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**HAVE A BLAST WITH THE PARK SYSTEM THIS JULY!**



*Sailing on the Manasquan Reservoir, Howell.*

MIDDLETOWN — July is Parks and Recreation month! The Monmouth County Park System has filled the month with activities for county residents to enjoy. Here's what is planned for July:

**Seining at the Bayshore**

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, June 24 through August 23 from 11am-12noon**  
**Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth**

Discover marine life while seining the bay. Meet on the beach. Open to ages 5 and up, under 18 with adult. Weather permitting. Sorry, NO GROUPS. FREE!

### **Boat Tours of the Manasquan Reservoir**

**Weekends & holidays at 2, 3, 4 & 5pm (now through October)**

**Wednesdays at 2, 3 & 4pm (July 3-August 28)**

**Friday, July 5 at 7:30pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir, Howell**

These 45-minute tours are narrated by Park System Naturalists and include opportunities to view local wildlife. Plan to arrive at the Visitor Center 10 minutes early. The cost is adults: \$5.61; children 12 & under: \$3.50 (tax not included). Please call to confirm schedule as tours are both weather and water level dependent.

### **Independence Day Celebration**

**Thursday, July 4 from 12noon - 3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Join the staff as they celebrate the holiday with old-fashioned games and contests.

FREE!

### **Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness**

**Thursday, July 4 from 1-4pm**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Come celebrate July 4th in the 1776 setting of the Waln house. We'll have the quill pens sharpened and the inkwells filled for you to scribe your own declaration of independence or bill of rights. FREE!

### **Parent/Child Morning Chores at Longstreet Farm**

**Saturday, July 6 at 8am**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Rise and shine! Come help the staff with morning chores. You and your child (age 4 & up) can milk a cow, collect eggs, and feed the animals. The cost is \$15 per pair; \$5 per additional person. Cash or check only.

### **Thompson Park Canoe Rental**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 6 & 7 from 9am-3pm**

**Sunday, July 14 from 9am-3pm**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 20 & 21 from 9am-3pm**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft**

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

### **Quilt Show and Tell**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 6 & 7 from 2-4pm**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Bring up to three quilts (either afternoon) to show and share. FREE!

### **You Can Sail**

**Sunday, July 7 at 10am, 11:30am & 1pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir, Howell**

Drop-in for the opportunity to sail a 15-foot American sailboat. We'll provide the captain, you provide the crew. Open to ages 8 and up, under 18 with adult. Maximum three people per boat. \$25 per boat.

### **Music Man Rich Marzec**

**Sunday, July 7 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Hear tunes from yesteryear. FREE!

### **Historic Seabrook-Wilson House Open for Tours**

**Sundays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1-4pm**

**Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth**

Visit this house, which dates back to the early 1700s, and see displays on the ecology of the bay and local history. FREE!

### **Naturalist Guided Drop-in Kayak Tour**

**Wednesday, July 10 from 9:45-11:15am**

**Friday, July 12 from 11am-12:30pm**

### **Hartshorne Woods Park, Middletown**

Join a Park System Naturalist for a leisurely paddle on the beautiful Navesink River. Meet at the Claypit Creek section of the park. Novice paddlers welcome. All equipment is provided - single and tandem kayaks are available. Wear appropriate clothing that can get wet. Open to ages 12 and up, under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$20 per person. Cash or check only. First come, first served. Will be cancelled in event of inclement weather.

### **Open Shoot Archery**

**Saturday, July 13 from 10am-1pm**

**Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft**

If you are looking to try your hand at archery, join us for this open shoot. All equipment is provided. No outside equipment permitted. This is a non-instructional program open to ages 8 and up (under 18 with adult). The cost is \$7 per person; cash or check only.

### **Iris Plant Care Drop-In**

**Saturday, July 13 from 1-1:30pm**

**Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown**

Learn tips to help you care for your irises. FREE!

### **Climb Time**

**Saturday, July 13 from 7-9pm**

**Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck**

**Sunday, July 14 from 11am-2pm**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft**

Join us for a chance to try our 25 foot rock climbing wall. Climbers must be 42 inches or taller. FREE!

### **Drop-In Surprise Story Time**

**Saturdays, July 13 & 27 from 11-11:45am**

**Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown**

It's story time! If the weather is nice, look for the clue at our Horticultural Center entrance that leads to the secret spot in the gardens. If it's rainy, we'll be inside. FREE!

### **Threshing Demonstration**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 13 & 14 from 12noon - 2pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

This weekend we will be threshing our wheat. See this labor-intensive way of harvesting and processing wheat as it would have been in the 1890s. FREE!

### **Behind the Barriers Mill Tour**

**Saturday, July 20 from 10am-12noon**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Visit areas of the mill not generally open to the public. Open to ages 8 and up. Space is limited, call 609-259-6275 to reserve your spot. FREE!

### **Turtles**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 20 & 21 at 1pm**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

Learn about these fascinating creatures. FREE!

### **In-Line Skate Rentals**

**Sunday, July 21 from 10am-12noon**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft**

Rent a pair of in-line skates. Helmets and other protective equipment provided. Helmet must be worn at all times. Weather dependent (path must be dry). The cost is \$2 per person. Cash or check only.

### **Play Dates in the Park**

**Sunday, July 21 from 10am-12noon**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft**

**Sunday, July 21 from 1-3pm**

**Tatum Park, Middletown**

Join us for a game of Jumbo Basketball. This popular game is played with a 10-foot blow up basketball goal! Ages 5 and up, with adult. No experience necessary. FREE!

### **Blacksmith Demonstration**

**Sunday, July 21 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Visit the blacksmith in his workshop. FREE!

### **39th Annual Monmouth County Fair**

**Wednesday-Saturday, July 24-27 from 5-11pm**

**Sunday, July 28 from 11am-6pm**

**East Freehold Showgrounds, Freehold**

Enjoy the old-fashioned fun of this country fair including 4-H exhibits, all-new rides, entertainment, fireworks, home and garden competitions, an antique & classic auto show and other special attractions. Admission is \$7; ages 12 and under free. Some attractions require additional fees.

### **Roving Park System Naturalist**

**Friday, July 26 at 8am**

**Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold**

Join our Roving Park System Naturalist for a walk and learn about seasonal points of interest. Meet in the main parking lot. FREE!

### **Nature Detectives**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 27 & 28 at 11am**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

Come for a nature walk and use nature tools to identify wildlife and plants. FREE!

To learn more about these Park System activities, please visit

[www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://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.