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WELCOME SPRING IN A PARK



Animal Hours at the Huber Woods Lodge, Middletown

LINCROFT — Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner! The Monmouth County Park System invites area residents to welcome the season in a park. During the month of March, the Park System has planned the following activities:

Animal Hours at Huber Woods Lodge

Saturdays, March 3 & 24 from 2-3 p.m.

Huber Woods Lodge, Middletown

Come visit and learn about the Huber Woods Reptile House's snakes, turtles, frogs and bugs during these special animal meet and greets while the Reptile House undergoes renovation.

FREE!

E. Murray Todd Half-Marathon

Sunday, March 4 at 8:30 a.m.

Brookdale Community College, Lincroft

Race-day registration for this 13.1-mile race starts at 7 a.m. On-site registration is \$50 per runner.

Open Ceramics

Sunday, March 4 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.

Co-Ed Open Basketball - 20 & Up

Mondays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 8-10 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

This basketball program is open to men and women age 20 and over. Emphasis of this program is exercise and fun. The cost is \$5 per person per session; cash or check only.

Splendid Spring Stroll

Friday, March 9 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir, Howell - Meet in the Environmental Center parking lot.

Friday, March 23 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold - Meet at the Shelter Building parking lot.

Say "farewell" to the frigid weather as you join a Park Naturalist on a peaceful trail walk.

FREE!

Roving Naturalist

Saturday, March 10 at 9 a.m.

Freneau Woods Park, Aberdeen - Meet in the Monastery Lane parking lot.

Join our Roving Naturalist for a walk and 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!***

Find Your Path in Volunteering

Saturday, March 10 from 1-3 p.m.

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft

Discover the many unique opportunities the Park System's volunteer program has to offer.

Open to ages 14 & up. **FREE!**

Cookstove Demonstration

Saturdays, March 10 & 24 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, March 11 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Quilting Demonstration

Saturday, March 17 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

View a traditional hand quilting demonstration in the farmhouse. **FREE!**

Accordion Melodies of the 1890s

Saturday, March 17 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

The Casual Birder

Thursday, March 22 at 9 a.m.

Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Manasquan

Join a Park System Naturalist for this laid-back morning bird walk. We'll meander for about an hour and see what birds we can find. 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. **FREE!**

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

Join us for this open shoot designed for experienced archers. All equipment is provided. No outside equipment permitted. Open to ages 10 and up (under 18 with adult). Cost is \$10 per person; cash or check only.

High Flying Fun

Saturday & Sunday, March 24 & 25 from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Try your hand at making an old-fashioned kite. You supply the creativity and a bit of manual dexterity to go with the paper, string, sticks and glue we will have available. (If you want to try to fly your kite when it's complete, please bring a spool of kite string.) **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.

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