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*Kids sack races will once again be part of the festivities of **Thompson Park Day**, held on Sunday, October 14 from 11am-5pm at Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft.*

LINCROFT — From costume swaps to ***Play Dates in the Park***, the Monmouth County Park System is the place for fall family fun this October. With an abundance of autumn activities, highlights of the month include ***Walnford Day***, ***Thompson Park Day*** and ***Open Ceramics***. The schedule is as follows:

**Roving Park System Naturalist**

**Tuesday, October 2 at 9am**

**Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold**

*(meet in the main parking lot)*

**Sunday, October 14 at 3pm**

**Huber Woods Park, Middletown**

*(meet in Environmental Center parking lot)*

**Sunday, October 28 at 3pm**

**Charleston Springs Golf Course, Millstone**

*(meet in the Stone Bridge Trail parking area)*

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

### **Re-Spook, Re-Wear, Re-Scare**

**Sunday, October 7 from 1-5pm**

**Huber Woods Park, Middletown**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

**Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft**

Drop off your gently used kid, adult and pet costumes from 10am-4pm October 1-5 and from 9am-12noon on October 6 and receive a token for each one. Return between 1-5pm on Sunday, October 7 and use your tokens for new-to-you costumes. While there meet a local snake or turtle and make a recycled craft. Questions, call (732) 542-1642 ext. 30. Dorbrook Recreation Area's Visitor Center and Activity Center in Colts Neck are also drop-off points.

### **Walnford Day**

**Sunday, October 7 from 11am-5pm**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Explore history through a variety of family friendly, hands-on activities, demonstrations and exhibits.

### **Open Ceramics**

**Sunday, October 7 from 12:30-4:30pm**

**Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, 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 about a week. The cost is \$6 per person per hour plus cost of bisqueware. All ages welcome, children 12 and under with an adult.

## **Play Dates in the Park – Jumbo Basketball**

**Saturday, October 13**

**From 9-11:30am at Shark River Park, Wall**

**From 1-3:30pm at Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold**

Shoot some hoops using an oversized ball and 10-foot blow up basketball goal.

Open to ages 5 and up, with adult. No experience needed.

## **Corn Harvest**

**Saturday & Sunday, October 13 & 14 from 12noon-2pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

A visit to the farm will give you an understanding of the processes involved in harvesting corn. Weather permitting.

## **Thompson Park Day**

**Sunday, October 14 from 11am-5pm**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft**

This annual fall event features fun family activities that include wagon rides, pumpkin painting, a corn maze, kids races, food, live entertainment and so much more! Some activities require a fee.

## **Blacksmith Demonstration**

**Sunday, October 14 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Come see what the blacksmith is making in his workshop!

## **Music Man Rich Marzec**

**Sunday, October 14 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

Hear history come alive through music as Rich Marzec plays tunes from the turn-of-the-century.

## **Nature Walk**

**Saturday & Sunday, October 20 & 21 at 11am**

### **Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

See the changing colors of autumn during this short nature walk and collect a leaf to make a print to take home.

### **Wild & Crazy Animals of Sandy Hook Bay**

**Saturday, October 27 from 2-3pm**

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

From crabs to fish and a few weird and wild sea creatures in between, meet some of the animals that live in Sandy Hook Bay as Park System Naturalists open up their tanks and aquariums.

### **Play Dates in the Park – Box Hockey**

**Sunday, October 28**

**From 9-11:30am at Manasquan Reservoir, Howell**

**From 1-3:30pm at Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell**

Try this game where players defend three goals while trying to score in multiple opponents' goals. Open to ages 5 and up, with adult. No experience needed.

### **Climb Time**

**Sunday, October 28 from 1-5pm**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft**

Join us for a FREE chance to try our 25 foot rock climbing wall.

### **Voices from the Past**

**Sunday, October 28 from 2-4pm**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

Spend the afternoon reading letters written by past generations of the Waln family.

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.