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2026 FALL PROGRAM GUIDE & NEWSLETTER



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250th Anniversary American Revolution

Ocean County continues to commemorate the 250th anniversary (Semiquincentennial) of the American Revolution (1775-1783) in what is now Ocean County. The Fourth of July that honored the adoption of the Declaration of Independence has come and gone but the county will be celebrating other local events for the next seven years until April 3, 2033 – the date marking the 250th anniversary of what is thought to be the last casualty of the American Revolution, loyalist John Bacon killed at Rose's Tavern in Parkertown.

Commissioner Robert S. Arace explained, "Ocean County is leading the state of New Jersey in commemorating this important milestone in American history. Please visit our regularly updated website at ocean250.org."

On July 4th weekend, Ocean County released the eight-part American Revolution in Ocean County documentary series. The project was partially funded by a \$148,400 grant from the National Park Service.

<https://co.ocean.nj.us/250thAnniversary/historic-documentary-videos/>

The short documentaries cover the six most significant sites of conflict during the American Revolution that occurred in what is now Ocean County plus two video on overarching themes of the conflict in our area.

Commissioner Arace explained, "the parks department is proud to announce the companion publications: Ocean County 250th Revolutionary War Activity Book and the fourth volume of the 250th Anniversary: American Revolution in War: Ocean County, New Jersey. Publications are available in paper versions or online at ocean250.org."

The County has commissioned Heather A. Reenstra to produce an Ocean County 250 Quilt that will contain official seals from each of our 33 municipalities. Each town will also receive a framed square of their quilt square to mount in their town hall.

The County's traveling, "War at the Shore" outreach trailer has participated in over 31 parades and 208 events throughout New Jersey since 2022, engaging over one million people! We have traveled throughout the state with our County Liberty Bell and our mini-whale boat, Hero's Revenge.

The County invites you to participate at the 23rd commemoration of the last documented land engagement of the American Revolution at Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site on Sunday, December 6 from 10 AM to 4 PM, with battles at noon and 2 PM.

Commissioner Arace continued, "The Cedar Bridge Tavern County Historic Site at 200 Old Halfway Road in Barnegat, NJ 08005 is a restored c.1816 tavern that is great introduction to late 18th and early 19th century life in the NJ Pinelands. The Historic Site is open Thursday through Monday and by special arrangements."

In fact, schools and civic groups can arrange for complimentary guided tours of the Historic Site. The Ocean County Commissioner's offer limited financial support for bus transportation to and from the Historic Site for schools.

The Parks Department has planted Liberty Trees in Toms River, Stafford, Little Egg Harbor, Seaside Heights, Barnegat Light and Barnegat.

On July 2nd, the County hosted the first county sponsored Spectacular Patriotic Concert and Drone Show with more than 5,000 spectators.

On July 3rd, the "War at the Shore" trailer was on its way to Philadelphia for the WAWA Welcome America Parade when they discovered the parade had been abruptly cancelled due to heat and humidity. The "War at the Shore" trailer persisted and spent the morning at the Independence Mall in Philadelphia with County staff in full Revolutionary War outfits.

On July 4th, the County hosted a public reading of the Declaration of Independence and ringing our bells 250 times on the front lawn of the 1850 Ocean County Court House. Our bells included the Stafford Township School Bell, Kevin Pace Florida Bell, the Ocean County Liberty Bell and the Detwiler Victory Bell.

Commissioner Arace added "The Semiquincentennial is an opportunity for all of us to connect with our shared history and celebrate the enduring spirit of our community. I encourage residents, families and visitors to take part in these ongoing programs and events as we honor the past and come together to shape the future of Ocean County."

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Your Ocean County Lands Trust Property

Forked River Mountains - Leone

The Forked River Mountains – Leone acquisition is a wonderful 98.89 acre addition to Ocean County's inventory of preserved land located in the Forked River Mountains. Currently to date, Ocean County has preserved over 12,500 acres of land in the Forked River Mountains. In addition, over \$19 million has been dedicated to protecting and preserving the environmental habitats of this target area.

Preserving this land gives the County the opportunity to conduct forestry services on the property, which includes prescribed burning to mitigate potential wildfires. Due to the joint efforts of preservation between various stakeholders, the Forked River Mountains has remain relatively unchanged in the last 40 years.



The Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Program was established to acquire and maintain environmentally sensitive lands, natural areas or open spaces. For over 20 years, the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust has provided residents and visitors with natural open spaces intended for the enjoyment of nature, protection of our natural resources, and preservation of our important farming industry. The objective of the program, is to establish of a system of protected lands which, in combination with the Farmland Preservation Program, enhance the quality of life in Ocean County by:

- Helping to maintain the County's rural characteristics;
- Protecting critical environmental resources and water supply;
- Maintaining and enhancing active agriculture;
- Buffering areas that are not compatible with development.

In 1997, the residents of Ocean County, overwhelmingly voted to establish the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Program. The approval of a 1.2 cent dedicated tax provides the Board of Commissioners with the funds to acquire lands in Ocean County for conservation and farmland preservation. On February 18, 1998, the Ocean County Board of Commissioners established a nine member Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee to advise on the preparation of the required open space plan and the nomination of properties to be acquired through the Natural Lands Trust Fund. The committee's purpose is to review nominations for the Trust Fund and to forward recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for consideration.

FREE WEEKEND PROGRAMS

****These programs will be on a first-come first served basis. ****

CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK

Scales and Tales

Join a park naturalist as they dispel the myths and fears of native reptiles. You will see some of our live snakes and turtles up close and personal. Learn what makes these native species so special, and why they are such an important part of the ecosystem. This program is sure to inspire all young nature lovers. No registration required.

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center Lecture Room,

Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Saturdays and Sundays (excluding December 13)

TIME: 1:30 - 2:00 pm

FEE: Free

AGE: All

Cattus Island Nature Walks

Join a park naturalist and follow in the footsteps of such legendary local environmentalists as A. Morton and Betty Cooper, Dorothy Hale and Pete McLain. Be prepared to discover the fascinating and diverse wonders of the natural world. No registration required.

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center Lobby,

Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Saturdays and Sundays (excluding December 13)

TIME: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

FEE: Free

AGE: All

October 3 & 4

Colors of Fall

October 10 & 11

Carnivorous Plants

October 17 & 18

Flora & Fauna of the Pines

October 24 & 25

Cattus Island History

Oct 31 & Nov 1

Along the Main Trail

November 7 & 8

As the Marsh Prepares for Winter

November 14 & 15

Cattus Island History

November 21 & 22

Hibernation Hike

November 28 & 29

Feeder Birds

December 5 & 6

Down the Boardwalk Trail

December 19 & 20

Trees in Winter

December 26 & 27

Cattus Family Holiday Traditions



Tour Cattus Island by Bike

Cattus Island has a small number of bikes to loan out for use within the park. The bicycles are FREE* to use. Twenty-six-inch adult bikes and twenty-inch children's bikes and helmets are available. Helmets are required. You may borrow a bike for 2 hours, seven days a week between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Bicycles may not be taken out of the park. No baby/toddler seats are permitted. * A member of the group must provide a driver's license for the staff to hold until the bike is returned and sign a waiver form. Available until November 1st.

JAKES BRANCH COUNTY PARK

Live Animal Talks

Come in and meet the animals of Jakes Branch County Park. Visitors will get an up-close look at the parks inhabitants and learn about each species.

****Talks will last approximately 20 minutes****

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Sundays, October 4 – December 6

TIME: 1:30 pm

FEE: Free

AGE: All

Discovery Nature Walks

Join a park naturalist on these brief but informative nature walks through the park.

****Weather permitting - walks will not exceed 30 minutes****

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Sundays, October 4 – December 6

TIME: 2:00 pm

FEE: Free

AGE: All

Acorn Marble Necklaces

Join us for a craft in which kids can make a beautiful necklace out of an acorn and a marble. Other beads and decorations will be offered to further decorate and make each necklace unique.

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Saturday, October 24

TIME: 1:30 – 3:00pm

FEE: Free

AGE: All

CLOVERDALE FARM COUNTY PARK

Monthly Bird Walks

Learn how Cloverdale Farm County Park's bird population changes month by month.

This informative walk is perfect for birders of all levels. Adults must remain with children.

Please be prepared to walk a mile. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable sneakers or boots, and bring a pair of binoculars. If inclement weather, the program will be canceled.

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATES/TIMES: Saturdays,

September 5 8:00 - 9:30 am

October 3 8:00 - 9:30 am

November 14 9:00 - 10:30 am

December 12 9:00 - 10:30 am

FEE: Free

AGE: 9 years - Adult

Armchair Birding

During this program, we will set up our chairs on the back porch of our Visitor Center to watch the birds at the feeders. A naturalist will be at your side to help with bird identification. This program is great for beginning birders and those who may have limited mobility. Adults must remain with children. **Please bring a camp chair. If inclement weather, the program will be canceled.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATES/TIMES: Saturdays,

September 5 9:30 - 10:30 am

October 3 9:30 - 10:30 am

November 14 10:30 - 11:30 am

December 12 10:30 - 11:30 am

FEE: Free

AGE: 9 years – Adult

CLOVERDALE FARM COUNTY PARK

Family Bird Walk

Get those little feet moving and out in nature while learning about the birds that call Ocean County home. Adults must remain with children. **Please be prepared to walk a mile. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable sneakers or boots, and bring a pair of binoculars. If inclement weather, the program will be canceled.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATES/TIMES: Sundays,

October 4 8:00 - 9:00 am

November 8 9:00 - 10:00 am

December 13 9:00 - 10:00 am

FEE: Free

AGE: All

Nature Photography

Cranberry bogs with their vibrant colors offer spectacular scenery and host an array of wildlife. Bring your camera along with you as you take a guided tour of the bogs at Cloverdale Farm County Park to snap some memorable photos. This program is great for photographers of all levels. **Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable sneakers or boots.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATES: Sundays,

September 6

October 11

November 15

TIME: 8:30 - 9:30 am

FEE: Free

AGE: 12 years - Adult

Calling All Artists! Cloverdale Farm's Plein Air Weekend

Some of the most awe-inspiring works of art are usually associated with nature. Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Night*, Claude Monet's *Water Lilies*, John James Audubon's watercolors of North American birds, and Albert Bierstadt and Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings of landscapes all have left impressions upon our hearts. Cloverdale Farm County Park is opening its gates to all types of artists from dawn to dusk. Bring your own blank canvases and medium materials and get ready to create in this plein air-style (outside in open air) event. Keep in mind your eco footprint. Anything you bring in must be brought back home with you, including solvents or paint water, so be sure to pack containers and plastic bags.

LOCATION: Entire Park, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATES: Friday, September 4 - Sunday, September 6 TIME: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Friday, October 2 - Sunday, October 4 TIME: 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

Friday, November 6 - Sunday, November 8 TIME: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

FEE: Free

AGE: All; children must be accompanied by adult.

Solving STEM Problems with LEGOs

Science, technology, engineering, and math, or STEM, are the foundation for many practical problem-solving skills that are useful in life. Fostering love and respect for STEM can be much easier when it's made a little more creative and fun. Join us at Cloverdale where we will be using LEGOs and our brains to create simple contraptions to solve practical STEM-related problems.

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, October 11

Sunday, November 1

Sunday, December 27

TIME: 10:00 - 11:00 am

FEE: Free

AGE: 8 years - Adult

SMALL GROUP OUTINGS

Charming New Hope, PA

Enjoy exploring the shops and galleries throughout town. There are many cafés and restaurants to choose from. You can also stroll across the Delaware River and peek at Lambertville's quaint main street.

PICK-UP: Depart from Program Room, lower-level parking lot,
Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Wednesday, October 14351466 – 1A

TIME: Bus departs at 9:00 am approximate return time is 6:00 pm

FEE: \$15.00 per person

AGE: Adult

American Dream Mall

Start your holiday shopping early at American Dream Mall, a super-regional shopping and entertainment complex in East Rutherford NJ. There are plenty of shopping and dining options to enjoy.

PICK-UP: Depart from the Program Room, lower-level parking lot,
Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Tuesday, November 10.....351466 – 1B

DATE: Thursday, November 19.....351466 – 1C

TIME: Bus departs at 9:30 am approximate return time is 6:00 pm

FEE: \$15.00 per person

AGE: Adult

FAMILY FUN

“Night of the Stars”

Spend the night under the stars with A.S.T.R.A., The Astronomical Society of the Toms River Area. Whether you're a budding astronomer or simply a casual stargazer, this night is for you. Volunteer members of the club will be on-site to share their out-of-this-world knowledge and answer your questions about the great unknown. They will have telescopes that will leave your mind reeling in amazement for days from the views you see. If you have your own telescope, feel free to bring it along and come a little early. The club members will be happy to give you points on how to find the planets and locate constellations. No registration required.

