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SPLASH INTO FUN THIS JUNE



Fishing Derbies - Saturday & Sunday, June 14 & 15.

LINCROFT — It's never been easier to fill those long, lazy days of June thanks to the Monmouth County Park System. From *Discover Disc Golf* to *Seining in the Bay*, the Park System has filled the month with exciting and family-friendly activities. The schedule is follows:

Discover Disc Golf

Saturday & Sunday, May 31 & June 1 from 10am-3pm

Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29 from 10am-3pm

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Enjoy our mini disc golf course! Ages 7 and up (under 18 with adult) will enjoy seeing how many throws it takes to hear the "cling" of the goal. Course map and list can be picked up at sign in at the Thompson Park Visitor Center. FREE!

Men's Open Gym Basketball

Sundays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 9-11am

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Shoot some hoops on our full court gym. The cost is \$5 per person; cash or check only.

Open Ceramics

Sunday, June 1 from 12:30-4:30pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft

Choose from a large selection of bisque fired pottery pieces to glaze and make your own. The cost is \$6 per hour plus price of bisque ware; cash or check only. Pieces will be fired in about a week.

Historic Seabrook-Wilson House Open for Tours

Sundays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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!

Boat Tours of the Manasquan Reservoir

**Saturdays & Sundays, May 31 & June 1, 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22, 28 & 29
at 2, 3, 4 & 5 pm**

Friday, June 6 at 6:30 & 7:30pm

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

These 45-minute tours are narrated by Park System Naturalists and include opportunities to view local wildlife. The cost is adults: \$6; children 12 & under: \$3.75. Please call to confirm schedule as tours are both weather and water level dependent.

Roving Park System Naturalist

Monday, June 2 at 9am along Crosswicks Creek Greenway

Meet in the Province Line Road parking lot in Allentown.

Tuesday, June 17 at 9am in Clayton Park, Upper Freehold

Meet in the main parking lot.

Join our Roving Park System Naturalist for a walk and learn about seasonal points of interest. FREE!

Drop-In Tuesdays at the Rec Center

Tuesday, June 3 from 4-5:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Join staff after school for games and activities! Open to ages 6-10. FREE!

Wildlife Wednesday

Wednesday, June 4 from 3-3:45pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Explore new ways to enjoy nature during this program designed for ages 5 and up (with adult). The cost is \$5 per person; cash or check only.

Parent/Child Morning Chores at Longstreet Farm

Saturday, June 7 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.

SPUR Horse Show

Saturday, June 7 from 9am-3pm

Sunnyside Recreation Area, Lincroft

Enjoy us for a fun day as the riders of Special People United to Ride (SPUR) showcase their talents. FREE!

Drop-In Surprise Story Time

Saturday, June 7 from 11-11:45am

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Join us for a reading from a nature- or garden-related book. If the weather is nice, look for the clue at the Horticultural Center entrance that leads to the secret spot in the gardens. If it's rainy, we'll be inside. FREE!

Lacemaking Demonstration

Saturday, June 7 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See how lacemaking was done during the 1890s. FREE!

Glo-in-the-Park Fun Run

Saturday, June 7 from 7:30-10:30pm

Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck

Wear glow-in-the-dark accessories for our very first night race! Our 3k course will be glowing and ready for seasoned runners or first time racers. Register in advance or day of race. Race day registration is \$35.

Deep Cut Gardens Open House

Sunday, June 8 from 10am-3pm

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Enjoy free guided tours, lectures, activities, demonstration and horticultural advice during this Open House. FREE!

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, June 8 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Come see what the Blacksmith is making in his workshop. FREE!

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, June 8 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Enjoy piano music from the 1890s. FREE!

Butter and Eggs

Sunday, June 8 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Meet the cow and help churn butter, admire the hens and chicks, and sort eggs. Come and celebrate the past while learning some DIY tips for today. FREE!

Eco-Kayak Drop-In Tours of the Navesink River

Monday, June 9 from 3-4:30pm

Monday, June 16 from 10-11:30am

Friday, June 20 from 2:30-4pm

Hartshorne Woods Park, Middletown

Join a Park System Naturalist for a 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 please. First come, first served. Will be cancelled in event of inclement weather.

Thompson Park Canoe Rentals

Wednesdays, June 11 & 25 from 6-9pm

Saturdays & Sundays, June 14 & 15, 28 & 29 from 10am-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. For evening rentals, canoes must be returned to shore no later than 9pm.

Climb Time

Saturday, June 14 from 10am-2pm

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

Join us for a chance to try our 25 foot rock climbing wall. Climbers must be 42 inches or taller. Climbing wall will be outside the Visitor Center. FREE!

Turtles

Saturday & Sunday, June 14 & 15 at 1pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Learn about some local turtles. FREE!

Antique Autos

Saturday, June 14 from 11am-4pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Admire a display of pre-1948 autos, bring a picnic, tour the buildings, and spend a relaxing afternoon visiting the past. FREE!

Freshwater Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 14 from 2-5pm

Manasquan Reservoir Visitor Center, Howell

Sunday, June 15 from 2-5pm

Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold

Join us for our second annual freshwater fishing derby. Free hands-on fishing clinics will be available from 12:30-1:30pm. Fishing pole rentals are available for \$5 each. Cost for entering the derby is \$25 per family or \$8 per person.

You Can Sail

Sunday, June 15 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. Maximum three people per boat. Open to ages 8 and up. Cost is \$30 per boat.

Eco-Elephant Family Flea Market

Saturday, June 21 from 9am-1pm

Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck

Browse our vendors at this outdoor market for the one-of-a-kind item you did not even think you needed. Admission and parking are free.

Bike Maintenance Drop In

Saturday, June 21 from 10am-2pm

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Stop by the Bike Maintenance Tent for an informative demonstration and advice on how to ride safely and comfortably in our parks. FREE!

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, June 21 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. 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.

Celebrate Pollinator Week!

Saturday & Sunday, June 21 & 22 at 2pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Learn about pollinators and why they are important. Then visit our pollinator garden. FREE!

Smocking Demonstration

Sunday, June 22 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See this delicate craft in action. FREE!

Sunnyside Equestrian Center Barn Tour

Monday, June 23 from 10-11am

Wednesday, June 25 from 10-11am

Sunnyside Equestrian Center, Lincroft

Learn about our programs and meet our special horses as you tour the facility. FREE!

Seining at the Bayshore

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, June 23-August 22 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.

Teen Night: Basketball, Board Games and More

Tuesday, June 24 from 7-8:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Teens age 13-18 are invited to play basketball in our air conditioned, full court gym. If basketball's not your thing, we have air hockey, foosball and other game tables, as well as some classic board games. The cost is \$5 per person, cash or check.

Daylily Day at Deep Cut Gardens

Saturday, June 28 from 10am-2pm

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

See daylily displays exhibiting a wide range of colors and forms and meet experts who will answer your questions. FREE!

Family Gym Time

Saturday, June 28 from 10am-2pm

Sunday, June 29 from 11:30am-2:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Enjoy tunnels, gym mats, trampolines, scooters and other play equipment. No instruction provided. Parent supervision is required. The cost is \$10 per family; cash or check only.

Roots of Root Beer

Sunday, June 29 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Drop-in and sample our brew, see how many ingredients you can identify, and raise your glass to a bit of family-friendly history. FREE!

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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