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**MAKE IT A NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER  
WITH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM**



*Join our Roving Park System Naturalist and learn about seasonal points of interest.*

MIDDLETOWN – The crisp fall air, the crunch of leaves underfoot and the riot of color that autumn brings makes November an amazing time of year to head outside. Even better, the Monmouth County Park System has planned an array of family-friendly activities throughout the month. Here's what is planned:

**Herbivore, Carnivore & Omnivore Nature Program**

**Saturday & Sunday, October 31 & November 1 at 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

Examine animal's teeth and skulls during this nature program and determine what they ate. FREE!

### **“Here lies...” Historical Headstones**

**Saturday & Sunday, October 31 & November 1 from 1-4 p.m.**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Watch as visiting skilled craftsman Tom Kelleher of Old Sturbridge Village carves a traditional slate headstone and shares some early American social history on marking the passing from this life to the next. FREE!

### **Mill Demonstration**

**Saturdays & Sundays, October 31 & November 1, November 7 & 8, November 14 & 15, November 21 & 22, and November 28 & 29 from 1-4 p.m.**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

See the 19th century mill in action. FREE!

### **Open Ceramics**

**Sunday, November 1 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 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.

### **Men's Open Gym Basketball**

**Sundays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 8-10 a.m.**

**Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

Shoot some hoops on the Rec Center's full court gym. The cost is \$5 per person per session; cash or check only.

### **Roving Park System Naturalist**

**Monday, November 2 at 9 a.m.**

**Hominy Path - adjacent to Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck - Meet in the parking lot on Matthews Road.**

**Sunday, November 22 at 1 p.m.**

**Hartshorne Woods Park - Meet in the parking lot of the Rocky Point Entrance in Highlands.**

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

**Co-Ed Open Basketball - 20 & Up**

**Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 7-9 p.m.**

**Thursdays, November 5, 12 & 19 from 8-10 p.m.**

**Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

This basketball program is open to men and women age 20 and over. The emphasis of this program is on exercise and fun. The cost is \$5 per person per session. Cash or check only.

**Coffee Club Mahjong**

**Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

Shuffle your tiles and build your walls as you play this ancient, fast-paced Asian game. Both American rules and Chinese rules will be followed. All levels welcome. The cost is \$4 per person per session; cash or check only.

**Family Gym Time**

**Wednesdays, November 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

**Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

We'll have tunnels, gym mats, scooters and other play equipment set up for your entertainment. This is an open play format with no instruction provided. Parent supervision is required and Rec Center staff will be present if you have questions or need assistance. Open to all ages, under 18 with adult. The cost is \$10 per family per session; cash or check only.

**Teen Open Gym Basketball**

**Wednesdays, November 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

### **Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

Teens age 13-18 are invited to play or practice on the Rec Center's courts. Cost is \$5 per person per session; cash or check only. Under 18 with parental supervision.

### **Lunch Break Basketball**

**Fridays, November 6, 13 & 20 from 12-1:30 p.m.**

**Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

Spend your lunch playing full court pick-up games in the Rec Center's climate controlled gym. The cost is \$5 per person per session; cash or check only.

### **Parent/Child Morning Chores at Longstreet Farm**

**Saturday, November 7 at 8 a.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Milk a cow, collect eggs, and feed the animals while helping the farm staff with morning chores. Open to parents and their children age 4 & up. The cost is \$15 per pair; \$5 per additional person. Cash or check only.

### **Drop-In Surprise Story Time**

**Saturday, November 7 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 or cold, we'll be inside. Recommended for ages 3-7. FREE!

### **19th Century Woodworking Demonstration**

**Saturday, November 7 from 12-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

See the staff use 19th century woodworking tools. FREE!

### **Fascinating World of Amphibians**

**Saturday & Sunday, November 7 & 8 at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

Learn about the fascinating world of amphibians. See various species of amphibians while learning different calls that these beautiful creatures make. FREE!

### **Blacksmith Demonstration**

**Sunday, November 8 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

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

### **Simply Elegant and Useful**

**Sunday, November 8 from 1-4 p.m.**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Using a shaving horse and hand tools, craftsman Al Trenton will transform a log into a wooden spoon. Watch the bowl and handle take shape as he cuts and carves the wood during this demonstration. FREE!

### **Music Man Rich Marzec**

**Sunday, November 8 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Enjoy music from the 1890s. FREE!

### **Fall Craft Show**

**Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping during this craft show featuring hand-made items. Admission and parking are free.

### **Turkey Tales**

**Saturday & Sunday, November 14 & 15 at 11 a.m.**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

Discover what turkeys eat for Thanksgiving during this story and craft. FREE!

### **Ask a Naturalist**

**Saturday, November 14 from 2-4 p.m.**

**Stonebridge Trail, Charleston Springs Golf Course, Millstone**

**Monday, November 23 from 9-11 a.m.**

**Clayton Park, Upper Freehold**

Explore the trail with a Park System Naturalist. Afterwards, our Naturalist will set up a table to field any and all questions. Feel free to bring your finds and photographs from other adventures and our Naturalist will try to discover what they are. FREE!

**Mad Scientist Lab: Slime Lab**

**Saturday & Sunday, November 21 & 22 at 11 a.m.**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

Discover how to create slime out of household items. Bring a container to take home your slime. FREE!

**Open Shoot Archery**

**Sunday, November 22 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft**

Join us for 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 \$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.