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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**THE PARK SYSTEM FILLS OCTOBER  
WITH FAMILY FUN**



*Thompson Park Day*

MIDDLETOWN – From nature walks to **Thompson Park Day**, the Monmouth County Park System is the place for fall family fun this October. Here’s what is planned:

**Awesome Autumn Amble**

**Wednesday, October 3 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft**

**Wednesday, October 17 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Perrineville Lake Park, Millstone**

**Wednesday, October 24 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Rocky Point section, Hartshorne Woods Park, Highlands**

Explore the trails with a Park System Naturalist and discuss all manners of plant and animal phenomenon. Open to all ages; under 18 with adult. **FREE!**

### **The Casual Birder**

**Thursday, October 4 at 9 a.m.**

**Holmdel Park, Holmdel - Meet in the Remanessin Trail parking lot.**

**Thursday, October 18 at 9 a.m.**

**Hartshorne Woods Park, Highlands - Meet in the Rocky Point parking lot.**

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

### **Mill Demonstration**

**Saturdays & Sundays, October 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21 and 27 & 28 from 1-4 p.m.**

**Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold**

See the 19th century gristmill in action. Demonstrations run through November. **FREE!**

### **Open Ceramics**

**Sunday, October 7 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.

### **Seabrook-Wilson House Open**

**Sundays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 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!**

### **School's Out Drop-In Day**

**Monday, October 8 from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls**

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

### **19th Century Woodworking Demonstration**

**Saturday, October 13 from 12-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

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

### **Accordion Melodies of the 1890s**

**Saturday, October 13 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

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

### **Cookstove Demonstration**

**Saturdays, October 13 & 20 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

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

### **Thompson Park Day**

**Sunday, October 14 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Thompson Park, Lincroft**

From a scarecrow contest to doggie costume contest, Thompson Park Day offers everything a fall festival should - pumpkin painting, wagon rides, kids races, entertainment and so much more! Some activities have a fee. Admission and parking are free.

### **Blacksmith Demonstration**

**Sunday, October 14 from 1-3 p.m.**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel**

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

### **Climb Time**

**Saturday, October 20 from 1-5 p.m.**

**Clayton Park Activity Center, Upper Freehold**

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

### **Nature Lecture Series: The Real Story of the Jersey Devil**

**Thursday, October 25 from 7-8 p.m.**

**Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth**

Discover the many possible origins and stories of the Jersey Devil legend during this talk by a Park System Naturalist. **FREE!**

### **Open Shoot Archery**

**Friday, October 26 from 4:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft**

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

### **Roving Naturalist**

**Saturday, October 27 at 9 a.m.**

**Clayton Park, Upper Freehold - Meet in the Emley's Hill 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!**

To learn more about these Park System activities, please visit [www.MonmouthCountyParks.com](http://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.