



PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM INVITES YOU TO ENJOY FREE ACTIVITIES THIS AUGUST

UPPER FREEHOLD — The Monmouth County Park System invites you and your family to visit your beautiful county parks to relax, refresh and recreate this summer and all year long. Planning ahead? On Thursday, August 5, the fall edition of the Park System Directory, which includes the complete line-up of autumn recreational programs, will be available at most County parks, as well as online at www.monmouthcountyparks.com.

Penny Rug Demonstration

Sunday, August 1 from 1:00 to 3:00pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Come see how these decorative coverings were made.

Indoor Bird Scavenger Hunt

Saturday & Sunday, August 7 & 8 from 10:00am to 4:30pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Can you find and name all of the birds inside the Environmental Center? Stop by and give it a try!

Mushroom Foray

Sunday, August 8 at 10:00am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

The NJ Mycological Association invites the public to join in their annual Mushroom Foray. After searching for various local mushrooms, members will identify their finds and answer any questions. Bring your lunch; picnic tables are available outside.

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, August 8 from 1:00 to 3:00pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Comes see what the Blacksmith is making in his workshop.

Ice Cream!

Sunday, August 8 from 3:00 to 4:00pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

Help us crank, then consume, a canister of sweet vanilla ice cream.

Bees are Buzzin'

Saturday & Sunday, August 14 & 15 from 10:00am-4:30pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Bees provide us with honey and help our flowers and vegetables grow. Learn about the honey bee, its lifestyle, and how they help people.

What Skull is That?

Saturday & Sunday, August 21 & 22 from 10:00am to 4:30pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Learn about skulls of different species of animals.

Potato Harvest

Saturday & Sunday, August 21 & 22 from 12:00 to 2:00pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Learn how potatoes are grown and handled, the machinery used for this important crop, and, weather permitting, watch as the team is hooked up for harvest.

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, August 22 from 1:00 to 3:00pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Hear history come alive through music as Rich Marzec plays tunes from the turn-of-the-century.

Eco-Elephant Family Flea Market

Saturday, August 28 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Dorbrook Recreation Area, County Road Route 537 East, Colts Neck

Come browse our vendors to find that one-of-a-kind or “green” item you didn’t even know you needed.

Reservoir Resident

Saturday & Sunday, August 28 & 29 at 11:00am

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Stop by and meet one of our live animals!

Raise the Rafters

Sunday, August 29 from 2:30 to 3:30pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

Join us as we cooperatively construct a timber frame building. This is a family activity with something for everyone, regardless of strength or size.

Oh Freedom! Exhibit

Now through Monday, August 30 from 8am to 4:30pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

This traveling exhibit from the New Jersey DEP captures the stories of African American soldiers who fought during the Revolutionary War.

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 TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System is celebrating its golden anniversary of keeping the county green and livable, since the Board of Chosen Freeholders created the first county park in 1960. Today, the Park System has grown to over 30 sites totaling more than 14,500 acres and offers approximately 4,000 recreation programs and activities, making it the perfect place to come outside and play. #