



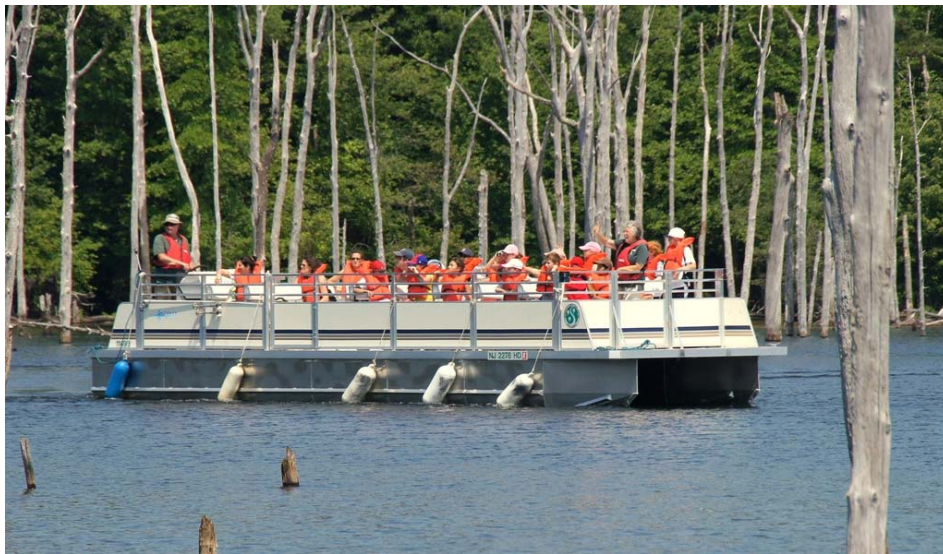
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October marks the end of the season for our Park System Naturalist led boat tours on the Manasquan Reservoir. Forty-five minute tours are available on weekends and holidays through October 14 at 2pm, 3pm, 4pm & 5pm.

MIDDLETOWN - Ready to celebrate fall? This October the Monmouth County Park System has plenty to offer the entire family to enjoy. From creating designs with glitter and glue to swapping your old Halloween costumes for new-to-you ensembles, this October is packed with all sorts of fun and excitement.

Here's some of what the Park System has to offer you and your family this October:

Boat Tours of the Manasquan Reservoir

Weekends & holidays at 2, 3, 4 & 5pm (now through October 14)

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

These 45-minute tours are narrated by Park System Naturalists and include opportunities to view wildlife. The cost is adults: \$5.61; children 12 & under: \$3.50 (tax not included). Boat tours are first come, first served. Tickets are available for purchase starting at 7am on the day of the tour. For additional information, call 732-751-9453.

Focus on Fitness & Fun!

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 3:30-5:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Children ages 6-10 will have fun, get help with their homework, and hang out with friends. We'll begin in the gym with some exercise and fitness activities and then break to work on homework and art activities. Cost is \$25 per child; cash or check only.

Trash to Treasure

Thursday, October 3 from 1:30-3pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Create a work of art using recycled materials and craft supplies. All ages are welcome; under 18 with adult. Cost is \$5 per person; cash or check only.

Parent/Child Morning Chores at Longstreet Farm

Saturday, October 5 at 8am

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Rise and shine! Come help the staff with morning chores. You and your child (age 4 & up) can milk a cow, collect eggs, and feed the animals. The cost is \$15 per pair; \$5 per additional person. Cash or check only.

Saturday Morning Craft Time

Saturday, October 5 from 9:30-11am

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Start your morning off right with some cute craft projects to make with your little ones (ages 4-7). Science and art will meet during today's fun sidewalk chalk project. Cost is \$5 per parent/child pair; cash or check only.

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, October 5 from 10am-1pm (ages 8 and up, under 18 with adult)

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

If you are looking to try your hand at archery, join us for an open shoot. All equipment provided. This is a non-instructional program. The cost is \$7 per person (cash or check only please).

Drop-In Surprise Story Time

Saturdays, October 5 & 19 from 11-11:45am

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

It's story time! If the weather is nice, look for the clue at our Horticultural Center entrance that leads to the secret spot in the gardens. If it's rainy, we'll be inside.

FREE!

Climb Time

Sunday, October 6 from 10am-1pm

Saturday, October 19 from 10am-1pm

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Enjoy a free chance to try our 25-foot rock climbing wall. Climbers must be 42 inches or taller. FREE!

