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HAVE A BLAST WITH THE PARK SYSTEM THIS JULY!



*Look for wildlife with a Park System Naturalist during our **Drop-In Eco-Kayak Tours**.*

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:

Butterfly Walks

Wednesday, July 1 at 10 a.m.

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Thursday, July 16 at 10 a.m.

Sunnyside Recreation Area, Lincroft

Join a Park System Naturalist and head outside to identify butterflies. Walk may be a mile or more. Open to ages 12 and up, under 18 with adult. FREE!

Summer Seining

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, July 1-31 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

During this hands-on nature program, we'll use our 30' seining net to discover what's living in the shallow waters of Sandy Hook Bay. After identifying the creatures, we'll release them back into the water. Meet on the beach. Weather permitting. FREE!

Boat Tours of the Manasquan Reservoir

Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Friday, July 3 at 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, July 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19 and 25 & 26 at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

These 45-minute tours are narrated by Park System Naturalists and include opportunities to view local wildlife. The cost is \$6 per adult and \$4 per child, 12 and under. Please call to confirm schedule as tours are both weather and water level dependent. All tours leave from the Visitor Center.

Surprise Story Time

Saturday, July 4 from 11-11:45 a.m.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

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

Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, July 4 from 12-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Join the farm staff as they celebrate the holiday with games and contests. FREE!

Historic Walnford Mill Demonstrations

Saturdays & Sundays, July 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19 and 25 & 26 from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

See the 19th century mill in action. FREE!

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness

Saturday & Sunday, July 4 & 5 from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Celebrate July 4th at Walnford. We'll have a variety of historical activities available for young and old to "pursue happiness" this weekend. FREE!

You Can Sail

Sunday, July 5

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

Don't miss the chance to see if sailing is for you. The Park System will provide the captain, you provide the crew. Limited number of boats available; maximum three people per boat. Sailors age 8 and up welcome with an adult. Sailboats leave dock by the Visitor Center at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 per boat; cash or check only.

Open House of the Historic Seabrook-Wilson House

Sundays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 1-4 p.m.

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!

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, July 5 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Enjoy piano music from the 1890s. FREE!

Eco Kayak Drop-In Tour of the Navesink River

Monday, July 6 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 20 from 9:30-11 a.m.

Hartshorne Woods Park, Middletown

Meet at the Claypit Creek section. Novice paddlers welcome. All equipment is provided - single and tandem kayaks are available. Program limited to 16 participants; first come, first served. Wear appropriate clothing that can get wet. Open to ages 12 and up, under 18 with adult. The cost is \$20 per person; cash or check only. Note: The kayak launch system is off a bulkhead. Participants must be physically fit and able to easily bend down and rotate their body to get in and out of the kayak. Weight limits for kayaks are 250 lbs. for a single and 400 lbs. for a double. Inclement weather will cancel a tour.

Tidal Tuesdays

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 11 a.m.

Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area Activity Center, Manasquan

Join a Park System Naturalist and discover exciting things about nature and our coastal habitats. Each week take part in a different activity such as meeting creatures living in the water that we find in our seine net or creating crafts from natural materials found along the shore. Programs run for about 30-60 minutes. For details on the activity for the week, please call 732-751-9453. FREE!

Make a Fun Fish Print

Wednesday, July 8 from 3-3:45 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

Make a colorful fish print of a rubber sea star, flounder, skate and more to take home. Fish printing, the art of Gyotaku, dates back to Japan over 100 years ago. Anglers made fish prints to record their catches and to save information on fish biology. Open to ages 5 and up, under 18 with adult. The cost is \$5 per person; cash or check only.

Thompson Park Canoe Rentals

Wednesdays, July 8 & 22 from 3-6 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays, July 11 & 12 and 25 & 26 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Canoes will be available for rent on Marlu Lake. All equipment provided; limited number of canoes available. Open to ages 3 and up, under 18 with adult. Fee is \$15 per boat for 1-3 people for two hours; cash or check only.

Seashell Painting

Thursday, July 9 from 3-3:45 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

We will supply the paint and brushes. Bring your own shells or use ours to make a unique and attractive coastal attraction. It will be a shell-spectacular time! Open to ages 5 and up, children under 18 with adult. The cost is \$5 per person; cash or check only.

Roving Park System Naturalist

Friday, July 10 at 8 a.m.

Crosswicks Creek Park, Upper Freehold

Friday, July 24 at 8 a.m.

Holmdel Park, Holmdel

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

Eco-Kayak Drop-In Tour of the Manasquan Reservoir

Saturday, July 11 from 9:30-11 a.m.

Sunday, July 26 from 9:30-11 a.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Open to ages 14 and up, under 18 with adult. Novice paddlers welcome. Single and tandem kayaks are available on a first come basis; all the equipment provided.

Program is limited to 12 participants. Wear clothing that can get wet. Weight limits for kayaks are 250 lbs. for single and 400 lbs. for a double. Inclement weather will cancel the tour. The cost is \$20 per person, cash or check only.

Climb Time

Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Shark River Park, Wall

Monday, July 20 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Try our 25' portable climbing wall. This is a great opportunity to experience the sport of rock climbing close to home. Climbers must be 42" or taller and age 8 or older, under 18 with adult. FREE!

Threshing Demonstration

Saturday & Sunday, July 11 & 12 from 12-2 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

The farm staff will demonstrate threshing using antique equipment. FREE!

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, July 12 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See what the Blacksmith is making in his workshop. FREE!

Fish Prints - Nature Program

Saturday & Sunday, July 18 & 19 from 1-3 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Make a fish print to take home. FREE!

Monmouth County Fair

Wednesday-Sunday, July 22-26

East Freehold Showground, Freehold

Hours for this timeless tradition are 5-11 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday; 3-11 p.m. on Saturday; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8 per person; children 12 and under enter free.

What's that Smell? - Nature Program

Saturday & Sunday, July 25 & 26 at 11 a.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Discover some of the scents that Mother Nature has to offer. FREE!

Open Shoot Archery

Thursday, July 30 from 5-8 p.m.

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

Join us for this open shoot. All equipment is provided. No outside equipment permitted. There is limited instruction during this program open to ages 8 and up, under 18 with adult. Cost is \$8 per person; cash or check only.

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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