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PARK SYSTEM TO HOLD SECOND ANNUAL FRESHWATER FISHING DERBY



HOWELL & FREEHOLD - There's nothing quite like the thrill of feeling a tug at the end of your fishing pole. Discover for yourself when the Monmouth County Park System celebrates the state's no-license-required-fishing weekend, June 14 & 15, with pole rentals, fishing clinics and its *Second Annual Freshwater Fishing Derby*. The fun starts on Saturday, June 14 at the Manasquan Reservoir in Howell. The Park System will hold a free hands-on fishing clinic from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The clinic covers how to cast and rig. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions. Then the fishing derby will be held from 2-5 p.m. On Sunday, June 15, the action moves to Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold. Once again a free hands-on fishing clinic will be held from 12:30-1:30 p.m., followed by the fishing derby from 2-5 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the longest fish in three different categories. Derby rules provided upon registration. Anglers can bring their own fishing pole or rent one for \$5. The cost of each day of the fishing derby is \$25 per family of 4 or \$8 per person. A container of worms is included with each registration.

Pre-registration is suggested; walk-ins are welcome (cash or check only on site).

To learn more about these Park System activities or to register for the ***Second Annual Freshwater Fishing Derby***, 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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