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MAKE IT A NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER WITH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM



*Let your creativity flow during **Open Ceramics**.*

MIDDLETOWN - From the **Fall Craft Show** to a **Snake Meet & Greet**, the Monmouth County Park System has planned a November to remember with fun, family-friendly, drop-in programs. Here's what's planned:

The Casual Birder

Thursday, November 2 at 9 a.m.

Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck – Meet near the fields.

Thursday, November 30 at 9 a.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Join a Park System Naturalist for this laid-back morning bird walk and 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. Open to ages 8 and up. **FREE!**

Co-Ed Open Basketball - 20 & Up

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30 from 8-10 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

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

Nighttime Nature Walk

Saturday, November 4 from 7-8 p.m.

Freneau Woods Park, Aberdeen

Listen for owls and crickets, watch for bats, and discover other creatures of the night during this nighttime adventure. Please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight or lantern.

Open to ages 8 and up, under 18 with adult. **FREE!**

Mill Demonstrations

Saturdays & Sundays, November 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19 and 25 & 26 from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

See the 19th century gristmill in action. **FREE!**

Open Ceramics

Sunday, November 5 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.

Wooden Spoons to Whammy Doodles

Sunday, November 5 from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

See what a few simple hand tools along with patience and imagination can create when Al Trenton sits down at his shaving horse with a chunk of wood. **FREE!**

Men's Open Gym Basketball

Sundays, November 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 8-10 a.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Shoot some hoops in the Rec Center's full court gym. The cost is \$5 per person per session; cash or check only.

School's Out Drop-In Days at the Fort

Thursday & Friday, November 9 & 10 from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Enjoy Science Exploration Stations, Take Home Kids Creations, Building Fun, and Open Gym Time during this self-guided program open to ages 5-10 with adult. \$5 per child per day; cash or check only.

Fall Craft Show

Saturday, November 11 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping during this craft show featuring hand-made items. Admission and parking are free.

Accordion Melodies of the 1890s

Saturday, November 11 from 1-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Roving Naturalist

Saturday, November 18 at 9 a.m.

Crosswicks Creek Park, Upper Freehold - Meet in the Providence Line Road 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!**

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

Join us for this non-instructional open shoot! Open to ages 10 and up, under 18 with adult. All equipment is provided; no outside equipment permitted. The cost is \$10 per person; cash or check only.

Cookstove Demonstration

Saturday, November 18 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

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

Artful Bread: Beautiful and Delicious

Saturday, November 18 from 2-3 p.m.

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Pick up tips, techniques and the recipe during this hands-on demonstration. **FREE!**

Snake Meet & Greet

Saturday & Sunday, November 25 & 26 at 12 p.m.

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Meet one of our slithery friends and learn about these creatures. **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.