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Ocean County Golf Courses

Ocean County Golf Course at Forge Pond is a perfectly manicured par-60 executive course tucked into a 300-acre conservation area

Ocean County Golf Course at Atlantis is an exceptional par-72 championship course designed by renowned course architect George Fazio

Forge Pond in Brick



Atlantis in Little Egg



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YOUR OCEAN COUNTY PARKS:

With Freeholder John C Bartlett Jr

As the winter doldrums begin to fade with the approach of spring, thoughts for the golfing enthusiasts often turn to backswings, birdies and bogeys. And, Ocean County offers a host of playing opportunities at either of the County-run golf courses. The Ocean County Golf Courses at Forge Pond in Brick Township and Atlantis in Little Egg Harbor Township offers golfers the chance to experience the natural beauty of Ocean County while honing or challenging their skills, all at an affordable price.

Ocean County Golf Course at Atlantis in Little Egg Harbor Township is an exceptional par-72 championship course designed by former PGA professional George Fazio. It is beautifully maintained and has challenging holes such as the tricky par three sixth hole, where the golfer must negotiate a pond in the middle of the fairway to reach the green. After time on the course, a dining experience awaits at Cuisine on the Green, a full-service restaurant located on the premises offering daily golf lunch specials and group packages.

Ocean County Golf Course at Forge Bond in Brick Township is a challenging par-60 course designed by Hal C. Purdy. The course offers dramatic elevation changes, sculptured bunkers, undulating fairways and greens. The golfing experience is only enhanced by the breathtaking beauty of the Metedeconk Watershed.

“We are very proud of our County operated golf courses,” said Ocean County Freeholder John C. Bartlett Jr., who serves as liaison to the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation. “This is an activity enjoyed by many of our residents and visitors. We make certain the courses are always maintained and we offer affordable rates along with enjoyable programs and opportunities for the first time golfer to the pros.”

Both Atlantis and Forge Pond are meticulously maintained and have many challenging holes for the experienced golfer, yet allow the novice to perfect their game as well. Both offer scenic views, strategic layouts and are suitable for golfers of all ages. The staff continue to make necessary improvements and upgrades to ensure the golfing experience is as memorable as the course itself. Recently, the pro-shops at both locations were renovated. Snack stands have been installed offering beverages, hotdogs and a variety of prepackaged treats. The pro shops also include improved display areas with a variety of new merchandise, accessible counter areas, improved lighting, and flooring. At Atlantis new accessible restroom facilities have been constructed. On the course itself, new forwarding tees allow juniors, seniors and ladies to enjoy the course by playing it 800-900 yards shorter.

The county golf courses offer many special rates and packages to make golfing a sport for everyone. The best way to find out about yearly package rates is to contact the pro-shops. Frequent player cards, child’s fee for children ages 7 to 16 and great golf lunch specials also are available. The courses are great venues for hosting a tournament or group outing.

Golfers can join competitive leagues during the spring, summer and fall seasons.

Fan favorite programs include two annual Night Golf events hosted at Forge Pond on Friday, June 29, and Friday, Sept. 21. Space is limited and registration is required. For veterans and military personnel, an annual Military Appreciation Day is held on Nov. 11 at both courses.

“Our golf courses really do offer something for everyone,” Bartlett said. “If you’re a novice or a long-time golfing enthusiast, I encourage you to book your tee time at Ocean County Golf Course at Atlantis or Ocean County Golf Course at Forge Pond. They are both challenging courses, staffed with courteous and knowledgeable professionals and affordable.”

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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 they deem the participant physically unfit to engage in said 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 depend 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 has been designated according to program content and will be strictly adhered to. Programs designed specifically for children are for children only.
9. **WARNING!** Ticks may be present on all outdoor programs. To protect yourself from Lyme Disease, we recommend participants spray your clothing with insect repellent which contains DEET, wear light color clothes, tuck your pants into your boots or socks, always change your 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.

