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### WELCOME SPRING IN A PARK



LINCROFT — From *Splendid Spring Strolls* to *Garden Dreams*, the Monmouth County Park System has filled March with fun, family-friendly activities. Here's what is planned:

#### **Roving Naturalist**

**Saturday, March 2 at 9 a.m.**

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

**Saturday, March 30 at 9 a.m.**

**Tatum Park, Middletown - Meet in the Holland Activity Center parking area.**

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!**

### **Cookstove Demonstration**

**Saturday, March 2 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 30 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

See what the farm staff is cooking on the wood-fired stove. Discover how recipes, cooking techniques and kitchens have changed since the 1890s. **FREE!**

### **Open Ceramics**

**Sunday, March 3 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.

### **Splendid Spring Stroll**

**Wednesday, March 6 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

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

**Wednesday, March 20 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Clayton Park, Upper Freehold - Meet in the Emley's Hill Road parking lot.**

**Wednesday, March 27 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Tatum Park, Middletown - Meet in the Holland Activity Center parking lot.**

Say "farewell" to the frigid weather as you join a Park Naturalist on a peaceful trail walk through the park. **FREE!**

### **Spinning and Knitting Demonstration**

**Saturday, March 9 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Be inspired to learn an old craft as Jodey Forbes demonstrates the art of spinning fleece as well as various stitches in knitting. **FREE!**

## **Garden Dreams**

**Saturday & Sunday, March 9 & 10 from 1-4 p.m.**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Thumb through historical garden catalogues, research and more and discover how the landscape has changed across the centuries. **FREE!**

## **E. Murray Todd Half-Marathon**

**Sunday, March 10 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Brookdale Community College, Lincroft**

Race-day registration for this 13.1-mile race starts at 7 a.m. On-site registration is \$60 per runner (cash or check only).

## **Blacksmith Demonstration**

**Sunday, March 10 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

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

## **The Casual Birder**

**Thursday, March 14 at 9 a.m.**

**Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck - Meet in the Athletic Field parking area.**

Join a Park System Naturalist for this laid-back morning bird walk. We'll meander for about 1.5 hours 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. **FREE!**

## **Join our Trails Team**

**Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft**

Prospective volunteers (age 16 and up) are invited to this training workshop that serves as an introduction to Park System safety rules, tools and equipment, and maintenance overview. After attending the workshop, volunteers can assist during trail work sessions throughout the season. **FREE!**

### **Find Your Path in Volunteering**

**Saturday, March 16 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft**

Discover the many unique opportunities the ***Volunteer In Parks Program*** has to offer. Open to ages 14 & up. ***FREE!***

### **Accordion Melodies of the 1890s**

**Saturday, March 16 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

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

### **Nature Lecture Series: The Piping Plover Population of Monmouth County**

**Thursday, March 21 from 7-8 p.m.**

**Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth**

Join a Park System Naturalist for this discussion on the recovery process of the piping plover, including its successes and challenges, and future efforts needed to delist this still vulnerable population. ***FREE!***

### **First Saturday in Spring Night Hike**

**Saturday, March 23 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Freneau Woods Park, Aberdeen - Meet in the Visitor Center parking area.**

Explore the woods and wetlands with a Park System Naturalist and listen and look for owls, foxes, spring peepers and other nocturnal creatures. Then look for animal tracks down by the water. Participants should dress for the weather. Trails are usually muddy in the spring. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. Open to ages 8 and up; under 18 with adult. ***FREE!***

### **Open Shoot Archery**

**Sunday, March 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft**

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

To learn more about these Park System activities, please visit [www.MonmouthCountyParks.com](http://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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