



CONTACT: Karen Livingstone
Communications
732-842-4000, ext. 4256
klivings@monmouthcountyparks.com

or

Patti Conroy
Visitor Services
732-842-4000, ext. 4247
pconroy@monmouthcountyparks.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, May 15, 2019

ENJOY JUNE IN A COUNTY PARK



LINCROFT — Perhaps the prettiest month of the year, June is the perfect time to head out to your county parks. The Monmouth County Park System makes it even better by filling the month with family-friendly activities. Here's what is happening:

National Trails Day Extravaganza

Saturday, June 1 from 9-10:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Clayton Park, Upper Freehold - Emley's Hill Road parking lot

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Hartshorne Woods Park - Rocky Point section in Highlands

Holmdel Park, Holmdel - Hilltop section

Thompson Park, Lincroft - Old Orchard parking lot

Enjoy a free guided nature walk to commemorate the day. Wear closed-toe footwear and dress for the weather. Open to all ages; under 18 with adult. **FREE!**

Smocking Demonstration

Saturday, June 1 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See Colleen Minis demonstrate this forgotten art. **FREE!**

Mill Demonstrations

Saturdays & Sundays, June 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 15 & 16, 22 & 23 and 29 & 30 from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

See the 19th century gristmill in action. Weekend demonstrations run through November.

FREE!

Boat Tours of the Manasquan Reservoir

Saturdays & Sundays, June 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 15 & 16, 22 & 23 and 29 & 30 at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Friday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 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, age 12 and under. Please call 732-751-9453 to confirm schedule as tours are both weather and water level dependent.

All tours leave from the Visitor Center.

Open Ceramics

Sunday, June 2 from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft

Choose from a large selection of bisque fired pottery pieces to glaze and make your own.

Children age 12 and under are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is

\$6 per hour plus price of bisque ware; cash or check only. Pieces will be fired in about a

week.

Seabrook-Wilson House Open

Sundays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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!**

Drop-In Kayak Tour of Swimming River

Tuesday, June 4 from 10-11 a.m.

Monday, June 17 from 9-10 a.m.

Friday, June 21 from 1-2 p.m.

Swimming River Park, Red Bank

Enjoy this naturalist-led kayak tour of the Swimming River. Novice paddlers welcome. All equipment is provided. Both single and tandem kayaks are available for use on a first come, first served basis. Space limited. Wear appropriate clothing that can get wet. Open to ages 12 and up; under 18 with participating adult. The cost is \$20 per person; cash or check only.

Concert in the Park

Thursday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Thompson Park Theater Barn, Lincroft

Enjoy an evening of music and fun with the Colts Neck Community Band. The concert features selections from popular music and show tunes. Indoor seating available or bring your lawn chairs. **FREE!**

Superb Summer Saunter

Thursday, June 6 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Big Brook Park, Marlboro -Meet in main parking lot.

Thursday, June 13 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Freneau Woods Park, Aberdeen - Meet in Visitor Center parking lot.

Thursday, June 20 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Perrineville Lake Park, Millstone - Meet in Agress Road parking lot.

Engage your curiosity as you explore the trails with a Park System Naturalist. **FREE!**

Canoe Rentals at Thompson Park

Saturdays & Sundays, June 8 & 9 and June 22 & 23 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. All rentals must be returned by 3 p.m. The cost is \$15 per boat for 1-3 people for two hours; cash or check only.

Deep Cut Gardens Open House

Saturday, June 8 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Enjoy tours, demonstrations, drop-in activities for children and more. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. **FREE!**

Antique Autos on Display

Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

See pre-WWII automobiles on display. Weather permitting. **FREE!**

Cookstove Demonstration

Saturdays, June 8 & 22 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See what's cooking on the woodstove and discover how recipes, cooking techniques and kitchens have changed since the 1890s. **FREE!**

The Casual Birder

Thursday, June 13 at 9 a.m.

Big Brook Park, Marlboro - Meet in main parking lot.

Thursday, June 27 at 9 a.m.

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell - Meet in Environmental Center parking lot.