Walnford Day

Sunday, October 6 from 11am-5pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Celebrate Walnford's 241st anniversary with games, crafts, wagon rides, activities, demonstrations, exhibits, and so much more! Admission and parking are free.

Historic Seabrook-Wilson House Open for Tours

Sundays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 1-4pm

Bayshore Waterfront Park, 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!

Open Ceramics

Sunday, October 6 from 12:30-4:30pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft

Choose from a large selection of bisque fired pottery pieces to glaze and make your own. The cost is \$6 per hour plus price of bisque ware; cash or check only. Pieces will be fired in about a week.

Square Foot Field Trip

Monday, October 7 from 3:30-4:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Ages 6-9 will be amazed as they explore the world beneath their feet! They'll collect, dig, examine and record the incredible tiny universe we walk over every day. Cost is \$15 per child; cash or check only.

Re-Spook, Re-Wear, Re-Scare Costume Swap

Sunday, October 13 from 1-5pm

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft

Drop off your gently used kid, adult and pet costumes between 10am-4pm from October 7-11 or from 10am-12pm on October 12 at one of the following locations: Huber Woods Environmental Center, Middletown; Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell; Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft; Dorbrook Recreation Visitor Center or Activity Center, Colts Neck; or the Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls. You will receive one token per costume you drop off. Then, visit the Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft, between 1-5pm on Sunday, October 13 and exchange your tokens for new-to-you costumes. While there enjoy snake or turtle shows and make a recycled craft. Questions, call 732-751-9453.

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, October 13 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Visit the blacksmith in his workshop. FREE!

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, October 13 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Hear tunes from yesteryear. FREE!

Glitter & Glue

Tuesday, October 15 from 11am-12pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

You and your child (ages 2-5) will explore all the designs you can make with just glitter and glue. Cost is \$15 per parent/child pair; cash or check only.

Roving Park System Naturalist

Wednesday, October 16 at 2pm

Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck (meet in the Matthews Road parking lot)

Monday, October 28 at 9am

Hartshorne Woods Park, Highlands (meet at the Rocky Point entrance)

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

Gym Jam

Thursday, October 17 from 7-9pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Kids ages 12-16 will love enjoying the open gym to shoot some hoops, playing a pick up game, or even floor hockey. Looking for something more low key?

Bumper pool, air hockey, and more will also be available. Cost is \$5 per child; cash or check only.

Plein Air Artists

Saturday, October 19 from 11am-5pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Observe accomplished artists as they translate Historic Walnford's picturesque landscape and historic buildings into works of art. View the day's works at an informal reception and silent auction that will begin at 4pm. Purchases will benefit the Monmouth County Park System.

Corn Harvest

Saturday & Sunday, October 19 & 20 from 12-2pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

We will harvest our feed corn this weekend and to give visitors and understanding of the process. FREE!

Thompson Park Day

Sunday, October 20 from 11am-5pm

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Enjoy a day of autumn fun for the entire family! This popular annual event features kids' races, wagon rides, pumpkin painting, rides, entertainment, and so much more. Admission and parking are free; some activities require a fee.

Shrink Art Fun

Monday, October 21 from 3:30-5pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Children ages 6-8 will create colorful designs and watch them shrink into a custom pendant or key chain. Cost is \$5 per child; cash or check only.

Farewell to Summer Fish & Crabs

Saturday, October 26 from 2-3pm

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

Explore the interesting and wild sea creatures of the Park System's aquarium and fish tanks to discover some of the animals that live in Sandy Hook Bay. FREE!

Autumn Nature Walk

Saturday & Sunday, October 26 & 27 at 1:30pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Venture onto the trails with a Park System Naturalist as your guide as you marvel in the beauty of autumn. FREE!

Play Dates in the Park

Sunday, October 27

10am-12pm at Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck

1-3pm at Thompson Park, Lincroft

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

Baby Story Time

Tuesday, October 29 from 10:45-11:30am

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Share the fun of nursery rhymes, songs and short stories with your little one (ages 11 months-18 months, with adult). Cost is \$15 per parent/child pair; cash or check only.

Punch Out Collages

Wednesday, October 30 from 3:30-5pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

We'll have fun while creating unique collages. All ages welcome; under 18 with adult. Cost is \$5 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.

