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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM HONORS EARTH DAY WITH  
ANIMAL SHOWS, NATURE WALKS AND MORE**



*Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center*

LINCROFT— From animal shows to nature walks, the Monmouth County Park System is honoring *Earth Day* with activities offered throughout the county from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 24.

Here's what is planned:

**Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth**

Discover cool coastal animals like whales, sea turtles, fish, crabs, and even tiny plankton during an interactive show and tell program. Tours will also be given of the

historic Seabrook-Wilson House, locally known as the “Spy House,” which dates back to the early 1700s.

**Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown**

Find out how to become an earth-friendly gardener and ways to compost while discovering the park’s floral beauty, hidden places, and native plants.

**Huber Woods Environmental Center, Middletown**

See snakes and reptiles during family-oriented shows. Afterward, view freshwater pond creatures on display and explore child-friendly interactive exhibits inside the Environmental Center.

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

Enjoy live animal shows featuring reptiles and amphibians and short naturalist-led walks. Be sure to explore the Environmental Center. Live animal shows take place at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.; and nature walks at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

**Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft**

Have fun designing some eco-fashion items from recycled materials while discovering the future of green, sustainable and ethical fashion design.

**Turkey Swamp Park Oak Point Shelter Building, Freehold**

Join a Park System Naturalist and look for returning birds, wandering wildlife, emergent buds, blooming wildflowers and other signs of spring. Binoculars provided. Tours depart approximately at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Admission and parking for all activities are free.

The Park System is also hosting an *Earth Day Environmental Clean Up* along the Henry Hudson Trail on Sunday, April 24 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. All ages (14 & under with adult) are welcome. Please dress for the weather and bring work gloves.

Those interested in participating can choose from the following meeting locations:

- Matawan Parking Area (76 Church Street)

- Union Beach Parking Area (221 Morningside Avenue – behind Union Beach Memorial School)
- Freehold Parking Area (115 Dutch Lane Road)

For more information about any of these offerings, please visit

[www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com) or call 732-842-4000. 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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