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WELCOME MAY IN A COUNTY PARK



*The climbing wall is one of the many activities offered during the Park System's **Outdoor Adventure Expo** held on Sunday, May 19 from 11am-5pm at Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold.*

LINCROFT — Now that April showers have brought May flowers, it's the perfect time to enjoy a county park. From *Natural Horsemanship Demonstrations* to the annual *Decoration Day Celebration*, the Monmouth County Park System is bursting with activity. Here's the schedule:

Natural Horsemanship Demonstrations

Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 3-4pm

Sunnyside Equestrian Center, Middletown-Lincroft Road, Lincroft

Curious to find out what Natural Horsemanship is all about? Come to the Sunnyside Equestrian Center, Lincroft, and watch staff play with the therapy horses on the ground and in the saddle. Q&A time will be provided. FREE!

Parent/Child Morning Chores at Longstreet Farm

Saturday, May 4 at 8am

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Come help the farm staff with morning chores. Ages 4 & up are invited to milk a cow, collect eggs, and feed the animals. The cost is \$15 per pair; \$5 per additional person.

Cash or check only.

Quilting Demonstration

Saturday, May 4 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Talented demonstrators will show visitors how quilting was done during the Victorian era. FREE!

Weekend in Old Monmouth

Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

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

Three of the Park System's sites are participating in this self-guided tour of historical places in the County. FREE!

Nature Walk

Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5 at 1pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Join a Park System Naturalist for a nature walk and learn about the animals who call the park home. FREE!

Scrub-A-Dub-Dub, Washday at Walnford

Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

See how this routine chore was done in the past. FREE!

Drop-In Surprise Story Time

Saturdays, May 4 & 18 from 11-11:45am

Deep Cut Gardens, Red Hill Road, Middletown

It's story time in the gardens! Look for the clue at the Horticultural Center entrance that leads to the secret meeting spot. If it's rainy or cold, story time will be inside the Horticultural Center. FREE!

Open Ceramics

Sunday, May 5 from 12:30-4:30pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

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

Leave your piece to be fired and pick up in a week or so. The cost is \$6 per person per hour plus cost of bisque-ware. All ages welcome, children 12 and under with an adult.

Roving Park System Naturalist

Saturday, May 4 at 3pm

Weltz Park, West Park Avenue, Oakhurst

Saturday, May 18 at 3pm

Hartshorne Woods Park, Portland Road, Highlands

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

Historic Seabrook-Wilson House Tours

Sundays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 1-4pm

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth Road, 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!

Krafty Kids Drop-In

Wednesday, May 8 from 4-5:30pm

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

Thursday, May 9 from 4-5:30pm

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Ages 4 & up (under 18 with adult) are invited to stop in and create a Mother's Day craft to take home. The cost is \$5 per person.

Climb Time

Saturday, May 11 from 10am-1pm

Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Sunday, May 19 from 11am-5pm

Turkey Swamp Park, Georgia Road, Freehold

Try our 25 foot climbing wall. Climbers must be 42" or taller. FREE!

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, May 11 from 10am-1pm

Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Try your hand at archery during this open shoot at the Activity Barn. All equipment provided. This is a non-instructional program open to ages 8 and up (under 18 with adult). The cost is \$7 per person, cash or check only.

Embroidery Demonstration

Saturday, May 11 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

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

Thompson Park Canoe Rental

Saturdays, May 11 & 18 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.

Women's Work is Never Done

Sunday, May 12 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

See wool processed and woven on traditional looms. FREE!

Altered Tee Shirts

Saturday, May 18 from 2:30-4:30pm

Dorbrook Recreation Area Activity Center, Route 537, Colts Neck

Bring an oversized or outdated tee shirt and we'll show you how to give it new life.

Must be able to use scissors. FREE!

The Village Blacksmith

Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19 from 12noon-4pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

Watch craftsman Tom Kelleher demonstrate the tools and techniques of a 19th century blacksmith. FREE!

Bluebird Bonanza

Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19 at 2pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Let's see how many pairs of nesting bluebirds we find during this walk. FREE!

Outdoor Adventure Expo

Sunday, May 19 from 11am-5pm

Turkey Swamp Park, Georgia Road, Freehold

Activities during this expo for the outdoors person include rock climbing, nature walks, and hands-on demonstrations. Try your hand at paddling a canoe or kayak, compete in the children's fishing derby, and check out the latest outdoors equipment. Admission and parking are free.

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, May 19 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. FREE!

Play Dates in the Park – Jumbo Basketball

Saturday, May 25

From 10am-12noon at Turkey Swamp Park, Georgia Road, Freehold

From 1:30-3:30pm at Manasquan Reservoir, Windeler Road, Howell

This popular game is played with a 10-foot blow up basketball goal! Ages 5 and up, with adult. No experience necessary. FREE!

Garlic Mustard

Saturday & Sunday, May 25 & 26 at 2pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Learn about these pretty but invasive flowers. FREE!

Decoration Day Celebration

Monday, May 27 from 12noon-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Join the farm staff as they celebrate an old-fashioned Decoration Day. This family holiday originated soon after the Civil War when women decorated the graves of fallen soldiers and is now called Memorial Day. 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.