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WELCOME SPRING IN A COUNTY PARK



Holmdel Park, Holmdel

LINCROFT— Spring has officially arrived and it's the perfect time to make the Monmouth County Park System part of your life. With its great parks, exciting programs and fantastic golf courses, there's no better place to enjoy the season. The Monmouth County Park System wants you to get the most out of the season by visiting its parks, playgrounds, historic sites, and trails.

There's no better spot to greet spring than Deep Cut Gardens in Middletown. A living catalogue of cultivated and native plant materials that cover 54 acres, the site is sure to delight both gardeners and non-gardeners. Throughout the season, Deep Cut Gardens offers

workshops and classes. Check out the spring issue of Park System's *Program Directory* for a full listing.

With its cherry blossoms and arboretum, Holmdel Park, Holmdel is also lovely in the spring. The park's trails, playgrounds, tennis courts and open fields make it easy to spend the entire day there. Be sure to check out adjacent Historic Longstreet Farm and see this living history site in action. Period-dressed staff recreates life as it was in rural Monmouth County during the 1890s.

If a day in the park just isn't enough, spend the night at the campground in Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold. Open April 1 through November 15, the campground features tent and trailer sites as well as two primitive cabins. Per night campsite rates are \$35 for county residents and \$39 for non-residents. County residents can rent a cabin for \$60 a night while non-residents pay \$70 per night.

For many people, spring marks the arrival of a new golf season. The Park System's eight golf courses at six locations offer some of the best golfing around. Golfers can choose among Bel-Aire in Wall, Charleston Springs in Millstone, Hominy Hill in Colts Neck, Howell Park in Farmingdale, Pine Brook in Manalapan and Shark River in Neptune.

To learn more about the Park System's offerings, visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call 732-842-4000. The TTY/TDD number for persons with hearing impairment 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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