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**THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM FILLS DECEMBER
WITH FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES**



LINCROFT– 'Tis the season to get out and enjoy your county parks! The Monmouth County Park System makes it easy this December by offering fun, family-friendly, drop-in programs including *The Sounds of Christmas*, *Wondrous Winter Walks*, and *Clear the House Stroll*. Here's what's planned:

The Casual Birder

Tuesday, December 1 at 9 a.m.

Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Manasquan - Meet at the Activity Center.

Tuesday, December 15 at 9 a.m.

Thompson Park, Lincroft - Meet in the Marlu Lake parking area.

Join a Park System Naturalist for a laid-back morning bird walk and meander for about an hour and a half and see what birds we can find. No need to be an expert at identifying birds to enjoy. A limited number of binoculars will be available on a first come basis. Open to all ages; under 18 with adult. **FREE!**

Wondrous Winter Walks

Wednesday, December 2 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Huber Woods Environmental Center, Middletown - Meet in the parking lot.

Wednesday, December 16 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell - Meet in the parking lot.

Toss on your winter gear and tag along with a Park System Naturalist as you explore nature in the wintertime. Open to all ages; under 18 with adult. Please note that sturdy footwear recommended; trails used may have inclines or tree roots to step over. **FREE!**

The Sounds of Christmas

Sunday, December 13 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Enjoy sounds of the season as Larry Moser and Mary Nagin play Christmas carols on the hammered dulcimer and fiddle. **FREE!**

Winter Beach Walk

Wednesday, December 16 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Manasquan

Take a guided walk with a Park System Naturalist along the beach while collecting and identifying some of the ocean's natural treasures. Make sure you dress in warm clothing and bring along something to carry shells. **FREE!**

Clear the House Stroll

Thursday, December 24 at 10 a.m.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Send everyone for a one-hour stroll through the gardens with a Park System Naturalist to enjoy Deep Cut's winter splendor. **FREE!**

To learn more about these Park System activities, 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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