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TOP 10 REASONS TO CAMP AT TURKEY SWAMP PARK



Kayak, canoe and paddleboat rentals at Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold, start weekends on May 4 and daily on June 15.

FREEHOLD— Ready to partake in the great American tradition of camping? Look no further than the Monmouth County Park System's campground at Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold. With its playgrounds, trails, fishing and boating, the campground is family-friendly and affordable. Need more convincing? Here are the top 10 reasons that Turkey Swamp Park is the best place around to pitch a tent, rent a cabin, or park an RV:

- 1) It's a getaway that's not too far way. Located in Freehold, Turkey Swamp Park offers 2,173 acres of nature to explore. Within 15 minutes of the park there's shopping, restaurants, and entertainment.
- 2) More wildlife than your backyard. Be sure to look for frogs, turtles, and swans by the lake and deer, birds, and foxes along the trails.
- 3) Playgrounds galore! Turkey Swamp Park has several playgrounds located through the site that will keep youngsters active and happy.
- 4) Free admission and parking at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Long Branch, with valid camping permit. No better place in the county to catch some sun, sand and surf.
- 5) Little cabins in the woods! Not only do they offer electricity, bunks and water (outside) but also heating and air-conditioning.
- 6) Saturday evening wagon rides. Starting in May, these 20-minute rides take campers through the park. Informal and fun, these rides are a great way to tour the site.
- 7) ***Campfire Programs.*** Held on Saturday evenings June through August, offerings include ***Musical Mayhem, I ♥Zombies,*** and ***Race Around the Park.*** Campers can register for free.
- 8) Your own campfire. Does anything beat roasting hotdogs and s'mores for dinner? Afterward, make shadow puppets, play flashlight tag, and tell spooky stories.
- 9) Quiet hours from 10pm to 7am. After playing hard all day, families are sure to appreciate a little peace and quiet. Plus it's the best time to hear the crickets chirping.
- 10) Memories that will last a lifetime. Whether it's just one night or an entire week, camping at Turkey Swamp Park is an experience to remember.

Reservations are available for stays of at least two nights and must be prepaid. They can be made in person at the Campground Office located in the Oak Point Shelter Building in the park, through the mail, or by calling (732) 462-7286. The rates per night are \$35 for county residents and \$39 for non-residents. The cost of each cabin is \$60 a night for county residents and \$70 a night for non-residents. MasterCard, Visa and Discover accepted.

For more information about the campground, please call (732) 462-7286. For more information about the Monmouth County Park System, please call (732) 842-4000 or visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com. 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.

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