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MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM PLANS EARTH DAY WEEKEND



Enjoy crafts made from recycled materials at the Manasquan Reservoir's Earth Day event.

HOWELL— Too big for just one day, the Monmouth County Park System's plans for Earth Day are a weekend-long celebration! The fun starts Saturday, April 20 when the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell, hosts its ***Water is Wonderful Earth Day Extravaganza***. From 11am-5pm, the center will offer crafts, eco-boat tours, Earth Day exhibitors, and more. Admission and parking are free. Some activities require a small fee.

The festivities spread through the county on Sunday, April 21 from 11am-5pm with small events at various county parks. Here's what is planned:

Celebrate the Shore

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

Discover cool coastal animals like whales, dolphins, crabs and even tiny plankton during this interactive show-and-tell program. Tours will also be given of the historic Seabrook-Wilson House, which dates back to the early 1700s.

Spring Plant Walks

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

The flowers are back in bloom! Discover the park's floral beauty, hidden places and native plants. Find out how to become an earth-friendly gardener and ways to compost.

Eco-Fashion Fun!

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Look fabulous this spring by creating eco-friendly fashion jewelry and accessories from recycled materials.

Snakes & Reptiles

Huber Woods Environmental Center, Middletown

This family-oriented show features snakes and reptiles found in New Jersey. There will also be freshwater pond creatures on view and a chance to identify animal scat.

Nature Walks

Holmdel Park, Holmdel

Returning birds, emergent buds and blooming wildflowers are just some of the sights to enjoy while wandering with the Park System's Roving Naturalist. Binoculars provided.

For more information about any of these events, please visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call (732) 842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the 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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