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The New Jersey Blacksmiths Association joins us again this year as visitor's step back in time during Walnford Day on Sunday, October 6 from 11am-5pm.

UPPER FREEHOLD – There are plenty of fall festivals to choose from, but the Monmouth County Park System's *Walnford Day* offers visitors a very unique experience. Held from 11am-5pm on Sunday, October 6 at Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold, this event brings local history alive through hands-on activities, demonstrations, exhibits, wagon rides, and so much more. The site's centerpiece - its 19th century gristmill - will be open for tours.

Children will feel as though they've stepped back as they play games from the 18th and 19th centuries, try on 18th century style clothing, create historical crafts, or try writing with a quill pen. There is also a visual scavenger hunt guiding you through an exploration of the site. Perhaps the most fascinating place to explore is the Waln's house. Open from cellar to attic, visitors can tour this grand pre-Revolutionary War home at their own pace. On the second floor of the home you'll enjoy two fantastic exhibits: *Early Quilts from Walnford* and *Read 1862, the Year through Letters*.

You'll really get a glimpse at history with ongoing demonstrations like spinning and weaving wool, the New Jersey Blacksmith Association shaping iron, and milling demonstrations in the gristmill. Enjoy the sounds of yesteryear from 1-5pm as harpsichord and flute duets echo through the Waln home. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be available from 1-5pm.

For more information about Park System programs and events, please visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call 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.