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? Learn to use the resources at hand to run your own outing. Most of Ocean County's schools are located in some of the richest and most unique natural areas in the country. Get at least 4 teachers together and set up an appointment for a naturalist to come to your school and get you up to snuff on the general ecology of the schoolyard. This program is **NOT JUST FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS**. Teachers of any discipline from art to math will find practical applications for teaching in and about the environment. The naturalist can also answer questions and provide program ideas and curriculum resources. Contact Christopher Claus at (732) 506-5122, or cclaus@co.ocean.nj.us for more information or to set up an appointment.

WEEKENDS AT CLOVERDALE FARM

Early Morning Strolls

Get an early weekend started off right with a morning 1.5 mile stroll through the uplands forest at Cloverdale Farm County Park. This program is perfect for all ages. **If inclement weather should occur, we will cancel. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Fridays,
April 13.....116530-1A
May 18.....116530-1B
June 15.....116530-1C

TIME: 8:00-9:00 am

FEE: Free, pre-registration required

AGE: All

MINIMUM: 6

MAXIMUM: 20

Monthly Bird Walks

Learn how Cloverdale Farm County Park's bird population changes month by month. This informative two-hour bird walk is perfect for all levels of birders. **Please be prepared to walk a mile, dress for the weather, wear comfortable sneakers or boots and bring a pair of binoculars. If you are new to bird watching, we do have loaner pairs of binoculars you can borrow.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATES: Saturdays
April 14.....116530-2A
May 12.....116530-2B
June 9.....116530-2C

TIME: 8:00-10:00 am

FEE: Free, pre-registration is required

AGE: 10 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 6

MAXIMUM: 20

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: Saturdays
May 12.....116530-3A
June 16.....116530-3B

TIME: 2:00-3:00 pm

FEE: Free, pre-registration is required

AGE: 10 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 6

MAXIMUM: 20

Nature Walks

Join a park naturalist for these 1.5-hour or 2-hour programs at Cloverdale Farm County Park. Get acquainted with this tucked away jewel as each week offers a different theme designed to educate participants on the interesting history and natural diversity of the park. **Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable sneakers or boots.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATES/TIMES:
Wednesday, April 4 12:30-2:00pm Fire in the New Jersey Pinelands 116530-4A
Sunday, April 29 8:00-10:00am Songbirds of Cloverdale Farm 116530-4B
Sunday, May 6 8:00-10:00am Lookout for Migrants 116530-4C
Thursday, May 10 10:30am-12:30pm Mushrooms and Lichens 116530-4D
Saturday, June 16 9:00-11:00am Flowers of Cloverdale 116530-4E
Monday, June 18 10:30am -12:00pm On Patrol for Pollinators 116530-4F

FEE: Free, pre-registration is required

AGE: 10 years- Adult

MINIMUM: 6

MAXIMUM: 20

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WEEKENDS AT JAKES BRANCH

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.

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Sundays, beginning April 8 – June 24

TIME: 1:00 pm

AGE: All

FEE: FREE

Discovery Nature Walks

Join a park naturalist on these brief but informative nature walks through Jakes Branch Park.

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

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Sundays, beginning April 8 – June 24

TIME: 1:30 pm

AGE: All

FEE: FREE

“Drop By For Science On the Fly”

We know everyone is busy so take advantage of these free, “come and go” short science-based programs. A make and take craft will follow a brief lesson. Drop-in programs do not require registration.

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jake Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATES: Saturdays, beginning April 7 - June 30

TIME: 1:00-3:30 pm

AGE: All

FEE: FREE

WEEKENDS AT CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK

Live Animal Talk

Join a park naturalist as they dispel the myths and fears of reptiles. You will be able to see some of our live snakes and turtles up close! Learn about 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, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Saturdays and Sundays (excluding April 1, 28 & 29; May 19)

TIME: 11:00-11:30am

FEE: FREE

AGE: All

Turtle Feeding

Are you curious about the habitats and habits of some of Ocean County’s many turtles? Join a park naturalist as they demonstrate the feeding and care of some of our native reptiles. **No registration required.**

