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**BOAT TOURS, NATURE WALKS AND MORE
OFFERED DURING THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM'S
EARTH DAY WEEKEND**



*See what's going on 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 26 from 11am-5pm when the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell, offers crafts, hands-on activities, short boat tours and more. Exhibitors for the day include the 4-H Reptile Club, Monmouth County Master Gardeners, Monmouth County Audubon and New Jersey Mycological Association. Animal shows will be presented at 12noon, 2pm and 4pm while a pollinator talk is offered at 1pm and 3pm. Visitors can also take part in a pond study. Admission and parking are free.

The festivities spread through the county on Sunday, April 27 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. Tours begin at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

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. Plant walks begin at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

Eco-Fashion Fun!

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft

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

Bio-Blitz 2014

Huber Woods Park Environmental Center, Middletown

Take part in a group project to catalogue nature within the park. All equipment provided.

Snakes & Reptiles

Huber Woods Park 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. Shows begin at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

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. Nature walks begin at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

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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