******ENDING TIME APPROXIMATE. WEATHER PERMITTING! ******

LOCATION: Sports Field Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Saturday, October 17

TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

DATE: Saturday, November 14

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Parking Lot, Patriots County Park

DATE: Saturday, November 7

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

FEE: Free

AGE: ALL

Family Campout at Ocean County Park

Our hope is to give families some outdoor exposure. You should arrive having eaten dinner. We will have a campfire, take an evening nature walk and bed down for the night. You will need a tent, sleeping bag, marshmallows for roasting and a “no-cook” breakfast for the following morning. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have questions on what else to bring call 732-506-5122

LOCATION: Beach Complex, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Friday, October 23 - Saturday, October 24.....358466 – 8A

TIME: 6:00 pm Friday - 10:00 am Saturday

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: 10 years – Adult

FAMILY FUN



Jersey Shore BlueClaws Ballpark Tour

Shoretown Ballpark first opened its gates in 2001 when the BlueClaws came to the Jersey Shore. This state-of-the-art facility features 6,588 reserved seats, 16 luxury suites, 2 party decks, 2 picnic areas, and a new 1,859-square foot video scoreboard. Bring your family and tour the ballpark. Take lots of pictures, as this is a thrill for any baseball fan. This is a great way to enjoy the day while many kids are off from school.

LOCATION: Shoretown Ballpark, New Hampshire, Cedar Bridge Ave, Lakewood. Meet under the Tower by the Ticket Booth.

NOTE: Due to possible stadium upgrades this tour may be altered or canceled.

DATE: Friday, November 6

TIME: 11:00 am.....353466 – 3A

TIME: 12:00 pm.....353466 – 3B

FEE: Free AGE: All

Must be pre-register by mail, or in person with the Ocean County Parks & Recreation Department.

Nature Walk With Santa

Let your child experience nature with Santa Claus this holiday season. During this program, Santa and his helpers will read a few stories to the children before taking them on a short ¼-mile nature exploration walk! **Please dress for the weather as this is an outside program!**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Saturday, December 5.....356466 - 4A

TIME: 9:30 - 11:00 am

FEE: \$5.00 per team (one adult/one child) AGE: 2 - 7 years

Photo Opportunity With Santa Claus Families and Pets

Santa Claus will visit Cattus Island County Park for a fun photo opportunity with your family or pet. Bring your own camera, as one of Santa's helpers will be on hand to take your perfect holiday photo.

****All pets must be on a leash. This event is first come first served.****

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center

Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Sunday, December 13

TIME: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm FEE: Free

Cattus Island Gingerbread House Contest and People's Choice Voting

Create and enter your very own Gingerbread House with the theme "Out in Nature". Entries must be mounted on a 12 inch by 12 inch board, and no taller than 12 inches. It must be constructed of edible materials.

Entries can be dropped off at the Cooper Environmental Center from December 16-20 from 10am-4:30pm.

All entries are displayed in the lecture room from December 23-January 3 from 10am-4pm for People's Choice Voting. Only one entry per person.

Only one voting ticket per person.

Categories include:

Youth (0-6) (7-12) Teen (13-17) Adult (18+).

Please email nvernachio@co.ocean.nj.us for the official rules.

There is no fee or pre-registration.

FAMILY FUN

Cranberry Ramble & Pick

Join us for a half-hour ramble around the cranberry bogs to learn about how these “Rubies of the Pines” grow. After which, we will hit the bogs for a short time of cranberry picking. Please bring a quart-size zip-loc bag for cranberries, dress for the weather, and wear old sneakers or boots that can get wet.

LOCATION: Pavilion, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATES/TIMES:

Saturday, September 5	2:00 - 3:00 pm.....	356466 - 6B
Sunday, September 6	2:00 - 3:00 pm.....	356466 - 6C
Sunday, September 13	2:00 - 3:00 pm.....	356466 - 6D
Saturday, September 19	2:00 - 3:00 pm.....	356466 - 6E
Sunday, September 20	10:00 - 11:00 am.....	356466 - 6F
Saturday, October 3	2:00 - 3:00 pm.....	356466 - 6G
Sunday, October 4	10:00 - 11:00 am.....	356466 - 6H
Sunday, October 11	2:00 - 3:00 pm.....	356466 - 6I
FEE: \$6.00 per person		AGE: All

LECTURES

Not-So-Scary Spiders

With the hottest days of summer behind us, early October becomes a wonderful time to spot some beautiful and interesting spiders. Whether you are looking to overcome a fear of spiders or simply expand your knowledge, you are certain to leave with greater appreciation for our eight-legged friends. Following an indoor lecture, we will do some light walking near the nature center.

LOCATION: Program Room, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Sunday, October 4		354166 – 4A
TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 am		
DATE: Wednesday, October 7		354166 – 4B
TIME: 5:30 – 7:00 pm		
FEE: \$5.00 per person		AGE: 10 years – Adult

NEW! The Amazing World of Ants

Ants are so much more than just pests in our kitchen. There are around 14,000 described species of ants worldwide, each with a fascinating life history. From specialized hunting strategies to practicing agriculture, the ants world is not so unlike ours. Come learn about the incredible diversity, ecological interactions and lifecycles of our local ant species. This program will consist of a PowerPoint presentation on many species as well as a brief introduction into ant keeping and identification guide.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center , Cattus Island County Park

DATE: Saturday, October 3		352166 – 2A
TIME: 1:00 - 2:30 pm		
FEE: \$10.00 per person		AGES: 9 years – Adult

Skulls, Scat, and Tracks

Every animal leaves behind clues—and learning how to read them can reveal an entirely hidden world of wildlife activity. Join us for an engaging exploration of animal skulls, tracks, scat, feathers, and other signs that help naturalists identify the creatures living around us, often without ever seeing the animal itself. Through hands-on examination of real artifacts and interactive discussion, we'll uncover how teeth reveal diet, tracks reveal movement, and scat can tell the story of an animal's behavior and habitat. Whether you're a seasoned nature enthusiast or simply curious about the wildlife of the Pine Barrens, this program offers a fascinating look into the art and science of wildlife tracking.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Saturday, October 3		355166 – 5A
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30 am		
FEE: \$5.00 per person		AGE: 12 years – Adult

LECTURES

NEW! From Hearth & Home to the Battle: Black Colonial Life in the Revolutionary Era

This program looks at Black life for both the enslaved and freedmen and how the calls for liberty spurred their desires for freedom. The program highlights the actions of Black soldiers who fought for American Independence or in some cases fought against it. Presented by Ellen Alford, author of *Abolition and the Underground Railroad in South Jersey: Not Without a Fight*.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, October 4.....359166 – 9A

TIME: 2:00 - 3:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: All

Tick Identification & Understanding

Worried about the ticks that live in the forest? Come learn about the various species of ticks found in New Jersey through identification, behavior, diseases they carry and how to keep yourself safe from them.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center,
Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, October 8352166 – 2B

TIME: 2:00 - 3:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: 10 years – Adult

A History of Whaling

Journey back to the age of sails and harpoons. Discover how whaling shaped early American coastal communities, economies, and maritime traditions from the 17th to mid-19th century. This engaging presentation will explore the tools, techniques, and cultural impact of the whaling industry as well as its environmental legacy.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center,
Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Friday, October 9352186 – 2C

TIME: 5:00 - 6:15 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: 12 years – Adult

Insect Collecting 101

Insects are everywhere and play a crucial role in the ecosystems in which they occur. Collecting them is how scientists study them, but you don't have to be a scientist to do it yourself as an endlessly rewarding hobby. Come learn how to collect, prepare, pin, label, and store insects to start your very own collection. This program will include a PowerPoint demonstration that will cover the topics above as well as a brief overview of the common insect orders and families as well as how to identify them. After the presentation you will be provided with two native insects to pin and identify yourself that you will be able to keep!

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center , Cattus Island County Park

DATE: Saturday, October 17.....352186 – 2D

TIME: 1:00 - 2:30 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGES: 12 years – Adult

The Environment in Autumn

Autumn is thought of as the fading season. Days get shorter, the weather gets colder, animals start going into hiding or flying to warmer climates. Much is happening during this time of year, come and attend a lecture on what the season means to our environment.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Sunday, October 18.....355166 – 5B

TIME: 1:30 – 2:30 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: 10 years - Adult

LECTURES

Wildlife & Witchery

Have you ever wondered why bats are synonymous with Halloween? How ravens became harbingers of death? And who decided toads belong beside witches? Delve into ancient lore of some beloved (and some not-so-loved) creatures of spooky season, as we learn about traditions past, and gain a new appreciation for some of our local nocturnal wildlife.

LOCATION: Program Room, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Wednesday, October 21.....354166 – 4C

TIME: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

DATE: Thursday, October 22.....354166 – 4D

TIME: 2:30 – 3:30 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: 13 years - Adult

New Jersey: The Birthplace of Life Saving

This lecture explores the dangerous geography of the New Jersey coast and how it earned the nickname “Graveyard of the Atlantic”, setting the stage for centuries of shipwrecks. It traces the rise of maritime disasters in the 1800s and the critical need for organized rescue efforts along the shore. The program highlights the creation of the New Jersey Life-Saving Service, key tragedies like the Powhattan wreck and the evolution of lifesaving technology and stations. Attendees will gain insight into the bravery of early lifesavers and how their legacy lives on in today’s U.S. Coast Guard.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center

Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Friday, October 23352166 – 2E

TIME: 5:00 – 6:15 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: All

NEW! How to Hunt The Jersey Devil!

Join author Tony DiGerolamo for a discussion of the Jersey Devil and South Jersey Folklore like no other! Witches, monsters, ghosts and other supernatural characters abound in the Pine Barrens so the Jersey Devil is not so alone! Learn about the fascinating history and tall tales of your community and practical steps to avoid being eaten by Mother Leeds’ 13th Child.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, October 25.....359166 – 9B

TIME: 2:00 - 3:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: All

Winged Wildlife: Turkeys

Turkeys are often associated with Thanksgiving, but did you know turkeys are a common species found all year round? They can fly at surprisingly high speed and even swim. Come learn all about the history, biology, and behavior of these birds.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center,

Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, November 5.....352166 – 2F

TIME: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: 6 years – Adult

Game Fish of the Barnegat Bay

Interested in learning about the game fish in the Barnegat Bay and how to catch them? Come learn about the techniques for tying a hook, fishing and fish behaviors.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Friday, November 6352166 – 2G

TIME: 1:00 - 2:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: 6 years – Adult

LECTURES

Pine Barrens Herpetology (Reptiles & Amphibians)

The New Jersey Pine Barrens contains diverse herpetofauna (herps), including snakes, turtles, frogs, and salamanders. Learn what herps live in Ocean County, how to identify them, and some basic ecology. The lecture focuses more on reptiles than amphibians. This program includes a PowerPoint presentation and feature some of our live animals.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center,
Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, November 12.....352166 – 2H

TIME: 5:30 - 7:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGES:10 years – Adult

The History of the Lenape People:1500 to Present Day

Long before the European Settlers arrived, the Lenape (also known as Delaware People) thrived throughout the region, developing a complex society deeply connected to the land. This program explores their traditions, seasonal lifestyles, spiritual beliefs, and the profound changes brought on by the European population.

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center Lecture Room, Cattus Island County Park,
Toms River

DATE: Friday, November 13352166 – 2I

TIME: 5:00 – 6:15 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: All

Cattus Island Living Shoreline Restoration Project

Cattus Island is the most significant salt marsh and the largest breakwater in the northern portion of Barnegat Bay. The overall goal of this project is to restore critical shoreline areas of Cattus Island County Park to address significant erosion and prevent extreme wetlands and habitat loss in the Barnegat Bay. Some areas of the park have lost more than 300 feet over the past 85 years. This erosion is likely to increase over time, if the shoreline, and especially the northeast peninsula known as “Page’s Point,” is not stabilized. This power point presentation is an overview of the changes along the shoreline and the plans for restoration.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center,
Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, November 19.....352186 – 2J

TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

FEE\$ 5.00 per person

AGE: 12 years – Adult

“The Hero’s Revenge”: Revolutionaries and Pine Robbers

Explore the lived experiences of patriot rebels and loyalist pine robbers during the Revolutionary War in what is today, Ocean County, including the story of notorious Captain John Bacon. Discuss how bitter, personal grudges and local resources made this area a hotbed of activity during the war and discover how this led to the last skirmish of the American Revolution on December 27, 1782.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, December 27.....359166 – 9C

TIME: 2:00 - 3:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: All

VETERAN’S IN NATURE Birding Basics

Interested in birding, but not sure where to start? This introduction will give you the tools to use in the field. Learn about bird feeders, binoculars, and basic bird identification. We will go on a short birding walk after a brief lecture.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center,
Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Wednesday, October 28.....352166 – 2Z

TIME: 3:00 - 4:30 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: Adult

Nature, History & Birding WALKS

World Migratory Bird Day Walk With Wild Birds Unlimited

World Migratory Bird Day is held twice a year, once in the spring and the fall. Join staff from Wild Birds Unlimited, Toms River for a fall migration walk through Cattus Island County Park. Plan to walk at least 1 to 2 miles. Binoculars are provided if needed.

