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Kits for geocaching are available in the Thompson Park Visitor Center , Lincroft.

LINCROFT— Pull on your hat and gloves! Winter's here and it's the perfect time of year to travel off the beaten path with the Monmouth County Park System. This season explore the Park System's 15,000+ acres of parks, gardens and historic sites; sign up for one (or more) of the 300+ activities offered in its latest ***Program Directory***; or drop in for a bit of fun. Need some inspiration? Try these:

- Pick up the winter issue of the ***Program Directory***! Offerings include a trip to ***The Weirdest Places in NJ***, a ***Funky Fused Glass Jewelry*** workshop and a ***Wintersowing Workshop***. These are just some of the arts & craft, nature, sports and cooking classes list. Program information and registration are available online at www.monmouthcountyparks.com.
- Go geocaching in Thompson Park, Lincroft. This high-tech treasure hunt is an exciting way to enjoy the great outdoors. Kits with a GPS device, maps and step-by-step instruction packet are available for rental on weekdays from 9am-2pm and on weekends

from 10am-2pm at the Thompson Park Visitor Center. The cost is \$15 per group (up to four). Cash or check only.

- Pack a picnic! Who says it's a warm weather thing? Pack soup in a thermos, bring a few blankets and enjoy your meal in the fresh air. Afterward, visit a playground, take a walk or look for wildlife.
- Go on a safari in Huber Woods Park, Middletown. Backpacks are available in the Environmental Center for free. Visitors just need to leave a valid driver's license. Each backpack contains all you need to fill your self-guided nature walk with adventure. Pick a backpack for Pre-K, Forest, Meadow or Pond.
- Taking in a photo exhibit. Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown, is hosting *Ephemeral & Enduring – Deep Cut Gardens Through the Seasons* from 10am-3pm, Monday-Saturday, January 7-31. Photographs capturing the site's beauty throughout the year will be on display.

If a little (or a lot) of snow falls, be sure to head over to the sledding hill in Holmdel Park, Holmdel, or go cross-country skiing, ice skating or ice fishing in a county park. To learn more about the Park System, 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.

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