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*Join the Park System for **Free Seining** at Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth, from 11am-12noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, June 25-August 24, weather permitting.*

LINCROFT — From **Krafty Kids** to **Kayak Tours**, the Monmouth County Park System has been busy planning a June to remember. The schedule is as follows:

Boat Tours of the Manasquan Reservoir

Friday, June 1 at 7:30pm

Saturdays & Sundays, June 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 23 & 24, 30

Manasquan Reservoir Visitor Center, Georgia Road, Howell

Join Park System Naturalists on this boat tour and look for wildlife including turtles, egrets, herons, ospreys, and perhaps a bald eagle. The cost is \$5.75 for adults; children 12 and under \$3.75.

Roving Park System Naturalist

Saturday, June 2 at 4pm

Charleston Springs Golf Course, Route 527, Millstone

(meet on the Stone Bridge Trail)

Saturday, June 9 at 4pm

Tatum Park, Holland Road, Middletown

(meet in Holland Activity Center parking lot)

Wednesday, June 20 at 8am

Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

(meet in the Marlu Lake parking area)

Learn about seasonal points of interest during a walk with a Park System Naturalist. FREE!

Bats and Bugs

Saturday & Sunday, June 2 & 3 at 3pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Learn about the relationship between insects and bats.

Lasting Impressions, Art from our Parks

Sunday, June 3 from 11am-4pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

See talented plein air artists in action. Their completed works will be available for viewing and a silent auction at 3pm.

Brook Trout Send-Off

Sunday, June 3 from 1-3pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Make some fun fishy crafts, enjoy nature movies and help us feed the trout one last time before releasing them into the water.

Eco-Kayak Drop-In Tour on the Navesink River

Tuesday, June 5 from 10-11:30am

Tuesday, June 12 from 4-5:30pm

Friday, June 22 from 11am-12:30pm

Hartshorne Woods Park, Locust Avenue, Middletown

Join a Park System Naturalist for a leisurely paddle. Novice paddlers welcome.

All equipment provided. Open to ages 12 and up (under 18 with adult). The cost is \$20 per person (cash or check only.) Weather permitting.

Krafty Kids Drop In

Wednesday, June 6 from 4-5:30pm

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Thursday, June 7 from 4-5:30pm

Tatum Park Red Hill Activity Center, Red Hill Road, Middletown

Ages 4 & up (under 18 with adult) are invited to stop in and create a craft to take home. The cost is \$5 per person. Cash or check only.

Lacemaking Demonstration

Saturday, June 9 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Step back in time and see this delicate craft in action.

Thompson Park Canoe Rental

Saturday & Sunday, June 9 & 10 from 9am-3pm

Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Canoes will be available for a relaxing paddle on Marlu Lake. All equipment provided; limited number of canoes available. The cost is \$15 per boat for 1-3 people for 2 hours. Cash or check only.

Fledging Finders

Saturday & Sunday, June 9 & 10 at 2pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Discover the best thing to do after finding a baby bird.

Inline Skate Rentals

Sunday, June 10 from 8am-2pm

Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Rent a pair of inline skates at the hut, located next to the Three Barns Parking Area. The cost is \$10 per pair of skates for two hours. Protective gear (including helmet) available at no additional cost.

Deep Cut Gardens Open House

Sunday, June 10 from 10am-3pm

Deep Cut Gardens, Red Hill Road, Middletown

Enjoy guided tours, horticultural activities, demonstrations and more during this Open House.

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, June 10 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Hear history come alive through music as Rich Marzec plays tunes from the turn-of-the-century.

Smocking Demonstration

Saturday, June 16 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

See this delicate craft in action.

Freshwater Fishing Rentals

Saturday & Sunday, June 16 & 17 from 7am-3pm

Turkey Swamp Park, Georgia Road, Freehold

Take advantage of the state's no-license-required fishing weekend by renting poles and tackle at the park. Equipment available outside the boat house. The cost is \$5 per pole for two hours.

The Roots of Root Beer

Sunday, June 17 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

Explore the history of this popular soft drink and its connection to the Waln family.

Eco-Elephant Family Flea Market

Saturday, June 23 from 9am-1pm

Dorbrook Recreation Area, Route 537, Colts Neck

Come browse our vendors at this outdoor market for the one-of-a-kind item you didn't even know you needed.

Macro Life

Saturday & Sunday, June 23 & 24 at 1pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

View some of the weird and wonderful small aquatic life found in the wetlands.

Seining at the Bayshore

Monday, June 25 from 11am-12noon

Wednesday, June 27 from 11am-12noon

Friday, June 29 from 11am-12noon

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth Road, Port Monmouth

Discover the marine life while seining the bay with a Park System Naturalist.

Meet on the beach near the fishing pier. Open to ages 5 and up (under 18 with adult). Please wear closed-toe shoes. Weather permitting. Sorry, no groups.

Daylily Day

Saturday, June 30 from 10am-2pm

Deep Cut Gardens, Red Hill Road, Middletown

Come enjoy the large selection of daylilies on the grounds. Also, see daylily displays and meet with experts who can answer questions.

Bird Songs

Saturday & Sunday, June 30 & July 1 at 11am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Learn songs of birds commonly found at the Reservoir during this short nature walk.

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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