LOCATION: Lobby, Cooper Environmental Center,
Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Saturday, October 3.....352536 – 2A

TIME: 9:00 am -12:00 pm

FEE\$ 6.00 per person

AGE: 12 years – Adult

Mushroom Foray

Mushrooms make a massive impact on the ecosystem no matter where they grow. From decaying the dead to parasitizing the living, mushrooms are an important part of the ecosystem. Come on an educational nature walk to look for and identify the wild mushrooms of our area. This program will include a Power Point presentation as well as a foray to identify native mushrooms. Walk will be no longer than 2 miles.

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Saturday, October 17.....355536 – 5A

TIME: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: 10 years – Adult

Ghost Forests of Cattus Island

Learn the haunting history of the mysterious ghost forest along the many trails of Cattus Island County Park. Walk with a guide along the twisting trails to see and learn about the fascinating natural phenomenon.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center,
Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, October 22352536 – 2B

TIME: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 6 years – Adult

Sip n Stroll

We will begin our morning by shopping locally at Agnello's where we will grab a fresh brew and maybe a snack or two. After, we will head the Manahawkin Wildlife Management Area for a short walk enjoying saltmarsh and Pinelands habitats.

Walk will not exceed 3 miles.

PICK UP: Parking Lot, A. Paul King County Park, Manahawkin

DATE: Friday, October 23.....355536 – 5B

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 – 11:00 am

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 10 years – Adult

Reevestown Cemetery History Walk

Traverse the historic "Road to Clamtown" on the way to Reevestown Cemetery with burials dating back to the 18th century (including some local legends). Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a 2-mile walk. **There may be some uneven and wet spots along the route.**

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Friday, December 11.....359536 – 9A

Friday, January 1.....359536 – 9B

TIME: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 9 years – Adult

Nature, History & Birding WALKS

Cedar Bridge Skirmish History Walk

On the 244th anniversary of the last documented land engagement of the American Revolution, take a journey on the remnants of the local colonial road taken to reach Cedar Bridge. Discover the bitter local conflicts of the American Revolution and why this skirmish took place. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a 2-mile walk with some uneven areas. There may be wet spots along the route.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, December 27359536 – 9C

TIME: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 9 years – Adult

VAN TOURS

Our Ocean County Parks van tours are held throughout the year. Each trip focuses on a specific theme. Here are some things to keep in mind when signing up for a van tour:

- Pack a lunch (unless otherwise noted). We will try to stop at a picnic/park area to eat, when available.
- Dress for the weather. Layering is best as in most cases we will be in and out of the van.
- Be prepared for some walking (amount of walking will be indicated by the trip description)
- We often travel on rough unpaved roads to accomplish the goals of the trip. Be sure to wear your seatbelt.
- Read each description carefully so that you are adequately prepared.
- Bug spray with DEET is recommended for our outdoor programs.
- Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult unless otherwise specified.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure. All return times are approximate.

Seating is first come, first choice. Following the van is not permitted.

Cattus Island Flora and Fauna Van Trip

Join a park naturalist who will transport you throughout the various sites of Cattus Island, stopping along the way to see and learn about some of the plant and animal life that call this park home.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center,
Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Sunday, October 11352516 – 2A

Sunday, November 15352516 – 2B

TIME: 9:00 – 10:00 am

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 8 years – Adult

Pelican and Waterfowl Boat and Van Trip

After the breeding season, adult and young Brown Pelicans leave their nests and disperse, heading north in search of less crowded feeding grounds. The largest, northern-most colony of these pelicans can be found in Barnegat Bay. Join us on a boat trip leaving from the Tuckerton Seaport to explore the southern portion of Barnegat Bay's open water and channels as we look for pelicans and other waterfowl. After the boat trip, we will travel in the van to explore local marshes for waterfowl before heading back to Wells Mills. Bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Layering is best and bring a change of outerwear, as you may get wet on the boat. There will be an additional charge of \$30.00 for the boat tour. Please bring exact change.

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Wednesday, October 14354516 - 4A

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years – Adult

VAN TOURS

Recycling Our Resources: Tours of Ocean County Northern Recycling and the Ocean County Utilities Authority Water Treatment Plant

Have you ever wondered what happens to your recycling or water after it leaves your house? We will tour Ocean County Northern Recycling Center and the Ocean County Utilities authority to find out. At the Northern Recycling Center in Lakewood, we will get a hands-on tour of its 60-acre facility and learn about the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), resident drop-off centers for non-curb-side recyclables, and composting operations with a visit to a demonstration garden and composting techniques, including building compost piles and indoor worm bins. Then we will travel to Brick OCUA where we will get a tour of their facility. We will follow the path of water through the treatment process and check out the labs to discuss water testing and compliance with DEP regulations. This is a walking tour. **Close-toed shoes are mandatory. Pack a lunch, be prepared to walk on uneven ground and dress for the weather.** Layering is best.

PICK-UP: Nature Center Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Tuesday, October 20354516 – 4B

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:15 am – 4:00 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years – Adult

The History of Hangers and Airships Walking Tour & Borough of Lakehurst Historical Society Museum

Although Navy Lakehurst will forever be remembered as the site of the Hindenburg disaster, many other significant events have taken place here. The all-volunteer Navy Lakehurst Historical Society in cooperation with the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst & NSA Public Affairs Office offers walking tours of the Lakehurst Naval Base. The 3.5 hour walking/standing tour includes: The Cathedral of The Air, The Hindenburg Crash Site, The Navy Lakehurst Heritage Center, The Ready Room, The POW-MIA Room, Historic Hangar One and Gift Shop. We will stop at Lake Horicon for a picnic lunch, then off to the Borough of Lakehurst Historical Society Museum.

Tours may be canceled for the following reasons: military operations, security issues, weather. Participants will be contacted by trip leader 2 weeks prior to trip for social security number and date of birth for base clearance. Please pack a lunch and bring identification. This is a walking tour with limited opportunities for sitting.

PICK-UP: Cooper Environmental Center, Lobby, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Wednesday, October 21.....352516 – 2C

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years – Adult

Cemetery Birding

Traveling to mysteries unknown

Green spaces can be hard to come by within the cities of New Jersey, but there is one habitat that is always well maintained and filled with trees and greenery - cemeteries! Join us for this birding van tour in the spookiest of seasons as we explore some frighteningly good birding hot spots. **Please pack a lunch and dress for the weather. Bug spray with DEET is recommended.**

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Tuesday, October 27.....354516 – 4X

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years -Adult

VAN TOURS

★ Mullica River Van Tour

Traveling to Burlington and Atlantic Counties

The Mullica River region is rich in both history and nature. Our explorations will take us from the mouth to the headwaters of the river that was referred to by the British during the American Revolution as a “nest of rebel pirates.” We will visit churches, graveyards, battle monuments and ruins of old company towns. Some walking on uneven ground will be required at some sites. **Please pack a lunch and dress for the weather. Bug spray with DEET is recommended.**

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Thursday, October 29354516 – 4C

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years – Adult

★ Atlantic County Veterans Museum and Revolutionary War Burial Grounds Tour

We will begin with a self-guided tour of the Atlantic County Veterans Museum, opened in 2016. The structure was originally built in 1832 as the home of Daniel Estell, one of the first owners and operators of the nearby Estell Glassworks. The museum now features military exhibits and artifacts dating from the American Revolution to the present. We will also visit several nearby burial grounds that include veterans of the American Revolution. **Pack a lunch, dress for the weather and bring money for donations to the museum if you wish. Bug spray with DEET is recommended and be prepared to walk on uneven ground.**

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Friday, November 20354516 – 4D

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years - Adult

Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center

Traveling to Cumberland County

Wheaton Arts is a historically significant cultural & heritage center located within the Pine Barrens. In addition to glass blowing, artistic demonstrations and several museum stores, it is home to the Museum of American Glass. For those looking to holiday shop, we will also be visiting during their annual studio sale.

Dress for the weather and be prepared for short walks on uneven ground. Bring lunch and drink. Additional costs are approximately \$12 adults, \$11 seniors (62+) for admission to the museum.

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Friday, December 4354516 – 4E

DEPARTURE/ RETURN: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years - Adult



VAN TOURS

Roadside Ocean County

Have you ever wondered about the story of the dinosaur on Rt 9 in Bayville, why there are giant cement blocks in the middle of the road in Mystic Island, or why there is a chair on top of a house in West Creek? Join us as we visit unique places, landmarks and other oddities around Ocean County that can be seen from the roadside. Many of these you probably pass during your travels but never knew the history behind them.

Pack a lunch and dress for the weather.

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Thursday, December 10.....354516 – 4F

DATE: Saturday, December 19.....354516 – 4G

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years – Adult



Early Winter Birds: Barnegat Lighthouse State Park & Edwin B. Forsythe Wildlife Refuge

December offers Jersey birders opportunities to view waterfowl in their breeding plumage, as ducks and geese arrive on our shores to pair-up during the long winter. A 1-mile trek by foot over the sandy beach and jetty at Barnegat Lighthouse State Park allows for best views. We will also bird-by-van around the auto-loop at Forsythe, which offers excellent views of a variety of ducks. **Wear appropriate shoes, dress for the weather, pack a lunch, bring binoculars. Must be prepared for walks in sand for up to one mile.**

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Thursday, December 17.....354516 – 4H

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years – Adults

OCEAN COUNTY HIKING CLUB

When you register and participate in any hike or jaunt offered below we automatically begin to record and keep track of your mileage. Pins and credits for free hikes are earned at the 50, 100, 250, 500 and 1000 mile marks. Join us as we get outdoor exercise, learn about our natural history, and make lasting friendships!

For more information call Wells Mills County Park at 609-971-3085.

****AMERICA 250****

**New Jersey is known as the
Crossroads of the American Revolution.
In celebration of America 250, each hike or jaunt with
a star ☆ has a connection to the Revolutionary War.**

HIKES

Our naturalists cover the diverse terrain of New Jersey through our hiking programs. Pack your lunch and dress for the weather. **Trail ratings follow each departure time.**

Please read them carefully to determine the best program for your endurance level.

Unlike our nature walks, these are recreational programs with minimal interpretation and breaks. You should be able to walk at a continuous pace on the given terrain of the hike. Please wear hiking shoes and be sure of your abilities. We recommend you arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time. All return times are approximate.

Bug spray with DEET is highly recommended.

Staff reserves the right to deny a participant entry into a program if they are deemed physically unfit or inadequately prepared to participate in said program.

If you have any questions, please call Wells Mills County Park at 609-971-3085.

☆ Historic Jockey Hollow Grand Loop Trail

Traveling to Morris County

We will be hiking through Morristown National Historic Park in the Jockey Hollow area, where George Washington and the Continental Army spent the coldest winter in recorded history, from 1779-1780. This hike will differ from our regular North Jersey hikes as we will traverse rolling hills which are speckled with American history.

PICK-UP: Beach Complex Parking Lot, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Sunday, October 18.....354236 – 4A

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

RATING & MILEAGE: **Moderate: Hilly– 6.5 miles**

FEE: \$12.00 per adult/ \$8.00 per child (ages 9-16)

AGE: 9 years – Adult



HIKES

☆ Horse Pond Mountain Hike

Traveling to Passaic County

Located in Long Pond Ironworks State Park, we will hike to the summit of Horse Pond Mountain, with panoramic views over the Monksville Reservoir. We'll also come across a glacial erratic formed of puddingstone, a plum-colored rock not characteristic of the area. Long Pond Ironworks contributed significantly to the Revolutionary War efforts. It supplied the Continental Army with cannon balls and other essential materials during the war. **There will be multiple river crossing on rocks and some rock scrambling.**

PICK-UP: Beach Complex Parking Lot, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Sunday, October 25.....354236 – 4B

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

RATING & MILEAGE: **Moderate to Strenuous: steep, some rock scrambling, river crossing on rocks, may be slippery - 6 miles**

FEE: \$12.00 per adult / \$8.00 per child (ages 9-16)

AGE: 9 years to Adult

☆ Huyler's Landing Hike/Palisades

Traveling to Bergen County

This moderate hike features both walks atop the Palisades cliffs and along the riverfront. We will pass the interesting ruins of several former estates that were acquired when the park was created. Huyler's Landing is one of the points where General Cornwallis and his British troops crossed into NJ and scaled the Palisades Cliffs after taking New York City.

PICK-UP: Beach Complex Parking Lot, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Saturday, November 14.....354236 – 4C

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 7:30 am - 3:00 pm

RATING & MILEAGE: **Moderate to strenuous, some steep climbs– 5.5 miles**

FEE: \$12.00 per adult/ \$8.00 per child (ages 9-16)

AGE: 9 years – Adult

☆ Ramapo Lake Hike

Traveling to Passaic County

This hike, within Ramapo Mountain State Forest, will present us with beautiful cascading brooks, a scenic mountain lake and panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. We will be hiking along portions of Cannonball Trail, the route that the Continental Army traveled to transport supplies and facilitate guerrilla tactics through the Ramapo River area.

PICK-UP: Beach Complex Parking Lot, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Sunday, November 22.....354236 – 4D

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

RATING& MILEAGE: **Moderate to Strenuous: Some steep, rocky climbs- 5.5 miles**

FEE: \$12.00 per adult/ \$8.00 per child (ages 9-16)

AGE: 9 years – Adult

☆ Washington Valley Park Hike

Traveling to Somerset County

This hike will take us along rolling, wooded hills, along Middle Brook and around the edge of Washington Valley Reservoir. We will also be walking along the Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail, which traces the route of the 1781 march of General George Washington's Continental Army and General Rochambeau's French forces from Newport, Rhode Island to Yorktown, Virginia. Portions of the trail may be wet.