Join a Park System Naturalist for this laid-back morning bird walk. We'll meander for about an hour and see what birds we can find. No need to be an expert at identifying birds to enjoy this walk. A limited number of binoculars will be available to borrow if needed. Open to ages 11 and up; under 16 with adult. **FREE!**

Eco-Elephant Family Flea Market

Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck

Browse vendors and look for unexpected treasures at this outdoor market. Admission and parking are free.

Crochet/Lacemaking Demonstration

Saturday, June 15 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See Dorothy Gratton demonstrate the art of crochet and lacemaking from the Victorian era.

FREE!

Accordion Melodies of the 1890s

Saturday, June 15 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Hear music from yesteryear played on an accordion. ***FREE!***

Freshwater Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 15 from 2-5 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

Sunday, June 16 from 2-5 p.m.

Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold

Prizes will be awarded for the longest fish in three different categories. Fishing pole rentals available on a first come, first served basis. Rental cost is \$5 per pole. A container of worms included with each registration. The cost is \$25 per family of 4; \$8 per person. Walk-ins are welcome; cash or check only on site.

Roving Naturalist

Saturday, June 15 at 9 a.m.

Holmdel Park, Holmdel - Meet in Ramanessin Trail parking lot.

Saturday, June 29 at 9 a.m.

Perrineville Lake Park, Millstone - Meet in Witches Hollow Road parking lot.

Join our Roving Naturalist for a walk and discuss seasonal points of interest, search for signs of wildlife, and identify a bird or two. This is a 1.5-2 hour program, but feel free to join in or drop out at any point. Dress for the weather as light rain is not a deterrent. ***FREE!***

Open Shoot Archery

Sunday, June 16 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

This non-instructional clinic is designed for those already familiar with archery techniques. All equipment provided; no outside equipment permitted. Open to ages 10 and up; under 18 with adult. The cost is \$10 per person; cash or check only.

Find Your Path in Volunteering

Thursday, June 20 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft

Learn about the many unique opportunities that the Park System has to offer. Open to ages 14 & up.

#inviteHER Women's Meet and Greet

Thursday, June 20 from 6-8 p.m.

Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck

Women interested in trying or returning to golf are invited to join LPGA Professional Kathy Ricci for this meet and greet that includes a driving range session. **FREE!**

Nature Lecture Series: Sharks and Shark Bites of Monmouth County

Thursday, June 20 from 7-8 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

Come to this talk by a Park System Naturalist and learn about the history and ecology of local sharks as well as why they are important to protect. **FREE!**

Roving Golfzilla

Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

See if you can hit golf balls through the hands, feet or mouth of Golfzilla. All are welcome. This is a non-instructional offering; however, if needed we will teach you the very basics of the golf swing. All equipment is provided. Weather permitting. **FREE!**

Look! I'm Sailing!

Saturday, June 22

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

We'll provide the captain, you provide the crew. Sailboats will leave the dock between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Limited number of boats; maximum three people per boat. Open to ages 5 and up; under 18 with participating adult. The cost per boat is \$25 for 30 minutes, \$40 for 1 hour; cash or check only.

Climb Time

Saturday, June 22 from 12-4 p.m.

Clayton Park Activity Center, Upper Freehold

Try the Park System's 25' portable climbing wall. You must be 42" or taller to climb. Open to ages 8 and up; under 18 with adult. The cost is \$2 for three attempts or climbs; cash or check only.

Roots of Root Beer

Sunday, June 23 from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Sip a tasty brew and identify some of the many ingredients used in what was originally considered a healthful tonic. **FREE!**

Seining Along Sandy Hook Bay

Monday, Wednesday & Friday, June 24, 26 & 28 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

Discover a variety of fish, crabs, and other sea creatures as we pull a seine net through the calm waters of Sandy Hook Bay. Closed-toe shoes are required. Meet on the beach near the park entrance. Parents or guardians are required to stay with and supervise their children. No swimming during the event. Weather permitting. **FREE!**

Daylily Day

Saturday, June 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Presented by the Park System and Garden State Daylily Growers, this event features daylily displays and experts to answer questions. Admission and parking are 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.

#