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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 - From a *Fall Craft Show* to *Open Shoot Archery*, the Monmouth County Park System has planned a November to remember with fun, family-friendly, drop-in programs. Here's what's planned:

Teen Open Basketball

Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Teens are invited to play or practice on our courts. Cost is \$5 per person per session; cash or check only. Under 17 with parent present.

The Casual Birder

Thursday, November 3 at 9 a.m.

Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold - Meet in the main parking lot by the shelter building.

Thursday, November 17 at 9 a.m.

Big Brook Park, Marlboro

Join a Park System Naturalist for this laid-back morning bird walk. We'll meander for about an hour 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. Open to ages 8 and up. **FREE!**

Co-Ed Open Basketball - 20 & Up

Thursdays, November 3, 10 & 17 from 8-10 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

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

Drop-In Surprise Story Time

Saturday, November 5 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 4-7. **FREE!**

Mill Demonstration

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Saturdays & Sundays, November 5 & 6, 12 & 13, 19 & 20 and 26 & 27 from 1-4 p.m.

See the 19th century gristmill in action. **FREE!**

Open Ceramics

Sunday, November 6 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.

Men's Open Gym Basketball

Sundays, November 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 8-10 a.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Shoot some hoops on our full court gym. The cost is \$5 per person per session; cash or check only.

Fall Craft Show

Saturday, November 12 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping during this show featuring local crafters. Admission and parking are free.

19th Century Woodworking Demonstration

Sunday, November 13 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Nature Lecture Series: The Wonder & Ecology of Knobby Whelks

Thursday, November 17 from 7-8 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

Discover these fascinating creatures and their shells during this talk led by a Park System Naturalist. **FREE!**

Ask a Naturalist

Friday, November 18 at 10 a.m.

Big Brook Park, Marlboro – Meet in the parking lot.

Tuesday, November 29 at 10 a.m.

Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold - Meet at the shelter building.

Hit the trail with a Park System Naturalist as your guide and bring along your questions. **FREE!**

Roving Park System Naturalist

Saturday, November 19 at 9 a.m.

Henry Hudson Trail - Meet in the Popamora Point parking lot, Highlands.

Join our Roving Naturalist for walk and discuss seasonal points of interest, search for signs of wildlife, and identify a bird or two. This is 1.5-2 hour program, but feel free to join in or drop out at any point. Dress for the weather as light rain and snow are not deterrents. **FREE!**

Turkey Tales

Saturday & Sunday, November 19 & 20 at 11 a.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

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

Open Shoot Archery

Sunday, November 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

Open to experienced archers age 10 and up (under 18 with adult). All equipment is provided. No outside equipment permitted. Cost is \$10 per person; cash or check only.

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.