PICK-UP: Nature Center Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood, NJ

DATE: Tuesday, November 24.....354236 – 4E

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

RATING& MILEAGE: **Moderate: Some rocky footings, may be wet- 5.5 miles**

FEE: \$12.00 per adult/ \$8.00 per child (ages 9-16)

AGE: 9 years – Adult

HIKES

☆ Washington Crossing State Park Hike

Traveling to Mercer County

This hike will take us around the park where the Continental Army landed after the historic crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas Night in 1776. If time permits, we will check out their new visitor center.

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Tuesday, December 15.....354236 – 4F

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

RATING & MILEAGE: **Easy to moderate: mostly flat, few hills- 5 miles**

FEE: \$12.00 per adult/ \$8.00 per child (ages 9-16)

AGE: 9 years – Adult

☆1808 Trail

Traveling to Burlington County

Named for the old logging road that ran between Batsto Village and Crowleystown, the 1808 Trail will be part of our loop through Wharton State Forest. We will pass towering Atlantic White Cedars and cut through Mordecai Swamp, as well as walk along a portion of the Batona Trail. It has been said that cannonballs were hidden in Mordecai Swamp just prior to the British attacking the privateers at Chestnut Neck in October of 1778.

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Sunday, December 20.....354236 – 4G

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

RATING & MILEAGE: **Moderate (due to length): Some sand, may be wet- 7 miles**

FEE: \$12.00 per adult/ \$8.00 per child (ages 9-16)

AGE: 9 years – Adult

JAUNTS

Jaunts are shorter and/or traverse easier terrain than most of our hikes. These programs are well suited for beginners or those simply seeking a shorter walk. Feel free to bring along a snack or lunch to eat at the end of the jaunt as we will generally be finished with our walk by lunch time. For later ending programs, we will have lunch at the location.

Unlike our nature walks, these are recreational programs with minimal interpretation and breaks. You should be able to walk at a continuous pace on the given terrain of the jaunt. Please wear shoes appropriate for hiking and dress for the weather.We recommend you arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time. All return times are approximate. **Bug spray with DEET is recommended.**

If you have any questions, please call Wells Mills County Park at 609-971-3085.

☆Clayton Jaunt & Historic Walnford

Traveling to Monmouth County

Moderate terrain and gentle hills make this an interesting yet easy hike. The stately stands of huge oak, beech and ash trees are a testament to the long period of undisturbed history of this tract. After our jaunt, we will head to Historic Walnford to eat lunch and view the grounds. Richard Waln purchased this property in 1772, and being a Quaker, he refused to take sides during the Revolutionary War. Because of this, he was classified as a Tory and arrested. Hessian troops also passed by Walnford four days before the Battle of Monmouth.

PICK-UP: Nature Center Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Friday, October 23.....354536 – 4A

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

RATING & MILEAGE: **Easy to Moderate: Flat, with some hills – 4.5 miles**

FEE: \$8.00 per adult/ \$6.00 per child (ages 9-16)

AGE: 9 years – Adult

JAUNTS

☆ Monmouth Battlefield Jaunt

Traveling to Monmouth County

It was a hot and humid June 28, 1778, when Washington's army participated in one of the longest battles of the Revolutionary War. Although it only lasted one day because the British retreated in the middle of the night, Washington's army won a much-needed psychological victory after many defeats against the British. Our path will take us past some historical interpretive panels, through agriculture fields, and along the forest edge.

Bug spray with DEET is recommended.

PICK-UP: Nature Center Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Friday, November 6.....354536 – 4B

DEPARTURE & RETURN: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

RATING & MILEAGE: **Easy: mostly flat – 4 miles**

FEE: \$8.00 per adult / \$6.00 per child (ages 9-16)

AGE: 9 years - Adult

☆ Hartshorne Woods-Grand Tour Jaunt

Traveling to Monmouth County

Hartshorne Woods Park in Monmouth County was a desirable military defense site due to its high elevation. This elevation also allows for some moderately challenging trails through the forest along the coast of the Navesink River. After the British defeat at the Battle of Monmouth, General Sir Henry Clinton had the British army set up camp on both sides of the road where we begin our jaunt. They were there for a week while awaiting transport across to Sandy Hook, which took place on July 5, 1778.

PICK-UP: Nature Center Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Friday, November 13.....354536 – 4C

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

RATING & MILEAGE: **Moderate: hilly, mild rocky footing – 4 miles**

FEE: \$8.00 per adult/ \$6.00 per child (ages 9-16)

AGE: 9 years – Adult

☆ Batsto Jaunt

Traveling to Burlington County

Batsto was once an iron-producing company town, providing munitions and supplies during the American Revolution. Part of our route will take us along the old millpond, which once supplied power to the furnace bellows and still powers the sawmill to this day.

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Friday, December 18.....354536 – 4D

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

RATING & MILEAGE: **Easy: flat, some sugar sand– 4 miles**

FEE: \$8.00 per adult/ \$6.00 per child (ages 9-16)

AGE: 9 years – Adult

PARENT CHILD FUN

Maker Monday's Kids Craft Drop In

Nature Crafts and activities are an easy way to inspire kids to develop a love and appreciation of the outdoors. Drop by with your child any time between 10 and 11 am and help them create their own natural wonder!

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Monday, October 19, November 9, December 28

TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am

AGE: 3 – 5 years

FEE: Free (no registration required)

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

These are Drop-Off Programs. Children must be potty-trained
Please dress for the weather as many of the classes will be held outside
Please note any food allergies or special needs
There are no rain dates for Preschool Programs, a credit would be issued
FEE: \$5.00 per child TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am AGE: 3 - 5 years

What's in an Elephant's Trunk?

We will have some enormous fun playing elephant related games, reading stories about elephants, and making Jumbo-sized crafts. Come and find out, does an elephant pack his trunk when he goes on vacation?

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Wednesday, October 7.....351021 – 1A

Pumpkin Patch Painters

Young learners will explore their creativity through hands-on art activities inspired by your child's experience of autumn. Their imagination will grow like a pumpkin on a vine through storytelling, games, and getting messy with an explosion for autumn colored paint.

LOCATION: Community Center, Stanley H. "Tip" Seaman County Park, Tuckerton

DATE: Friday, October 9351021-1K

Silly Scarecrows

Scarecrows have a very busy job chasing birds from the fields. Come join in on some silly fun with crafts and games.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Tuesday, October 13.....351021 – 1B

My Little Monster

Red, yellow, green or blue, soft and fuzzy, cuddly too! We've got a monster just for you. Everyone needs a little monster to call their own, so let's make silly monsters and listen to funny monster stories!

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Wednesday, October 14.....351021 – 1C

Pumpkin Patch

Welcome to the Pumpkin Patch! We will listen to stories, play games and make all sorts of pumpkin crafts. We will share a tasty pumpkin treat at the end.

Please list any food allergies at the time of registration.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Wednesday, October 21.....351021 – 1D

Peek-A-Boo!

Get ready for some silly, spooky fun! It wouldn't be Halloween without a few witches bats and giggly ghosts. Creepy crafts, spooky stories and ghostly games will be part of this fun holiday program. **Please list any food allergies at the time of registration.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Tuesday, October 27.....351021 – 1E

Halloween Fun and Games

Come dressed in your Halloween costume and join us for some spooky fun and games. We will play several Halloween-themed games and prizes will be awarded to all participating. **Please wear sneakers and bring a drink.**

LOCATION: Open Field Waterside, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Tuesday, October 27.....353021 – 3A

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Hidden in the Leaves

Join us as we take in the beauty of fall with a short walk collecting various leaves and natural items. We will then go inside, read a short story, and create our very own leaf creatures or people out of the items we collect.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Tuesday, October 27.....355332 – 5A

Whoo! Stays Up All Night

While you and I are asleep, many animals stay awake at night. We will take a fun look at nighttime creatures through crafts and stories.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Wednesday, November 4.....351021 – 1F

Maple Morning Art

Cozy up with a warm cup of cider this autumn morning and join us as the leaves turn and the season changes. From maple leaves to masterpieces, we will explore the beauty of the changing seasons through hands-on art activities, engaging games, and story-filled adventures.

Please List any food allergies at the time of registration.
LOCATION: Community Center, Stanley H. “Tip” Seaman County Park, Tuckerton
DATE: Friday, November 6.....351021 – 1M

Forest Friends

The forest is full of life. We will take a look at the feathered and furry friends of the forest, through stories, games and crafts.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Tuesday, November 17.....351021 – 1G

“T” is for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day will soon be here, it comes around just once a year. Pilgrims, Turkey, and pumpkin pie! We will have fun making Thanksgiving crafts.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Wednesday, November 18.....351021 – 1H

Pumpkin Guts

Autumn is here, and with it comes pumpkin season! Pumpkin pie, jack-o-lanterns, and pumpkin spice everything, nothing beats the power of pumpkins. Join us as we explore the every expanding world of pumpkins. We will read a short pumpkin story, taste some pumpkin treats, do a pumpkin craft and cut open a pumpkin to feel some pumpkin guts!

Please list any food allergies at the time of registration.
LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Thursday, November 5.....355332 – 5B
TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child AGE: 3 – 6 years

Arctic Art Adventures

Come explore the arctic with friends and learn about the wonders of winter. Here you can let your imagination snowball and create a big winter wonderland of crafts. From snowflakes to storytelling, we will spark our imagination!

LOCATION: Community Center, Stanley H. “Tip” Seaman County Park, Tuckerton
DATE: Friday, December 4.....351021 – 1O

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Little Ace’s Tennis

This program is designed to teach children the basics of the game of tennis. Children will get a feel for a racket and will learn the basic groundstrokes and footwork for the game. Drills and games will be incorporated so that kids will have loads of fun learning a new sport. Rackets will be provided. This class may be held inside if the weather is not favorable. **Please wear sneakers and bring a drink.**

LOCATION: Tennis Courts 5 & 6, Ocean County Park, Lakewood
DATE: Monday, December 7.....353021 – 3B



Candy Cane Creators

Come join us and celebrate the holiday through sweet candy-cane inspired crafts. Here peppermint fun is sprinkled into every activity and brings joy to the season, one story at a time!

Please List any food allergies at the time of registration.
LOCATION: Community Center, Stanley H. “Tip” Seaman County Park, Tuckerton
DATE: Friday, December 11351021 – 1P

A Pinch of Grinch

He’s a green meanie but we’ll soften him up. After reading How the Grinch Stole Christmas, we will make Grinch crafts and share a special “green Grinchy” treat.

Please list any food allergies at time of registration
LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Wednesday December 16.....351021 – 1I

Deck the Halls!

Let’s get in the holiday mood by making lots of ornaments. Glitter, pom-poms and sparkly baubles will make the holidays shine.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, December 17.....351021 – 1J

44th OLD TIME BARNEGAT BAY DECOY and GUNNING SHOW

Contest Schedule: Saturday, September 26, 2026

Skeet/Dog Area

Preliminary Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox	7:00 am-10:30 am
Women's Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox	10:30 am
Youth Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox	11:00 am
Retriever Contest- Puppy	12:30 pm
Retriever Contest- Novice	1:30 pm
Preliminary Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox	3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Decoy Tent

Traditional Shorebird Rig Contest	10:30 am
Delaware River Gunning Decoy Contest	11:00 am
Contemporary Gunning Decoy Contest	12:00 pm
Youth Shorebird Contest	12:30 pm
Youth Decoy Contests	12:30 pm
Shorebird Decoy Contests (Decorative Slick & Traditional)	1:00 pm
Miniature Decoy Contest	1:30 pm
Barnegat Bay Gunning Decoy Contest - Traditional	2:00 pm

Park Community Center

Model Boat Contest	10:00 am
Art & Photo Contests	11:00 am
Decorative Contests	12:00 pm

Park

Boat Building Contests (Judging)	10:00 am-12:00 pm
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Stage

Duck & Goose Calling Contest-Adult	10:00 am
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Contest Schedule: Sunday, September 27, 2026

Skeet/Dog Area

Preliminary Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox	7:00 am-11:00 am
World Championship Skeetshoot Finals	11:30 am
Retriever Contest-Advanced	1:00 pm

Decoy Tent

Working Fish Decoy Contest	8:30 am
Delaware River Gunning Decoy Rig Contest	9:00 am
Barnegat Bay Gunning Decoy Rig Contest	9:30 am
Cork Gunning Decoy Contest	10:00 am
Contemporary Antique Decoy Contest	10:30 am
Head Whittling Contest	10:00 am-12:00 pm
Barnegat Bay Gunning Decoy Contest - Decorative Slick	11:00 am
Advanced Carver Contest	12:00 pm

Park Athletic Field

Archery Contest-Youth	10:30 am
Archery Contest- Adult	11:30 am

Stage

Duck & Goose Calling Contests-Youth	10:00 am
Awards Ceremony & Conklin Presentation	3:30 pm-4:00 pm

NOTE: All contest entries must be checked in at event site by 10:00 am the day of the contest.

