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WELCOME MAY IN A COUNTY PARK

LINCROFT — Spring got off to an early start this year. Luckily, the Monmouth County Park System has been busy planning plenty of activities for people to enjoy the great outdoors (and a few indoor things as well). The schedule is as follows:

Ceramics for Seniors

Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 12:30-2:30pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Try something new! The cost is \$15 per person and includes studio time, glaze, firing and selected ceramic bisqueware. Staff will be on hand to share tips and easy techniques.

Embroidery Demonstration

Saturday, May 5 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Step back in time and see this delicate craft in action.

Weekend in Old Monmouth

Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel, from 10am-5pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold, from 8am to 5pm

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth Road, Port

Monmouth, from 11am-5pm

Three of the Park System's sites are participating in this self-guided tour of historical places in the County.

Discover Disc Golf

Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6 from 10am-3pm

Saturday & Sunday, May 12 & 13 from 10am-3pm

Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & 20 from 10am-3pm

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft

Join us for this fun alternative to traditional golf. The "holes" are set up of varying lengths from 150 ft. to 250 ft. See how many throws it takes to hear the "ching" of the disc hitting the goal. FREE!

Garlic Mustard

Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6 at 11am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Learn about these pretty but invasive flowers.

Open Ceramics

Sunday, May 6 from 12:30-4:30pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Drop in for an hour or two and choose from a large selection of bisque-fired pieces to glaze and make your own. Leave your piece to be fired and pick up in a week or so. The cost is \$6 per person per hour plus cost of bisque-ware. All ages welcome, children 12 and under with an adult.

Roving Park System Naturalist

Sunday, May 6 at 1:30pm

Huber Woods Park, Brown's Dock Road, Middletown

Saturday, May 19 at 1:30pm

Turkey Swamp Park, Georgia Road, Freehold

Tuesday, May 22 at 10:30am

Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Ocean Avenue, Long Branch

Learn about seasonal points of interest during a walk with a Park System Naturalist. FREE!

Open Shoot Archery

Friday, May 11 from 5-8pm

Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Try your hand at archery during this open shoot at the Activity Barn. All equipment provided. This is a non-instructional program open to ages 8 and up (under 18 with adult). The cost is \$5 per person, cash or check only.

Climb Time

Saturday, May 12 from 11am-3pm

Manasquan Reservoir, Windeler Road, Howell

Sunday, May 20 from 11am-5pm

Mystery Location

Try our 25 foot climbing wall for free! Climbers must be 42" or taller. Like the Park System on Facebook or follow on Twitter @MonCountyParks to get the clues for May 20th's mystery location.

Quilting Demonstration

Saturday, May 12 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Talented demonstrators will show visitors how quilting was done during the Victorian era. FREE!

On the Water Drop-In: Thompson Park Canoe Rental

Saturday & Sunday, May 12 & 13 from 9am-3pm

Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Canoes will be available for a relaxing paddle on Marlu Lake. All equipment provided; limited number of canoes available. The cost is \$15 per boat for 1-3 people for 2 hours. Cash or check only.

Spinning a Tale and Weaving Intrigue

Sunday, May 13 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

Watch wool flow from fleece to fabric during demonstrations that feature many “please touch” opportunities.

Baby Animal Crafts

Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & 20 at 11am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Let’s make baby animals crafts.

The Village Blacksmith

Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & 20 from 12noon-4pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

Come see the blacksmith at work shaping iron. See the hinges, hooks, dogs and irons in the fire and out while touring the historic buildings.

Outdoor Adventure Expo

Sunday, May 20 from 11am-5pm

Turkey Swamp Park, Georgia Road, Freehold

Activities during this expo for the outdoors person (or those wishing to become one) include rock climbing, nature walks and hands-on demonstrations. Try your hand at paddling a canoe or kayak, compete in the children’s fishing derby and check out the latest outdoors equipment.

SPUR Open House

Sunday, May 20 from 12noon-3pm

Sunnyside Recreation Area, Middletown-Lincroft Road, Lincroft

Join in the celebration of SPUR’s 10th Anniversary at Sunnyside. Meet the horses, enjoy tours, crafts, demonstrations, pony rides and more! FREE!

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, May 20 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Hear history come alive through music as Rich Marzec plays tunes from the turn-of-the-century.

Turtles

Saturday & Sunday, May 26 & 27 at 1pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Learn about the turtles found in Monmouth County.

Fiddler on the Porch

Sunday, May 27 from 1-3pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

Enjoy the music of fiddler Pete Brady while visiting Historic Walnford.

Decoration Day

Monday, May 28 from 12noon-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Join the farm staff as they celebrate an old-fashioned Decoration Day. This family holiday originated soon after the Civil War when women decorated the graves of fallen soldiers and is now called Memorial Day.

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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PICTURED – The Fishing Derby is one of the many activities offered during the Park System’s Outdoor Adventure Expo held on Sunday, May 20 from 11am-5pm at Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold.