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ENJOY JUNE IN A COUNTY PARK



Seining at Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

LINCROFT — Looking to fill the long, lazy days of June with fun? Head to a county park and enjoy the many activities offered by the Monmouth County Park System. Here's what is planned:

Eco Kayak Drop-In Tour of the Navesink River

Monday, June 1 from 9:30-11 a.m.

Wednesday, June 10 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 13 from 9:30-11 a.m.

Thursday, June 18 from 9:30-11 a.m.

Monday, June 22 from 1:30-3 p.m.

Claypit Creek section of Hartshorne Woods Park, Middletown

Novice paddlers welcome. All equipment is provided - single and tandem kayaks are available. Limited availability; first come, first served. Open to ages 12 and up, under 18 must be accompanied by an 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.

Inclement weather will cancel a tour.

Hoopng for Beginners

Mondays, June 1, 8 & 15 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Twirl and dance your way into toning muscles, improving balance and flexibility, and strengthening your core during this workout. The cost is \$5 per person per session; cash or check only.

Crunch @ Lunch

Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 2-30 from 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

This 30-minute, twice weekly moderate to high impact class combines strength, cardio, stability and endurance. The cost is \$5 per person per session; cash or check only.

Teen Open Gym Basketball

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Teens age 13-18 are invited to play or practice on our courts. Cost is \$5 per person per session; cash or check only.

Colts Neck Community Band Concert in the Park

Thursday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Enjoy an evening of popular music including show tunes when the Colts Neck Community Band performs in the park. Indoor seating available or bring your picnic dinner and lawn chairs. FREE!

Boat Tours at the Manasquan Reservoir

Friday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays, June 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21 and 27 & 28 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.

Parent/Child Morning Chores at Longstreet Farm

Saturday, June 6 at 8 a.m.

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. Cash or check only.

2015 Horse Show - Special People United to Ride (SPUR)

Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunnyside Equestrian Center, Lincroft

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

Story Time at Deep Cut Gardens

Saturday, June 6 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!

Summer Camp Open House at Fort Monmouth Recreation Center

Saturday, June 6 from 12-4 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Whether your child is already registered or you're still looking for options, bring them with you to the Fort Monmouth Recreation Center for a taste of our summer camp. FREE!

Mill Demonstration

Saturdays & Sundays, June 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21 and 27 & 28 from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

See the 19th century mill in action. FREE!

Deep Cut Gardens Open House

Sunday, June 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Enjoy guided tours, lectures, activities, demonstrations and horticultural advice. FREE!

Open Ceramics

Sunday, June 7 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. The cost is \$6 per hour plus price of bisque ware; cash or check only. Pieces will be fired in about a week.

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, June 7 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Enjoy piano music from the 1890s. FREE!

Open House of the Historic Seabrook-Wilson House

Sundays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28 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!

Butterfly Walks

Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Tuesday, June 16 at 10 a.m.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

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

Thompson Park Canoe Rentals

Wednesdays, June 10 & 24 from 3-6 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays, June 13 & 14 and 27 & 28 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.

Eco-Kayak Drop-In Tour of the Manasquan Reservoir

Saturday, June 13 from 9:30-11 a.m.

Sunday, June 28 from 9:30-11 a.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Open to ages 14 and up, under 18 with adult. Novice paddlers welcome. All equipment provided. Single and tandem kayaks are available on a first come basis. All tours depart on time. Program is limited to 12 participants. Inclement weather will cancel the tour. The cost is \$20 per person, cash or check only.

Antique Auto Display

Saturday, June 13 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

The horseless carriage comes to Historic Walnford with a display of pre-1948 automobiles. FREE!

Crochet/Lacemaking Demonstration

Saturday, June 13 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See Dorothy Gratton demonstrate the art of crochet and lacemaking as it was done during the Victorian era. FREE!

Meat Eating Plants

Saturday & Sunday, June 13 & 14 at 12 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Discover the native species of carnivorous plants in the state and the problems they face in their environment. Afterward, make a carnivorous plant craft. FREE!

Roving Park System Naturalist

Sunday, June 14 at 7 a.m.

Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Long Branch - Meet at the pavilion.

Wednesday, June 24 at 8 a.m.

Clayton Park, Upper Freehold

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

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, June 14 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Pollinator Week at Deep Cut Gardens

Monday-Sunday, June 15-21 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Drop in for activities, information and resources on what services pollinators provide, why they need our help, and easy things you can do to support them. FREE!

Open Shoot Archery

Monday, June 15 from 5-8 p.m.

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

See if archery is for you during 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.

Nature Lecture Series: Dolphins Facts & Tales

Wednesday, June 17 from 7-8 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

Learn about dolphins found in area waters, their importance to the local marine ecosystem, factors which are affecting their survival, and ways you can help. FREE!

Co-Ed Open Basketball - 30 & up

Thursdays, June 18 & 25 from 8-10 p.m.

Mondays, June 22 & 29 from 7-9 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

The emphasis is on exercise and fun during this basketball program open to men and women age 30 and up. The cost is \$5 per person per session; cash or check only.

Seining at the Bayshore

Mondays, Wednesday & Friday, June 22-29 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

Discover marine life while seining the bay. Meet on the beach. Weather permitting. Sorry, NO GROUPS. FREE!

Eco-Elephant Family Flea Market

Saturday, June 20 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck

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

Freshwater Fishing Derby at Manasquan Reservoir

Saturday, June 20 from 2-5 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

Sunday, June 21 from 2-5 p.m.

Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold

It's our annual freshwater fishing derby! Staff will be on hand to show you how to cast and rig your pole. Free hands-on clinics will be available from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Fishing pole rentals are available for \$5 each. Cost for entering the derby is \$25 per family of four or \$8 per person; cash or check only.

Nature Walk

Saturday & Sunday, June 20 & 21 at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Go on a short walk led by a Park System Naturalist. FREE!

You Can Sail

Sunday, June 21 at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

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. Sailors age 8 and up welcome with an adult. Sailboats leave from the dock by the Visitor Center. The cost is \$35 per boat; cash or check only.

Daylily Day

Saturday, June 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Presented with the Garden State Daylily Growers, this event features exhibits displaying a range of colors and forms, and experts on hand to answer questions. FREE!

The Wonders of Seeds

Saturday & Sunday, June 27 & 28 at 12 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Discover how a seed grows into a mature plant. Afterward, go on a scavenger hunt. FREE!

Roots of Root Beer

Sunday, June 28 from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Sample a variety of root beers including our own recipe. See how many ingredients you can identify and raise your glass to family friendly history! FREE!

Tidal Tuesdays at Fisherman's Cove

Tuesday, June 30 at 11 a.m.

Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Manasquan

Stop by the Activity Center and join a Park System Naturalist to 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!

Climb Time at Thompson Park

Tuesday, June 30 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). Meet on the lawn in front of the theater barn. 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.