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

DATE: Saturdays and Sundays (excluding April 1, 28 & 29; May 19)

TIME: 1:30– 2:00pm

FEE: FREE

AGE: All

Cattus Island Nature Walks

Be a part of a 38-year Ocean County tradition! Join a park naturalist and follow in the footsteps of such legendary local environmentalists as A. Morton and Betty Cooper, Dorothy Hale and Pete McClain. Be prepared to discover the fascinating and diverse wonders of the natural world. **No registration required.**

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

DATE: Saturdays and Sundays (excluding April 1, 28 & 29; May 19 & 20)

TIME: 2:00 – 3:00pm

FEE: FREE

AGE: All

April 7 & 8 Signs of Spring
April 14 & 15 Welcome Back Osprey
April 21 & 22 Beginning Bird Watching

May 5 & 6 History of Cattus
May 12 & 13 Mother’s Day Stroll
May 26 & 27 Herps; A Search for Reptiles

June 2 & 3 Hummingbirds at Home
June 9 & 10 Wildflowers
June 16 & 17 Invasive Plants
June 23 & 24 Edible and Medicinal Plants
June 30 Naturalist’s Choice

NATURE & HISTORY WALKS

A nature & history walk offers participants a chance to learn about their surroundings while focusing on a specific theme. These walks are taken at a leisurely pace allowing plenty of time to absorb new information. Walks will not exceed three miles. Please read walk descriptions for specific information. We recommend you arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time. Bring a lunch or snack, bug spray, binoculars if you have them and dress for the weather. Return times are approximate.

Manahawkin Wildlife Management Area Nature Walk

Traveling in Ocean County

Coastal forests are home to many species not found in the interior Pine Barrens. We will explore abandoned farmland and salt marsh impoundments, looking for plants and wildlife adapted to these habitats. **Bring bug spray.**

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

DATE: Friday, April 13114536-2A

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 9

MAXIMUM: 12

Allaire History and Nature Walk

Allaire State Park hosts one of New Jersey's better-preserved examples of an iron-producing company town. We will explore the historic village as well as the nature trails, which are known for their beautiful displays of spring wildflowers. We will try to visit the restored company store, which does contain a gift shop. **Bring your lunch as we will probably eat lunch at Allaire prior to returning to Jakes Branch.**

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

DATE: Wednesday, April 25.....114536-2B

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am -2:00 pm

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 9

MAXIMUM: 12

Full Moon Walk at NJ Pulverizing

Take a walk under a bright full moon through the newest land acquisition acquired under Ocean County's Natural Lands Trust Fund, New Jersey Pulverizing. This 775-acre tract of land was previously mined for sand and has been left untouched for many years. The once disturbed area now boasts a variety of habitats including huge areas of sandy flats, grasslands and wetlands including a lake the color of Caribbean waters. Its wide-open expanses will allow for easy and level walking at night. Bring a flashlight or headlamp.

PICK UP: Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Sunday, April 29.....115536-2A

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 7:45 – 9:45 pm

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 9

MAXIMUM: 12

Nature and History Walk along the Barnegat Rail Trail

We will walk along the southern section of this abandoned rail line. Along the way we will see remnants of and discuss the once active Barnegat Branch of the Central Railroad of New Jersey as well as examine the interesting plants found along the way.

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

DATE: Friday, May 4.....114536-2C

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am -12:00 pm

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 9

MAXIMUM: 12

National Trails Day Potter's Creek Nature Walk

Celebrate National Trails Day by joining an Ocean County Parks naturalist on a mile and a half casual stretch of the legs on this prized property adjoining and paralleling Potter's Creek in Berkeley Twp. This long-undeveloped tract of upland forest, hardwood swamp, and coastal wetlands boasts huge trees and teems with a wide variety of vernal flora and fauna ready to strut their spring stuff this time of year. The final leg of the circuit follows the creek back to the starting point, at an unhurried pace. May be some slightly slippery spots. Pack a snack and a drink.

