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ENJOY JUNE IN A COUNTY PARK



Seining at Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

LINCROFT — Spend those long, lazy days of June in the parks. It's never been easier thanks to the Monmouth County Park System and all the family-friendly activities planned during the month. Here's what is happening:

Boat Tours of the Manasquan Reservoir

Friday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays, June 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 23 & 24 and 30 & July 1 at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

These 45-minute tours are narrated by Park System Naturalists and include opportunities to view local wildlife. The cost is \$6 per adult and \$4 per child, age 12 and under. Please call to

confirm schedule as tours are both weather and water level dependent. All tours leave from the Visitor Center.

Superb Summer Saunter

Friday, June 1 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Huber Woods Park, Middletown - Meet in the Environmental Center parking lot.

Friday, June 8 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Clayton Park, Upper Freehold - Meet in the Emley's Hill Road parking lot.

Friday, June 15 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Holmdel Park, Holmdel - Meet in the Ramanessin section parking lot.

Friday, June 22 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Tatum Park, Middletown - Meet in the Holland Activity Center parking lot.

Engage your curiosity as you explore the trails with a Park System Naturalist. **FREE!**

Bayshore Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

This derby requires participants to supply their own fishing poles, tackle and bait. Prizes are awarded for the longest fish caught in three different age categories. Only fishing from the beach is allowed. The cost is \$8 per person; \$4 per additional person. Walk-ins are welcome. Cash or check only on site.

SPUR 2018 Horse Show

Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunnyside Equestrian Center, Lincroft

Join us for a fun day as the riders of Special People United to Ride (SPUR) showcase their talents. **FREE!**

Smocking Demonstration

Saturday, June 2 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See this delicate craft demonstration. **FREE!**

Pine Snake & Wood Turtle

Saturday & Sunday, June 2 & 3 at 1 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Meet these threatened species up close. **FREE!**

Cookstove Demonstration

Saturdays, June 2, 16 & 30 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Visit the out kitchen and see what's cooking on the woodstove. **FREE!**

Open Ceramics

Sunday, June 3 from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft

Choose from a large selection of bisque fired pottery pieces to glaze and make your own.

Children age 12 and under are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is

\$6 per hour plus price of bisque ware; cash or check only. Pieces will be fired in about a

week.

Climb Time

Sunday, June 3 from 12-4 p.m.

Freneau Woods Park, Aberdeen

Try the Park System's 25' portable climbing wall. Climbers must be 42" or taller and age 8 or older (under 18 with adult). **FREE!**

Seabrook Wilson House – Open

Sundays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 1-4 p.m.

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!**

Concert in the Park

Thursday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

Enjoy an evening of music and fun with the Colts Neck Community Band. The concert

features selections from popular music and show tunes. Indoor seating available or bring your lawn chairs. **FREE!**

Antique Auto Display

Saturday, June 9 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

See pre-WWII automobiles on display. Weather permitting. **FREE!**

Thompson Park Canoe Rentals

Saturdays & Sundays, June 9 & 10 and 23 & 24 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Canoes will be available for rent on Marlu Lake. All equipment provided; limited number of canoes available. Open to ages 3 and up, under 18 with adult. All rentals must be returned by 3 p.m. The cost is \$15 per boat for 1-3 people for two hours. Cash or check only.

Deep Cut Gardens Open House

Sunday, June 10 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Enjoy garden tours and horticultural activities. **FREE!**

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, June 10 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Come see what the Blacksmith is making in his workshop. **FREE!**

Find Your Path in Volunteering

Wednesday, June 13 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft

Learn about the many unique opportunities the Volunteer In Parks Program has to offer.

Open to ages 14 & up.

Roving Naturalist

Saturday, June 16 at 9 a.m.

Clayton Park, Upper Freehold - Meet in the Emley's Hill Road parking lot.

Join our Roving Naturalist for a walk. We'll discuss seasonal points of interest, search for signs of wildlife, and identify a bird or two. This is a 1.5-2 hour program, but feel free to join in or drop out at any point. Dress for the weather as light rain is not a deterrent. **FREE!**

Eco-Elephant Family Flea Market

Saturday, June 16 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck

Browse vendors at this outdoor market for the one-of-a-kind item you did not even think you needed. Admission and parking are free.

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, June 16 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

All equipment is provided. No outside equipment permitted. This is not an instructional clinic and NOT designed for beginners. Open to ages 10 and up; under 18 with adult. Cost is \$10 per person; cash or check only.

Accordion Melodies of the 1890s

Saturday, June 16 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Hear music from yesteryear played on an accordion. **FREE!**

Freshwater Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 16 from 2-5 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

Sunday, June 17 from 2-5 p.m.

Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold

The Park System is hosting its annual fishing derbies for beginners as well as experienced anglers. Free hands-on clinics will be available from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Bring your pole or rent one (\$5 per pole); limited number available. A container of worms included with each registration. The cost is \$25 per family of 4; \$8 per person. Walk-ins welcome. Cash or check only on site.

Look! I'm Sailing!

Sunday, June 17 - Sailboats will leave the dock between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

We'll provide the captain, you provide the crew. Limited number of boats available; maximum three people per boat. Open to ages 5 and up; under 18 with adult. Cost per boat is \$25 for 30 minutes, \$40 for 1 hour; cash or check only.

Nature Lecture Series: Sharks and Shark Bites

Thursday, June 21 from 7-8 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

Come to this talk by a Park System Naturalist and learn about the history and ecology of local sharks as well as why they are important to protect. **FREE!**

19th Century Woodworking Demonstration

Saturday, June 23 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See how 19th century woodworking tools were used to create various items. **FREE!**

Felting Demonstration

Saturday, June 23 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Learn about the process of felting wool and how it was used in garments. **FREE!**

The Roots of Root Beer

Sunday, June 24 from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Sample a dozen different root beers while learning about entrepreneur Charles Hires and his wife Emma Waln. **FREE!**

Seining Along Sandy Hook Bay

Monday, Wednesday & Friday, June 25, 27 & 29 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth

Discover a variety of fish, crabs, and other sea creatures as we pull a seine net through the calm waters of Sandy Hook Bay. Closed-toe shoes are required. Meet on the beach near the park entrance. Parents or guardians are required to stay with and supervise their children. No swimming during the event. Weather permitting. **FREE!**

The Casual Birder

Thursday, June 28 at 9 a.m.

Weltz Park, Oakhurst - Meet in the West Park Avenue parking area.

Join a Park System Naturalist for this laid-back morning bird walk. No need to be an expert at identifying birds to enjoy this walk. A limited number of binoculars will be available to borrow if needed. Open to ages 11 and up; under 16 with adult. **FREE!**

Daylily Day

Saturday, June 30 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

The Monmouth County Park System and Garden State Daylily Growers present Daylily Day. See daylily displays and enjoy our large selection of daylilies on the grounds. Experts will be on hand to answer questions. Admission and parking are free.

Crochet/Lacemaking Demonstration

Saturday, June 30 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

See Dorothy Gratton demonstrate the art of crochet and lacemaking from the Victorian era. **FREE!**

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.