a New Jersey fishing license (under 16 license not required) can try their luck with the bass, crappie, catfish and bluegills that call the lake home. The park also offers picnic areas with charcoal grills, four playgrounds, over 8 miles of multiuse trails and plenty of open space.

Reservations are available for stays of at least two nights and must be prepaid. They can be made in person at the Campground Office located in the Oak Point Shelter Building in the park, through the mail or by calling (732) 462-7286. MasterCard, Visa and Discover accepted. For more information about the campground, please call (732) 462-7286. For more information about the Monmouth County Park System, please call (732) 842-4000 or visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com. 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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PICTURED – The lake at Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold, is a great place to go kayaking.