***see show program for exact schedule.**

**WEATHER UPDATES WILL BE POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA
and www.oceancountyparks.org**





Music Schedule*

SATURDAY, SEPTMEBER 26, 2026

Linda Salmons
Basement Musicians Guild

TIME

11:30 am – 1:30 pm
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

LOCATION

Park
Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Linda Salmons
Basement Musicians Guild

TIME

11:00 am – 12:30 pm
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

LOCATION

Park
Park

Seminar Schedule*

SATURDAY, SEPTMEBER 26, 2026

Heritage Tent Demonstrations
Advanced Dog Obedience Demonstration
Tuckerton Creek Boat Rides

TIME

All Day
TBA
See Program

LOCATION

Park
Park
Tuckerton Seaport

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Heritage Tent Demonstrations
Advanced Dog Obedience Demonstration
Tuckerton Creek Boat Rides

TIME

All Day
TBA
See Program

LOCATION

Park
Park
Tuckerton Seaport

***Music & Activities subject to change.
Please check official show program when available.**



32nd Annual Pine Barrens Jamboree

FREE! Saturday, October 10 10am - 4:30pm

Wells Mills County Park in Waretown



The Affair at Cedar Bridge

23rd Commemoration of the 1782 (244 years ago)

Affair at Cedar Bridge, at Cedar Bridge Tavern,
200 Old Halfway Road in Barnegat

Sunday, December 6th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

~ Skirmishes at 12:00pm & 2:00pm ~ SNOW DATE: Sunday 1/3/2027



Lighting Up Nature

Heading out to drive through your neighborhood to look at
Holiday Lights?... swing by Jakes Branch County Park for their

**NEIGHBORHOOD-Style
Drive Thru Display**

December 11 thru 14

6 – 8 pm

FREE!!

JAKES BRANCH COUNTY PARK

1100 Double Trouble Road, Beachwood

Awesome Autumn FUN

JAKES BRANCH COUNTY PARK

1100 Double Trouble Road, Beachwood



Saturday, Nov 7 1pm - 4pm

FREE Family Event ~ All Ages

HAYRIDES, PETTING ZOO, LAWN GAMES

LIVE MUSIC, KIDS CRAFTS, FOOD TRUCK ON SITE

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Cattus Island County Park Cooper Environmental Center

**FREE
EVENT**

**Saturday
December 12
10am - 2pm**

Games ~ Crafts ~ Live Animal Talks ~ Horse Carriage Rides (11am-2pm) ~ Campfire Storytime
Food ~ A Visit from Santa ~ Candy Cane Nature Walk

Sunday Funday

OCEAN COUNTY PARK

659 Ocean Ave. (Route 88), Lakewood

**Magician, Juggler,
Games, Petting Zoo,
Touch-A-Truck,
Family Hayrides**

Fun for the Whole Family!

All Ages - Free Event



Sunday, Oct 11 12pm - 4pm



The Best Golf of the Year Starts Now

Cooler Days, Better Rounds



**Forge Pond
Golf Course**
- Brick, NJ

OCTOBER 23rd

**NIGHT
GOLF**

Sign-ups begin October 1st

- **Must Be Booked In-person at Pro Shop**
- **No Reservations Accepted Over The Phone.**

No Refunds. No Exceptions.



**Atlantis
Golf Course**
- Little Egg Harbor, NJ

OCTOBER 1st

**BARTLETT
TOURNAMENT**

Sign-ups Begin September 1st

Forge Pond GC Clinics

Short Game

9/8 2:00-3:30PM

10/1 3:00-4:30PM

Intro to Golf

9/8 4:00-5:30PM

Women's Clinic

10/1 5:00-6:30PM

301 Chambers Bridge Road
Brick, NJ 08723
732-920-8899

Atlantis GC Clinics

Short Game

9/19 11:00- 12:30PM

10/8 5:00-6:30PM

Women's Clinic

9/19 1:00-2:30PM

10/8 3:00-4:30PM

261 Country Club Boulevard
Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08050
609-296-2444

**For More Information About The Clinics Please Contact
Atlantis Pro Shop Or Forge Pond Pro Shop For More Details!**

**Open Year-Round! Stop By For A Gift Card!
Closed Only On Thanksgiving And Christmas Day.**

Visit OceanCountyParks.Org For Course Details, Rates And More.
Book Online Or Call Pro Shop For More!

Giant Flea Market

Ocean County Park, Lakewood



Sunday, October 18
9:00am - 1:00pm



Early registration ends Friday, September 11. For anyone registering on the day of the Flea Market, the cost will increase from \$15.00 to \$40.00 per unit if space is still available.

NOTE: Pre-registration is highly recommended.

Visit our website at www.oceancountyparks.org or email

Jake at JHaug@co.ocean.nj.us for an application.

Brought to you by the Ocean County Board of Commissioners

Robert S. Arace – Liaison to Ocean County Parks and Recreation

Jennifer Bacchione, Sam Ellenbogen, Ray Gormley, and Frank Sadeghi

Family/Pet Photos with Santa Claus

FREE



Santa Claus will visit Cattus Island County Park for a fun photo opportunity with your pet.

Bring your own camera, and one of Santa's helpers will be on hand to take your perfect holiday photo.

All Pets Must be on a Leash

This event is "first come first served."

LOCATION: Lecture Room in the Cooper Environmental Center
DATE: Sunday, December 13 11:00am-2:00pm **FREE All Ages**



TEACHERS!...Borrow-A-Naturalist

Calling all Ocean County teachers. Sick of fluorescent lights? Tired of cutting through the red tape to run a field trip? Invite a naturalist to do a nature walk on your school's grounds. Most of Ocean County's schools are located in some of the richest and most unique natural areas in the county. The naturalist can also answer questions and provide program ideas. Perfect for all grade levels.

Contact Christopher Claus at (732) 506-5122

or

cclaus@co.ocean.nj.us

for more information or to set up an appointment.

FUN FOR KIDS

“Schools Out” Drop-in Crafts

Stop by the Cooper Environmental Center for a nature themed craft

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, November 5

Friday, November 6

TIME: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

FEE: Free

AGE: All

Creepy Crawly Crafts – Pinecone Wolf Spider!

Wolf spiders are a common spider in the New Jersey Pine Barrens. For this craft we will turn a pine cone into our very own creepy - but friendly wolf spider!

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Thursday, October 22.....359332 – 9B

TIME: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

FEE: Free

AGE: All

Kids’ Fish Decoy Painting

Become a folk artist and paint your first fish decoy! Learn about decoy carving, while you paint your fish like the real thing or in your own style! Painting will be done outside. Please dress for the weather, wear clothes that can get paint on them, and use bug spray.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Monday, December 28.....359332 – 9C

TIME: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: 4 – 7 years



Boo-tiful Little Ghost

Little artist will “boo-loom” with creativity when they step into this program. Come join this class where your child will learn to express their spooky side through ghostly crafts and games. With Halloween just around the corner, children should expect a trick-or-a-treat!

Please list any food allergies at the time of registration.

LOCATION: Community Center, Stanley H. “Tip” Seaman County Park, Tuckerton

DATE: Friday, October 23.....351021 – 1L

TIME: 4:00 – 5:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per child

AGE: 5 - 7 years

Gobble, Glitter, & Glue

Come explore the spirit of thanksgiving through fun and hands-on activities. During this program your child will cut, glue and give thanks while expressing their creativity. Your tiny turkeys will also stretch their big imaginations through storytelling.

LOCATION: Community Center, Stanley H. “Tip” Seaman County Park, Tuckerton

DATE: Friday, November 20351021 – 1N

TIME: 4:00 – 5:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per child

AGE: 5 – 7 years

FUN FOR KIDS

Homeschool Gym - South

This class is designed for children who are being homeschooled but still want that gym class atmosphere. Every week, fun new activities will be introduced to allow children the opportunity to get some exercise, learn new skills, and play and interact with other children. The instructors will bring various pieces of equipment for all to use depending on the activity planned for the day. Please wear sneakers and bring a drink. We will have two instructors from 10:30 – 11:30 am teaching separately.

LOCATION: Soft ball field, Stanley "Tip" Seaman County Park, Tuckerton

DATE: Wednesdays, October 14 – November 18

TIME: 10:30 – 11:30 am.....AGE: 5 – 8 years.....353021 – 3H

TIME: 12:00 – 1:00 pm.....AGE: 9 – 14 years.....353021 – 3I

FEE: \$14.00 per child

Homeschool Gym - North

This class is designed for children who are being homeschooled but still want that gym class atmosphere. Every week, fun new activities will be introduced to allow children the opportunity to get some exercise, learn new skills, and play and interact with other children. The instructors will bring various pieces of equipment for all to use depending on the activity planned for the day. **Please wear sneakers and bring a drink. We will have two instructors from 10:30 – 11:30 am teaching separately.**

LOCATION: Soccer Field, Beaver Dam Creek County Park, Point Pleasant

DATE: Mondays, October 26 – November 30353021 – 3C

TIME: 10:30 – 11:30 am AGE: 5 – 6 years

DATE: Mondays, October 26 – November 30353021 – 3D

TIME: 10:30 – 11:30 am AGE: 7 – 8 years

DATE: Mondays, October 26 – November 30353021 – 3E

TIME: 12:00 – 1:00 pm AGE: 9 – 14 years

FEE: \$14.00 per child

Gratitude Painting

This program is designed to promote self-awareness, gratitude and reflection: we'll Encourage kids (and adults) to reflect on things they are grateful for and then capture it on canvas. Whether it's a beloved pet, a cherished friend, a favorite food, or a special place or activity, this painting project allows them to express their gratitude artistically.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, November 22359332 – 9F

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

FEE: \$ 5.00 per person AGE: 7 years – Adult

Beginner Tennis for Kids & Teens

This program is designed for children who are beginners in tennis. This two-session program will incorporate all of the basics needed for a child to get a feel for the sport. Groundstrokes, volleying, and more will be taught through fun drills and games to introduce a child to the wonderful game of tennis.

Please wear sneakers and bring a drink. Rackets will be provided.

LOCATION: Tennis Courts 1 & 2, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Thursdays October 8 & 15.....353021 – 3F

TIME: 4:30 - 5:30 pm

FEE: \$8.00 per child AGE: 8 - 15 years



FUN FOR KIDS

Make Your Own Lenape Jackstraw Games!

Learn about the Lenape people and create a set of Jackstraw, a game similar to pick up sticks created by the Lenape. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All materials are provided.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, November 15.....359332 – 9D

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

FEE: \$ 5.00 per person

AGE: 5 years – Adult

Making a Bug Hotel

As winter approaches and temperatures cool down, many of our insect friends will seek shelter to stay snug until spring. We can help them out by creating 'bug hotels, the perfect garden addition to give our six-legged friends a place to stay for the winter! We will be using a variety of natural and recycled materials; each child will leave with their own bug hotel ready to be put outside.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Sunday, October 11355332 – 5C

TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: 6 – 12 years

Spooky Story Time: Legend of the Jersey Devil

It's time for a spooky story about the Jersey Devil! Kids ages 7 – 10 will listen to a story about the Jersey Devil and create their own Jersey Devil sculpture. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All materials are provided.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, October 18359332 – 9E

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

FEE: \$ 5.00 per person

AGE: 7 – 10 years

Handmade Wall Hanging

Come create a unique wall hanging using yams, fibers, natural items and more!

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, December 13359332 – 9G

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

FEE: \$ 5.00 per person

AGE: 10 – 13 years

Youth Pickleball

Pickleball is the newest sports sensation taking the country by storm, and it is loved by all age groups. This class is designed for children and teens to get to know the basics of this wonderful game. Dinking, serving, volleying, and scoring are some of the topics of instruction in this class. Come out and learn to play pickleball with your peers!

Please wear sneakers and bring a drink. Paddles and balls will be provided.

LOCATION: Pickleball Courts 3 & 4, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Tuesdays, October 6 & 13.....353021 – 3G

TIME: 4:30 - 5:30 pm

FEE: \$8.00 per person

AGE: 10 – 16 years

Archery for Kids

This class is suitable for beginners and all equipment is provided. Be a part of the exciting world of archery by learning the essentials, including safety, equipment and technique. Our NASP certified instructor will get you hitting the bullseye in no time! Students will practice what they have learned on our outdoor range.

Participants should wear sneakers and bug spray.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Saturday, December 12.....359332 – 9A

TIME: 10:00 - 11:30 am

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: 10 – 17 years

HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Planting Spring Flowering Bulbs

Don't put away those garden tools just yet. Now is the time to start thinking about how you want your garden to greet you in the spring. Learn about choosing and planting an array of bulbs from tulips to crocus, and daffodils.

Outdoor event, please dress accordingly.

LOCATION: Ocean County Tree Nursery, Jackson

DATE: Wednesday, September 16357186 – 7A

TIME 10:30 – 11:30 am

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: Adult



Tips for Growing Garlic

Learn how to introduce a wide variety of garlic to your summer veggie harvest. Growing your own garlic is rewarding, low cost and a tasty addition to your kitchen creations.

