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



LINCROFT— From animal shows to nature walks, the Monmouth County Park System is honoring **Earth Day** with activities offered at select parks throughout the county from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.

Here's what is planned:

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

Celebrate the shore as we discover cool coastal animals and artifacts like whales, sea turtles, fish, crabs, and even tiny plankton during this interactive touch and tell program. Tours will also be given of the historic Seabrook-Wilson House, which dates back to the early 1700s.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Beautiful flowers are back in bloom. Discover this charming park's floral beauty, hidden places, and vibrant native plants. Find out how to become an earth-friendly gardener.

Freneau Woods Park Visitor Center, Aberdeen Township

Join a Park System Naturalist for a leisurely walk as we look for returning birds, wandering wildlife, emergent buds, blooming wildflowers and other fun sights of spring among the many acres of wetlands and woods around the park. Binoculars provided. Tours depart approximately at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Huber Woods Environmental Center, Middletown

See snakes and reptiles during a family-oriented show that gives you the chance to watch live and exciting animals and nature artifacts found in New Jersey. There will also be freshwater pond creatures on view and an opportunity to see kid-friendly interactive exhibits inside the Environmental Center.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Explore the woods and wetlands around the Reservoir. There will be live animal shows featuring reptiles and amphibians, which are often misunderstood animals, and short Park System Naturalist-led walks. Plus enjoy the sights and displays of our beautiful Environmental Center. Live animal shows take place at: 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.; and nature walks at 12 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park Activity Center, Long Branch

Improve your understanding of our ocean and have fun creating some ocean-friendly crafts. We will fuse both art and nature together to enhance our imaginations and explore the mysteries of our Blue Planet.

Admission and parking for all activities are free. The Park System is also hosting an **Earth Day Environmental Clean-Up** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 at Fisherman's Cove Conservation

Area, Manasquan. Ages 13 & up (under 18 with adult) are invited to assist with cleaning up the trails, digging out invasive species, and removing litter from along the shore.

For more information about any of these offerings, please visit 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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