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AUTUMN FUN IN YOUR COUNTY PARKS



Holmdel Park, Holmdel

LINCROFT — From the crunch of leaves underfoot to the riot of color in the trees, autumn is a great time of year to enjoy the Monmouth County Park System. The season's mild temperatures are perfect for renting a boat, playing a round of golf, or relaxing in the Park System's 15,000+ acres of parks, woodlands, meadows and beaches.

Boating is a great way to explore the parks this time of year. Besides being fun, it's an exciting way to view wildlife and offers excellent fishing opportunities. Rowboats and kayaks are available for rental at the Manasquan Reservoir, Howell, through the last weekend in October. Canoes, kayaks and paddleboats are available weekends at Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold, through Columbus Day. Turkey Swamp Park also offers a family campground. Open until November 15, the campground is a great getaway that's not too far

away. The campground accommodates tents and RV's and offers two cabins for rent. For more information, call 732-462-7286.

After spending the night under the stars, hit the greens with a round of golf! The Park System offers five championship 18-hole courses, two 18-hole executive facilities, and a 9-hole par 3 course.

Experienced golfers love the challenge of Hominy Hill and Charleston Springs golf courses while beginner golfers find Bel-Aire the place to learn the game. No matter what their level of experience, golfers are sure to find a course that is just right for their level of play.

There's no better way to experience the season than with a walk in the parks. From an easy stroll to a challenging hike and everything in between, the Park System has it all. By offering over 130 miles of trails, park visitors have plenty of choices for hiking, running, bicycling and horseback riding. Those looking for a little peace and quiet can spend an hour or two under a tree reading a book, sketching a picture, or just watching the clouds drift by.

To learn more about 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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