Outdoor event, please dress accordingly.

LOCATION: Ocean County Tree Nursery, 499 South Stump Tavern, Jackson

DATE: Wednesday, October 7.....357186 – 7B

TIME: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: Adult

Growing Microgreens for the Home Gardener

Microgreens are packed with nutrition and flavor but can be expensive to buy at the store. Join us for this fun hands-on class and learn how to grow fresh microgreens throughout the year.

Outdoor event, please dress accordingly.

LOCATION: Ocean County Tree Nursery, 499 South Stump Tavern, Jackson

DATE: Wednesday, October 21.....357186 – 7C

TIME: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm...

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: Adult

FINE ART CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Stories & Snacks: Bite-Sized Art History

Bring a snack and settle in for a lively, bite-sized journey in art history. We'll explore a handful of fascinating artworks and the stories behind them: unexpected details, historical moments, and the people who made them. No background in art is needed, just curiosity (and maybe something tasty to munch on). You'll leave with a few new favorite artworks and a fresh way of looking at art.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, October 1.....350186 – 1A

TIME: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: Adult

NEW! Zen Meditative Drawing: Fall Landscape with Watercolor

Experience the beauty of line drawing as a meditative practice, one pattern at a time.

This fall session will “leaf” you feeling focused and relaxed, and leaving with a beautiful, frame-able, mixed media design, created with pen and watercolor. Join us!

Required Supplies to purchase before class: Sakura brand Micron black pens, Multipack of 3 pens, 3 sizes (~\$8) Available at Walmart, Amazon, Michaels, etc.

The rest of the supplies will be provided in class.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Friday, October 9.....350186 – 1B

TIME: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

FEE: \$20.00 per person

AGE: 13 years - Adult

NEW! Creative Collaging: Self Portraits on Canvas

There's a great quote that reads: “I am a mosaic of everything I have ever loved.” Let's dig into that with some thoughtful, intentional collaging: the simple act of cutting and pasting into a form, creating as you go. We'll have some ready to cut out ephemera for you to use: pop culture, food, art, places, things- but please bring collage-able photos and items you'd like to include, like photos of loved ones, keep sakes, tickets, and anything else you think represents YOU! You'll leave with a “self-portrait” of everything you have ever loved. Supply List [for receipt],

Required Supplies to purchase before class: Mod Podge Matte Sealer, 8 oz.; ~\$3.99

Available at Walmart, Amazon, Michaels, etc. The rest of the supplies will be provided in class.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Monday, October 19.....350186 – 1C

TIME: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

FEE: \$15.00 per person

AGE: All

NEW! Paint Your Person: Portraits & Mocktails

Bring a friend, spouse, partner, sibling, parent, or favorite person for a fun evening of painting each other's portraits while enjoying handcrafted mocktails. No painting experience needed! Just a willingness to have fun, try something new, and laugh! Art Supplies included! Bring a snack to share.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Friday, November 13.....350186 – 1D

TIME: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

FEE: \$20.00 per person

AGE: Adult

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Intro to Watercolor: Autumn Landscape

Have you ever wanted to try watercolor but didn't want to commit to several classes? During this one-day workshop, you will create two 4x6-sized autumn landscape paintings of the Pine Barrens. This relaxed class, led by Diane Israel, a local watercolor artist, will help you hone your beginner watercolor skills while also showcasing our region's beauty. All painting supplies are included. Dress for the weather, as this program will be outside. If inclement weather, the program will be moved inside. **Please bring \$50.00 in exact change for the instructor and materials.**

LOCATION: Dock, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Saturday, September 19.....356186 – 6A

TIME: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: 12 years - Adult

Autumn Wreath

Welcome the kaleidoscope of autumn colors this fall with The Wreath Fairy. We will be taking this season's warm color palette of reds, oranges, and yellows, and combining them with warm neutrals such as beige, cream, and brown to create a cozy, inviting accent piece for your home. Extra embellishments and decorative ribbon will allow you to make this wreath uniquely yours! **Please bring a snack and have \$40 in exact change for the instructor and materials.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, September 20.....356186 – 6B

TIME: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: Adult

Pottery Classes

Enjoy the exciting world of pottery. You will study hand building techniques, use of the potter's wheel and glazing techniques.

LOCATION: Pottery Barn, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATES: Tuesdays, September 22 - December 8

TIMES: 10:00 am -12:00 noon.....351384 – 1A

5:00 – 7:00 pm.....351384 – 1B

7:00 – 9:00 pm.....351384 – 1C

DATE: Wednesdays, September 23 – December 9

10:00 am – 12:00 noon351384 – 1D

FEE: \$200.00, includes expert instruction, firing and glazing

AGE: Adult

Adult Drawing & Painting

Come and join us for an afternoon of creativity! In this 8-week course we will touch on a short drawing lesson and then spend the rest of the time exploring acrylic painting. This class will cover and practice some color theory, and we will do some experiments with various techniques and mediums. Participant input is highly encouraged. Participants must bring basic paints, brushes and canvas boards, all will be discussed on the first day of class.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Thursdays, October 8 – November 12.....351186 – 1A

TIME: 1:00 - 2:30 pm

FEE: \$70.00 per person

AGE: Adult

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Create Your Own Walking Stick

Fall hiking season is here, and what better way to kick it off than to make your very own personalized walking stick? Join us for an afternoon with Brad Koller who will teach us how to handcraft a beautiful walking stick. Wood, tools, gloves, and aprons will be provided. The program will be held outside so please dress for the weather. **Please bring exact cash or a check payable to instructor Brad Koller for \$30.00.**

Children aged 8 - 13 years must be accompanied by an adult.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, September 20.....359186 - 9A

Sunday, October 11.....359186 - 9B

TIME: 12:00 - 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center

Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Sunday, October 4.....352186 - 2A

Sunday, November 1.....352186 - 2B

TIME: 12:00 - 3:30 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: 8 years - Adult

Chunky Yarn Pumpkins

Let's make some new pumpkin decorations using chunky yarn. Chunky yarn is an easy material for beginners and their trendy crafts. Join us as we guide you step-by-step on how to make pumpkins by hand crocheting yarn. This crafty DIY project will give you something new to decorate your fall festive home. No knitting experience is needed, and all supplies will be provided.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center,

Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Monday, October 5.....352186 - 2C

TIME: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

FEE: \$25.00 per person

AGE: 14 years - Adult

Needle-Felted Pumpkin: Beginner

Needle felting is the art of using specialized needles to condense natural wool fibers in order to create beautiful soft sculptures. Join us for our fall needle-felting class, where we will be making pumpkins! You will learn basic needle felting techniques and leave with your own felted pumpkin! No experience necessary, all supplies will be provided by the instructor.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Friday, October 9..... 355186 - 5A

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: 16 years - Adult

Charcoal Ink Making

The Declaration of Independence was written using iron gall ink with a quill pen. For this program we will learn how to make similar ink using charcoal and trying our hand with a quill pen.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Saturday, October 10.....359186 - 9C

Thursday, November 12.....359186 - 9D

TIME: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

FEE: \$7.00 per person

AGE: 10 years - Adult

Burlap Owl Wreath

Owls sure are a hoot! Join us as we create a fast and fun owl wreath sure to liven up your door or any room between the many fall-days this year!

LOCATION: Program Room, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Friday, October 16.....355186 - 5B

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

FEE: \$15.00 per person

AGE: 14 years - Adult

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

DIY Chunky Blanket

Would you love to cozy up this winter with a big chunky blanket? Do you love to give handmade gifts for the holidays? Join us as we guide you step-by-step on this new trend in DIY.... knitting your own chunky blanket! This class will make you want to create more and more until everyone in the family has one. No knitting experience is needed, and all supplies will be provided to get your blanket started.

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center Lecture Room, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Monday, October 19.....352186 – 2D

TIME: 5:00 – 8:00 pm

FEE: \$50.00 per person

AGE: 14 years – Adult

Harvest Basket

Fall leaves, harvest corn and sweater pumpkins make a unique centerpiece or mantle display for the season. All supplies provided but feel free to bring anything from home to personalize your projects.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, October 22.....351186 – 1B

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

FEE: \$20.00 per person

AGE: Adult

Make Your Own Magic Wand!

Come join the magical fun! Please wear work clothes. Children aged 8-13 years must be accompanied by an adult. **Please bring exact cash or checks payable to instructor Brad Koller for \$30.00.** All materials are provided. Participants may make a second wand if time permits, at no additional cost.

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Sunday, October 25.....359186 – 9E

TIME: 12:00 - 2:30 pm..

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: 8 years – Adult

Herbal Brooms

Join us as we make brooms using various dried herbs, leaving your home smelling fresh while adding an eye-catching piece sure to spark conversations with all your guests.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Friday, October 30.....355186 – 5C

TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: 14 years – Adult

Paint along Gourd Ornament

Time to spread your creative wings with our paint-along class! We'll paint beautiful designs on a small gourd, ready to be a beautiful Christmas ornament! Each participant will paint 2 ornaments. No experience needed! All participants will leave with something they can be proud of. Ornaments, paint, and use of brushes included. Wear clothing that can get paint on it. **Please Pack a bagged lunch.**

LOCATION: Community Center, Stanley "TIP" Seaman County Park, Tuckerton

DATE: Sunday, November 8.....359186 – 9F

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: 16 years – Adult

Farmhouse Snowflake

Add some rustic charm to the holidays with this wooden snowflake project. Using an assortment of ribbons, embellishments and seasonal florals, you will create a unique decoration.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, November 12.....351186 – 1C

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

FEE: \$20.00 per person

AGE: Adult

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Paper Embroidery Christmas Card

Paper embroidery is a simplified form of embroidery using a sturdy cardstock base instead of fabric. We will be embroidering festive Christmas trees and mounting them onto cards to create beautiful Christmas cards. Basic knowledge of embroidery is helpful but not required, all stitches will be taught during the class. Participants should be comfortable using and gripping small embroidery needles.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Friday, November 13.....355186 – 5D

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: 16 years – Adult

Autumn Pressed Flower Bookmarks

Come by and make some bookmarks containing beautiful, pressed autumn leaves! These are perfect for cozy fall reading, or you can give them to family and friends. This is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested in learning a new hobby. We also give a brief demonstration on how to press your own plants/flowers/leaves for whenever you like.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Saturday, November 14.....355186 – 5E

TIME: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

FEE: \$15.00 per person

AGE: 10 years - Adult

Cordage Making 101

Cordage played a vital role throughout the history of mankind across the world, to this day rope is pivotal for many tasks, but how is it made? Learn how the Lenape peoples made their cordage and what they made it out of. In this program, there will be a short presentation on the uses of cordage through history, as well as how to identify the plants that are ideal for cordage making. Then a hands-on craft to make your own cordage in the form of an “intention tassel”. All materials will be provided.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Sunday, November 15.....355186 – 5F

TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 9 years – Adult

Introduction to Card Making

Greeting cards are so thoughtful to send, and such a treat to receive, but today's store-bought cards have become SO expensive. No matter what your skill level, this workshop will help you create greeting cards that will put a smile not only on your recipients' faces, but yours as well! We will explore many greeting card options, from embellishments to pop-up and pull-tab creations. All materials will be provided.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center,
Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Monday, November 16352186 – 2E

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

FEE: \$15.00 per person

AGE: 14 years – Adult

Chunky Yarn Snowman

Love a cute DIY project? Join our staff to learn how to knit snowman decorations with chunky yarn by hand. Fill your home with these cute items or give them as gifts this holiday season. All supplies will be provided and no experience is necessary.

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Tuesday, November 17.....352186 – 2F

TIME: 5:30 – 7:30 pm

FEE: \$25.00 per person

.....AGE: 14 years – Adult

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Fall Botanical Candles

Come by to enjoy a craft where we decorate wax candles with autumn flowers and leaves. These will make beautiful decorations for Thanksgiving dinner. Each participant will be making two candles.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Friday, November 20.....355186 – 5G

TIME: 6:00 – 7:30pm

FEE: \$15.00 per person

AGE: 10 years – Adult

Holiday-Stained Glass Ornaments

Shine a little more light in your life this holiday season with a fun, beginner-stained glass class. During this program, Shannon Hummel will teach you how to foil and solder together several different colored pieces of stained glass to create your own holiday-themed ornament. If you feel adventurous, you can even grind down one of your pieces of glass! **Please have \$60 in exact change for the instructor and materials.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Friday, November 20

TIME: 9:00 am -12:00 pm.....Santa Ornament356186 – 6C

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm..... Tree Ornament356186 – 6D

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration

AGE: Adult

Needle Felted Owl: Intermediate

Needle felting is the art of using specialized needles to condense natural wool fibers in order to create beautiful soft sculptures. Join us for our fall needle felting class, where we will be making owls! This is an intermediate level class; participants should have taken at least one needle felting class previously and be familiar with basic techniques. All supplies will be provided by the instructor.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Saturday, November 21.....355186 – 5H

TIME: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

FEE: \$20.00 per person

AGE: 16 years – Adult

Sea Glass Christmas Tree and Tree Skirt

Sea glass is just as beautiful in the winter as it is in the summer, especially when adorning a tabletop tree. Join us and create your own winter tree made of various colors of sea glass topped with a starfish tree topper. After, join us and create a needle-felted tree skirt perfect for your Sea Glass Christmas Tree. **There is a separate registration fee for each activity, register for one or both! If you would like to illuminate your tree, please bring a set of battery-operated fairy lights. Call Jakes Branch Nature Center at 732-281-2750 if you have any questions on where to purchase.**

Sea Glass Christmas Tree

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Friday, November 27.....355186 – 5I

TIME: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: 14 years – Adult

Needle Felted Tree Skirt

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Friday, November 27.....355186 – 5J

TIME: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: 14 years – Adult

Wool Pine Tree

Celebrate the simple beauty of Christmas by creating a handcrafted Wool Pine Tree. During this relaxed class, you will learn how to fringe and swirl wool strips to make the branches for your tree come to life!

