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OCTOBER 7th IS WALNFORD DAY!



*Try on 18th century fashions during **Walnford Day**. This free event will run on Sunday, October 7 from 11am-5pm at Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold.*

UPPER FREEHOLD – With plenty of fall festivals to choose from, the Monmouth County Park System’s **Walnford Day** offers visitors a unique experience. Held from 11am to 5pm on Sunday, October 7 at Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold, this event brings local history alive through music, hands-on activities, demonstrations and horse-drawn wagon rides. The site’s centerpiece - its historic gristmill - is undergoing repairs but remains open for tours.

Youngsters may feel as if they have stepped back in time as they play games from the 18th and 19th centuries, try on old-fashioned garments and write with a quill pen. There is also a

visual scavenger hunt to help explore the site. Perhaps the most fascinating place to explore is the Waln's House. It will be open from cellar to attic for the event. Visitors can tour this grand pre-Revolutionary War home at their own pace while imagining life at Walnford through artifacts and stories.

Be sure to see the second floor exhibits *Illuminating Walnford – Light Before Electricity* and *1862, the Year in Letters*. Catch ongoing spinning demonstration near the hearth in the kitchen and hear sounds of yesteryear when *The Practitioners of Early Musick* performs flute and harpsichord music from 1-5pm. Inside the cow barn, visitors will find an ongoing weaving demonstration and children's activities. Horse-drawn wagon rides are available from 1-5pm.

For more information on Walnford Day and the Monmouth County Park System, visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call the Park System at (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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