Please have \$55 in exact change to cover instructor fees and material costs.

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Wednesday, December 2.....356186 – 6I

TIME: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration

AGE: Adult

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Exploding Holiday Canvas

An exploding canvas that looks like a canvas that has busted open to reveal a cool design underneath. These make wonderful holiday decorations as well as gifts!

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, December 10.....351186 – 1D

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

FEE: \$20.00 per person

AGE: Adult



Evergreen Holiday Wreaths

Everybody loves the scent of a holiday wreath, and homemade ones are even more enjoyable. Native greens cut from Ocean County Park will be provided along with wire and a wreath frame. You will need to bring a pair of hand pruners and gloves. Celebrate the holiday season with us and go home with a great looking wreath.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Cooper Environmental Center

Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Tuesday, December 1.....352186 – 2G

Wednesday, December 2.....352186 – 2H

Friday, December 4.....352186 – 2I

TIME: 5:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 1.....352186 – 2J

Wednesday, December 2.....352186 – 2K

Friday, December 4.....352186 – 2L

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00pm

LOCATION: Beach Complex, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Wednesday, December 2.....358466 – 8B

TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

FEE: \$12.00 per person

AGE: 10 years– Adult

Holiday Centerpiece

Bring nature inside and showcase its radiant beauty with this holiday-inspired, gorgeous centerpiece. **Please have \$30 in exact change for the instructor and materials.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Saturday, December 19.....356186 – 6E

TIME: 9:30 - 11:30 am

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: Adult

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

South Jersey Basket Making

Join us as Mary May, a local basket maker, speaks about South Jersey basket traditions and demonstrates how to create a basket. Be prepared to weave, as you will be creating your very own basket.

Carry-It-All Basket

This classic design two-bushel 12x12 utility basket with handles and runners is the perfect storage basket. It is durable, yet stylish enough to be used to display rolled up blankets and throws in your living room. **Pack a bagged lunch. Please bring \$95.00 in exact change for the instructor and materials.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat
DATE: Friday, October 30356186 – 6F
TIME: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee AGE: Adult

Christmas Bell Ornament

Ring in the holiday season and the New Year with this adorable, handcrafted bell. **Please bring \$35.00 in exact change for the instructor and materials.**
LOCATION: Cloverdale Farm County Park Program Room, Barnegat
DATE: Friday, December 11.....356186 – 6G
TIME: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee AGE: 15 years - Adult

Scandinavian Snowflake-22 inches

Join us as we create a 22-inch Scandinavian Snowflake. This piece will look spectacular hanging in any window of the house. **Please bring \$40.00 in exact change for the instructor and materials.**
LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat
DATE: Saturday, December 12.....356186 – 6H
TIME: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee AGE: Adult



ACTIVE RECREATION

Beginner Tai Chi Outdoors

This program will enhance the quality of life for individuals without any prior knowledge of Tai Chi. While practicing this ancient art, we will use nine basic slow, flowing joint-safe movements, deep-breathing exercises, and focused intention to improve balance, physical health, and restore mental calm. The meditative program will include warm-up and cool-down exercises. This class will help you feel better, inside and out! Chairs will be provided during class. If there is inclement weather, the class will be moved inside.

Please have a check for \$60.00 made payable to Linda Osowski on the first day of class. Linda is an AAI-Certified personal trainer with over 20 years of experience.

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATES: Tuesdays and Fridays

SESSION 1: September 8 - September 29	7 total classes.....276123 – 6B
SESSION 2: October 6 - October 27	7 total classes.....276123 – 6C

TIME: 10:30 - 11:15 am

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: Adult

Advanced Pickleball Rally

This three-day Advanced Pickleball Rally class is designed for experienced players who want to further hone their skills and play in a more competitive environment. Players should have a strong grasp of the game. Staff will be present to answer rules questions and help officiate games. Please wear sneakers and bring a drink. You must have taken the Pickleball Rally BEFORE taking this class.

LOCATION: Pickleball Courts, Jake's Branch, Beachwood

DATE: Fridays, October 2 – October 16.....353123 – 3P

TIME: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Pickleball Courts 3 & 4, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Mondays, November 2- 16.....353123 – 3Q

TIME: 3:00 - 4:30 pm

LOCATION: Pickleball Courts 3 & 4, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Fridays, November 6- 20.....353123 – 3R

TIME: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: Adult



ACTIVE RECREATION

Seniorcise Exercise

Let's get moving! This gentle exercise class includes low-impact aerobics, stretching, and strengthening routines. Improve your joint flexibility, balance, range of motion, and muscular strength. Participants may perform these exercises while seated. Some equipment will be supplied. Linda is an AAI-certified personal trainer with over 20 years of experience.

LOCATION: Program Room, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Tuesdays and Fridays

SESSION 1: Oct 6 – Oct 27 **7 total classes**.....353123 – 3A

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

SESSION 2: Dec 1 – Dec 22 **7 total classes**.....353123 – 3B

TIME: 9:15 - 10:00 am

FEE: \$60.00 per person

AGE: Adult



Chair Stretch

This exciting stretch class will improve balance, strength, mobility, flexibility, and reduce stress. All movements will be safely performed in and around a chair. Adaptable for all fitness levels and physical challenges. In this class, you will be doing exercises that involve multiple body parts and muscle groups. You will be working the FULL BODY, not just body parts. **Please have a check for \$60.00 made payable to Linda Osowski on the first day of class.** Linda is an AAI-certified personal trainer with over 20 years of experience.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Tuesdays and Fridays

SESSION 1: Oct 6 – Oct 27 **7 total classes**.....353123 – 3C

SESSION 2: Dec 1 – Dec 22 **7 total classes**.....353123 – 3D

TIME: 1:30 – 2:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 registration fee per person

AGE: Adult

Tai Chi with a Yoga Twist

This program improves the quality of life for people with joint pain without any knowledge of Tai Chi. This ancient practice combines agile steps, joint safe exercise, and mental strength to improve mobility, breathing, and relaxation in ways that help you feel better. In this class, you will learn warm-up and cool-down exercises, and eight basic movements, along with some meditation. **Please have a check for \$60.00 made payable to Linda Osowski on the first day of class.** Linda is an AAI-certified personal trainer with over 20 years of experience.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Tuesdays and Fridays

SESSION 1: Oct 6 – Oct 27 **7 total classes**.....353123 – 3E

SESSION 2: Dec 1 – Dec 22 **7 total classes**.....353123 – 3F

TIME: 2:00 - 2:45 pm

FEE: \$5.00 registration fee per person

AGE: Adult

ACTIVE RECREATION

Yoga After Work

Keep calm and try yoga. These 6 week-long classes are designed for students of any level interested in furthering their yoga knowledge. The practice of yoga benefits the body, mind, and spirit. Focus on exercise, breathing, and meditation for a transforming experience. Feel free to move at your comfort level. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Lores Way is a registered yoga instructor with the Yoga Alliance.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Thursdays, October 29 – December 10 (no class 11/26).....353123 – 3H

TIME: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

FEE: \$40.00 per person

AGE: 16 years – Adult

Gentle Yoga

Join us for this class teaching the essentials of yoga. These 6 week-long classes is are for anyone new to yoga, as well as those with experience. Exercise, meditation, and breathing are key components of this practice. Connect with yourself...relax. Please wear loose comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Lores Way is a registered yoga instructor with the Yoga Alliance.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Mondays, November 16 – December 21.....353123 – 3G

TIME: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

FEE: \$40.00 per person

AGE: 16 years – Adult

Intro to Pickleball

Join in on the fastest-growing sport in the country. Pickleball is a sport that combines tennis, badminton, and ping pong. The game is played with a solid pickleball paddle and a plastic ball on a court about 1/3 the size of a tennis court. Learn how to play the game in this fun and exciting 4-day clinic. Pickleball is a social sport you can learn quickly. All equipment will be supplied. Please wear sneakers and bring a drink. You must complete this class BEFORE taking the Pickleball Rally Class.

LOCATION: Pickleball Courts 1-3, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Thursdays, October 22 – November 12.....353123 – 3I

TIME: 9:00 – 10:30 am

LOCATION: Pickleball Courts 1,2 & 3, Stanley H. "Tip" Seaman County Park, Tuckerton

DATE: Tuesdays, November 17– December 8.....353123 – 3J

TIME: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: Adult

Pickleball Rally

This 3-day Pickleball Rally class is designed for newer players who have some experience playing pickleball but want to play more matches to practice their newly acquired skills. Players should have a basic understanding of the rules of pickleball before signing up for this class. Staff will be available to answer questions and go over positioning and strategy to help get you on your way. Equipment will be available if needed. Please wear sneakers and bring a drink.

You must have taken the Intro to Pickleball BEFORE taking this class.

LOCATION: Pickleball Courts 2, 3, & 4, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Wednesdays, October 28 – November 18.....353123 – 3K

TIME: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

LOCATION: Pickleball Courts 1,2 & 3, Stanley H. "Tip" Seaman County Park, Tuckerton

DATE: Tuesdays, November 17 – December 1.....353123 – 3L

TIME: 5:00 – 6:30 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: Adult

ACTIVE RECREATION

Sunday Pickleball Social

Come join us on Sunday mornings here at Ocean County Park for some friendly competition and to practice your pickleball skills. This 4-week social will allow you to meet up with other pickleballers and play matches against a variety of opponents. This is a great opportunity for newer players to practice and improve their newly acquired skills with others with similar experience. Participants should have some experience playing pickleball and have a working knowledge of the rules and how to keep score. Staff will be available to organize matches and answer questions. Snacks and water will also be available to all who are participating.

LOCATION: Pickleball Courts 1-4 Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Sundays, October 25 – November 15353123 – 3M

TIME: 9:00 – 11:00 am

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: Adult

Intro to Disc Golf

Disc Golf is played much like traditional golf, but instead of clubs and balls, players use specialized flying discs like a Frisbee. This class is for people who have never played and are curious about the sport. Ocean County Park hosts a magnificent 18-hole disc golf course amongst the many trees and paths. Players must practice their skills to avoid hazards and score as low as possible. All equipment will be provided.

LOCATION: Disc Golf Course, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Thursdays, November 5 – November 19.....353123 – 3N

TIME: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: 16 years – Adult

Archery for Adults

This class is suitable for beginners and all equipment is provided. Be a part of the exciting world of archery by learning the essentials, including safety, equipment and technique. Our NASP certified instructor will get you hitting the bullseye in no time! Students will practice what they have learned on our outdoor range. Participants should wear sneakers and bug spray.

LOCATION: Pottery Barn, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Friday, November 6.....358466 – 8C

TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 pm

LOCATION: Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site, 200 Old Half-Way Road, Barnegat

DATE: Saturday, December 12.....359123 – 9A

TIME: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: Adult

A Walk in the Park “Central Edition”

Have you been interested in exploring some new parks within the Ocean County Parks system but just didn't know where to start? Then this is the class for you. We will meet at a new park every week and explore the unique beauty each park has to offer. We will be walking at a brisk pace to get some cardiovascular exercise for no more than an hour. Walking is a great low-impact exercise that can help manage your weight, relieve stress, and improve your mood. **Please wear comfortable sneakers or boots & bring a drink.**

LOCATIONS WHERE WE WILL BE MEETING:

11/17: Pavilion, John C. Bartlett Jr. County Park at Berkeley Island, Berkeley Twp.

11/24: Pavilion, Mill Creek County Park, Berkeley Twp.

12/1: Outside Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

12/8: BB Trail Parking Lot, Serpentine Dr. & Princeton Ave, Berkeley Twp.

12/15: Outside Restrooms, Eno's Pond County Park, Lacey Twp.

DATE: Tuesdays, November 17 – December 15353123 – 3O

TIME: 10:00 -11:00 am

FEE:\$14.00 per person

AGE: Adult

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Awaken Your Soul with Meditation

If you've ever considered introducing a meditation practice into your life, this is the class for you! You'll learn different styles of meditation and take-home methods to begin an at-home practice of your own. Meditation done daily reduces stress, improves memory as well as your ability to focus, improves the quality of sleep and helps you develop the mental discipline needed to avoid unhelpful habits. If you think you don't have the time, let me change your mind! (Please bring a mat, blankets, and pillows and wear comfortable clothes. Aromatherapy will be provided.

Please bring exact cash or check payable to Instructor, Karen English for \$60.00.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Session 1: Tuesdays, September 29 – October 27.....351544 – 1A

DATE: Session 2: Tuesdays, November 10 – December 15.....351544 – 1B

TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: Adult

Acupressure for Self-Care: Special Headache and Harmony Release

Add acupressure to your Self-Care toolkit. Acupressure uses gentle finger pressure on specific points on the body to help relieve tension, reduce emotional stress, and alleviate headaches. This program will focus on key acupoints linked to reducing neck and shoulder tension and headaches and promoting overall relaxation.

***Please bring exact cash or a check payable to Licensed Physical Therapist Regina Rosenthal for \$25.00**

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, October 8.....351544 – 1C

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: Adult



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Crystal Singing Bowls with Reiki and Aromatherapy

Join us for a transformative 90-minute session where we blend the resonant sounds of crystal singing bowls with the healing energies of Reiki and the soothing scents of aromatherapy. This class is designed to guide you into deep relaxation, balance your chakras and elevate your overall well-being. During this 90-minute session, the two Instructors (Karen English and Kathy Gabrielli) will use crystal bowls to produce harmonic tones. These sounds wash over you as a Reiki practitioner will channel healing energy to promote physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Carefully chosen essential oils will be diffused throughout space to help with stress.

Please bring a yoga mat or blanket for comfort and wear comfortable clothing

Please bring exact cash or a check for \$30.00

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Wednesday, October 14.....351544 – 1D

TIME: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: Adult

Acupressure and Qigong: Self-Care for Pulmonary Health

Traditional Chinese medicine practices combine acupressure, breathing, meditation, movement, and self-massage to enhance pulmonary health and well-being. Learn how to combine the Acupressure for Self-Care Chest Release with a Qigong movement practice to support and strengthen pulmonary health.

***Please bring exact cash or a check payable to Licensed Physical Therapist Regina Rosenthal for \$25.00**

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Thursday, November 5351544 – 1E

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: Adult

Whipped Shea Body Butter Workshop

Join us for a hands-on Whipped Shea Body Butter Workshop and learn how to create your own rich, nourishing body butter from start to finish. During this enjoyable class, participants will whip shea butter, blend in moisturizing carrier oils, and customize their creation with essential oils of their choice. Each participant will leave with a beautifully made 2 oz. jar of whipped body butter and the satisfaction of creating a luxurious self-care product to use at home or give as a thoughtful handmade gift.

Please bring exact cash or a check payable to Kathy Gabrielli for \$25.00

(Certified Holistic Aromatherapist/ Reiki Practitioner)

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Monday, November 9351544 – 1F

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: Adult

Body Awareness Meditation

Fall into a trance this fall with our body awareness meditation. In this program there will be a guided lying down meditation to promote body awareness and prepare the mind for this time of change. There will be a half hour guided meditation to walk you through each part of the body, relaxing each limb one step at a time. **Plant smoke will be used in this program, please list any allergy or asthmatic concern during sign up. Bring a towel, blanket or yoga mat to lay on.**

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Saturday, October 10.....355186 – 5K

TIME: 11:15am – 12:00 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

AGE: 13 years – Adult

CPR & Basic Life Support

Adult/Child/Infant CPR AED Certification

Did you know that four out of five cardiac arrests happen at home? If called on to administer CPR in an emergency, the life you save is likely to be that of a child, spouse, parent or friend. Prepare yourself!! Come and learn life-saving CPR and AED use, as well as how to relieve choking in adults, children and infants. This hands-on course is taught in a relaxed and comfortable environment by certified instructors and is designed for anyone with limited or no medical training. Upon completion, participants will receive a CPR AED Course Completion Card.

Please bring a check for \$55.00 payable to Ocean Side CPR.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Wednesday, October 7351166 – 1A

DATE: Wednesday, November 4.....351166 – 1B

DATE: Wednesday, December 2351166 – 1C

TIME: 6:30 – 9:00PM..

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: 14 years – Adult



Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Healthcare Provider

Designed for the health care professional, this extensive hands-on course will prepare you to recognize and confidently respond to several life – threatening emergencies. Participants will actively engage in simulated clinical scenarios mastering CPR, use of an AED, and relieving choking in a safe, timely, and effective manner. Certified instructors will guide you through various learning stations to test ability and ensure proficiency in performing these life – saving skills. Upon the conclusion of skills testing, participants must also complete a written exam. Participants will receive a BLS for the Healthcare Provider Completion Card.

Please bring a check for \$85.00 payable to Ocean Side CPR.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Wednesday, October 21351166 – 1D

DATE: Wednesday, November 18351166 – 1E

DATE: Wednesday, December 9351166 – 1F

TIME: 6:30 – 9:00 PM

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: 14 years – Adult

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Recreation Program Policy and Information

1. Recreation personnel in charge of each program will have the final decision in all matters, especially where participant safety is concerned.
2. Due to the strenuous nature of some of our activities, recreation personnel reserve the right to deny a participant entry into a program. If the participant has already paid a fee, this fee will be reimbursed in accordance with our refund/credit policy.
3. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on all recreational programs.
4. All participants and their guardians must realize there may be some unavoidable hazards involved in all recreation programs. At the start of the program you will be asked to sign a Waiver of Liability Form, which is mandatory in order to attend the program and must be signed.
5. It is the participant's or guardian's responsibility to inform staff members of any medical problems that may inhibit your participation in a program. Please consult your doctor if you are not sure.
6. Please be advised that all return times are approximate. The actual times depends on the ability of the participants, prevailing weather, field conditions, and unforeseen circumstances.
7. All children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult, except programs specifically designed for young children.
8. Age range for programs have been designated according to program content and will be strictly adhered to.
9. **WARNING!** Ticks may be present on all outdoor programs. To protect yourself from Lyme Disease, we recommend participants spray clothing with insect repellent which contains DEET, wear light color clothes, tuck pants into your boots or socks, always change clothes as soon as you return home and check yourself over closely for ticks. Deer ticks are present all year round.
10. **WARNING!** The rabies epidemic is present throughout the state. For your safety, please enjoy wildlife from a distance, report any wildlife behaving strangely to park staff.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Unless otherwise stated, all programs require registration along with payment in full at time of **registration**. Anyone attending a program or trip, without registering in advance, must pay by check or money order (cash is unacceptable). Participants will only be permitted upon availability. When a program/trip has been advertised in a previous newsletter we will accept enrollment prior to the registration date listed in this newsletter issue.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS available upon request

For program availability or a program guide please call:

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MAIL-IN REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED (early mail-ins will be returned)

REGISTRATION LOCATIONS:

Monday – Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm

Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood (732) 281-2750

Parks & Recreation Administrative Office, Toms River (732) 506-9090

Wells Mills County Park, Waretown (609) 971-3085

PROGRAM REGISTRATION APPLICATION

When registering by mail or in person, you must complete and sign the entire **Program Registration Application**. For your convenience you can print our “**Program Registration Application**” right from our website or you may copy this application; however, an original signature must be on each application. Incomplete and unsigned applications will be returned unprocessed. Please return your completed Program Registration Application along with your payment to:

Ocean County Parks & Recreation Administrative Offices

1198 Bandon Road, Toms River, N.J. 08753-3138

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO “COUNTY OF OCEAN”

If you would like to register in person, please visit one of our three locations listed above. Mail ins are also accepted.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

****Once a program has started, fees will not be refunded nor credit issued, regardless of the reason.****

REFUND POLICY

1. When the **Department** reschedules or cancels a program costing \$15 or more per person, a full refund will be issued by means of a **properly completed and signed Program Registration Application**.
2. When the **Customer** cancels participation in a program costing \$15 or more per person, having given **at least two weeks notice prior to the scheduled program start date**, a full refund will be issued by means of a **properly completed and signed Program Registration Application**.
3. Vouchers or credits will only be issued to the **individual whose name appears on the check and/or reservation**.

CREDIT POLICY

1. When a program costing less than \$15 per person is cancelled or rescheduled by the **Department**, the customer will receive a credit which is valid up to one year from the original date of that program. The credit will be applied to the household that the class was registered to.
2. When the **Customer** cancels participation in a program costing less than \$15 per person, having given **at least two weeks notice prior to the scheduled program start date**, the customer will receive a credit which has no expiration date.
3. If a Customer cancels a program less than two weeks prior to the scheduled program start date, regardless of the cost per person, the customer **does not** receive a credit or a refund on that program.
4. Once a credit has been issued, it may not be **exchanged for a cash refund**. This includes all credits applied to future registrations. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

The Department of Parks & Recreation reserves the right to cancel or postpone any trip or program. NOTE: See application for Refund and Cancellation Policy.

REGISTRATION FORM

Each of the undersigned, with the intention of binding himself or herself and any other persons for whom his or her signature is requested as parent or legal guardian, and the heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of the undersigned or said other persons, does hereby knowingly and voluntarily release and discharge the County of Ocean and its officers, employees and agents, from any and all claims, demands, actions, judgments, and executions which each of the undersigned or the persons for whom his or her signature has been requested ever had, or now has, or may have or claim to have out of participation or any activity conducted, sponsored or approved by the Ocean County Parks and Recreation Department or the County of Ocean whether occasioned by the negligence of the county, its officers, agents or employees, or otherwise.

This Release and Waiver is given in consideration of the efforts of the County of Ocean in making these activities available to undersigned of the person for whom his or her signature is requested as parent or legal guardian and allowing the undersigned or such person to participate in these activities.

Each undersigned declares that prior to the execution of this Release he or she apprised him or herself of sufficient relevant data in order to intelligently exercise his or her own judgement in deciding whether to execute this Release and he or she further declares that this decision was not predicated on or influenced by any declarations or representations of the County of Ocean or its agent, officers or employees.

Each undersigned expressly agrees that the foregoing Release and Waiver is intended to be as broad as is permitted by the laws of the State of New Jersey and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

EACH UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF ALL LIABILITY.

I need a reasonable modification for a disability to enjoy this activity
_____ Yes _____ No

Upon completion of this application, please sign the Claimant's Certification & Declaration box below. In the event a program refund is necessary, for programs costing more than \$15.00 per person, this application will serve as a County Refund Voucher.

County of Ocean - Parks & Recreation Vendor Claimant's Certification & Declaration I do solemnly declare and certify under the penalties of the law that the within bill is correct in all its particulars; that no bonus has been given or received by any person or persons within the above claim; that the amount therein stated is justly due and owing.

It is understood and agreed that park visitors and participants in Ocean County Park System programs, activities, and events may have their names and pictures used, without fee, in broadcast, telecast, and print media accounts for promotional and publicity purposes.

Participant's Signature

_____/_____/_____
Today's Date

Event #: _____ Refund Amount _____ Refund Date ____/____/____

Event #: _____ Refund Amount _____ Refund Date ____/____/____

REGISTRATION FORM

CUSTOMER: please print the following information and return the entire signed and completed application to the address noted below.

OCEAN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION APPLICATION

LAST _____ FIRST _____

ADDRESS _____

APT #/BUILDING _____ TOWN _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ 4 DIGIT EXT. _____

HOME # () _____

WORK # () _____ EXT #. _____

EMERGENCY # () _____ CELL # () _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

Make check payable to "COUNTY OF OCEAN" and mail to: Ocean County Parks & Recreation,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE 1198 Bandon Road, Toms River, N.J. 08753-3138

**Mail in registration preferred. REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th FOR PROGRAMS IN THIS ISSUE**

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YOU MUST SIGN THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THIS FORM

Cattus Island County Park

Cattus Island Gingerbread House Contest

Entries drop off

Dec 16-20

No Houses accepted after 12/21

Youth (0-6) (7-12)

Teen (13-17)

Adult (18+)

In person

**People's Choice
Voting**

12/26 - 1/4

10am-4pm



Cattus Island Gingerbread House Contest & People's Choice Voting

Create and enter your very own Gingerbread House with the theme "Out in Nature".

Entries must be mounted on a 12 inch by 12 inch board, and no taller than 12 inches.

It must be constructed of edible materials.

Entries can be dropped off at the Cooper Environmental Center from 12/16-20 from 10am-4:30pm.

Entries are displayed in the lecture room from 12/23 - 1/3 from 10am-4pm for People's Choice Voting.

Only one entry per person. Only one voting ticket per person.

Categories include: Youth (0-6) (7-12) Teen (13-17) Adult (18+).

Please email nvernachio@co.ocean.nj.us for the official rules. There is no fee or pre-registration.

FESTIVAL of TREES

Visit Cattus Island County Park to get
in the Holiday Spirit.

County agencies will be decorating
trees highlighting themes.

Please come view and cast a vote
for your favorite creation.

Entries are displayed in the Lecture Room from
December 23 - January 3 (10am-4pm)
for People's Choice Voting.



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Toms River, New Jersey 08753-3138

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www.oceancountyparks.org



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for full information on all our parks, trail maps,
rental forms, rules and regulations, etc.**

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