PICK UP: Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Saturday, June 2115536-2B

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 9

MAXIMUM: 12

Lochiel Creek County Park

Join our staff for a 1.75 mile hike through the varied terrain of this 177 acre park. Come experience the diversity of habitats, plants and birds that Lochiel Creek has to offer.

LOCATION: Lochiel Creek County Park, Parking lot, Barnegat

DATE: Tuesday, May 8.....116530-5A

TIME: 10:30am – 12:00pm

FEE: \$6.00 per person

AGE: 12 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 8

MAXIMUM: 16

JAUNTS

Jaunts are shorter and 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. 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. Any questions, please call Wells Mills County Park at 609-971-3085.

Batsto Jaunt

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.

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Thursday, April 5.....114286-4A
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
RATING & MILEAGE: Easy, some sugar sand – 4 miles
FEE: \$8.00 per Adult / \$6.00 per Child (ages 9-16) AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 9 MAXIMUM: 12

Black Run Preserve Jaunt

Sample the western half of the Pinelands in Burlington County with this not-too-taxing jaunt in scenic Black Run Preserve. Pitch pines are reflected in shimmering, picturesque cranberry bogs while successional shrubs like red maple and leatherleaf seek to reclaim the wetlands. The four-mile trail is mildly sloping and sandy in part, but mostly easy going, although hikers need to beware of some protruding roots and wet spots. We will keep an eye out for emergent spring wildflowers, migratory birds, and other wildlife. Bring along food, drink, and zest for the great outdoors.

PICK UP: Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Tuesday, April 10.....115286-5A
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
RATING & MILEAGE: Mild, some hills, wet/muddy spots – 4 miles
FEE: \$8.00 per Adult / \$6.00 per Child (ages 9-16) AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 9 MAXIMUM: 12

Bass River Jaunt

Bass River State Park was New Jersey's first State Forest, acquired in 1905 and significantly improved by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression. This easy walk will take us through plantations of non-native pines planted by the CCC and past the ruins of the old CCC camp.

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Tuesday, April 17.....114286-4B
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
RATING & MILEAGE: Easy, some sugar sand – 3 miles
FEE: \$8.00 per Adult / \$6.00 Child (ages 9-16) AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 9 MAXIMUM: 12

Pemberton-Rancocas Rail Trail Loop

Commune with forest, farmland, and folklore as spring busts out all over, the birds and bees, wildflowers and trees, and peculiar plants such as seldom seen American strawberry bush, among others. This user-friendly converted RR right-of-way features splendid views of Rancocas Creek and sweeping pastoral scenes, with a dollop of railroad history to boot. The 1892 restored train station is itself a filigreed gem recalling the glory days of rail. The path is flat, though there may be some mild wet spots. Tote a snack and drink, bring binoculars if you have them.

PICK UP: Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Tuesday, May 8.....115286-5B
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
RATING & MILEAGE: Flat, some wet spots – 3 miles
FEE: \$8.00 per Adult / \$6.00 per Child (ages 9-16) AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 9 MAXIMUM: 12

Whitesbog Jaunt

Whitesbog is not only a historic and still-active cranberry farm but is also the birthplace of the cultivated blueberry. This easy jaunt will trace the dikes outlining several of the old cranberry bogs and allow us to view the remaining structures from the once-bustling company town.

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Monday, May 21.....114286-4C
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
RATING & MILEAGE: Easy, some sugar sand – 4 miles
FEE: \$8.00 per Adult / \$6.00 per Child (ages 9-16) AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 9 MAXIMUM: 12

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 you. These are recreational programs with minimal stops for resting. 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. Any questions, please call Wells Mills County Park at 609-971-3085

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.

PICK-UP: Beach Complex Parking Lot, Ocean County Park, Lakewood
DATE: Sunday, April 8.....114236-4A
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
RATING & MILEAGE: **Moderate to Strenuous: Steep, rocky, may be slippery - 6 miles**
FEE: \$12.00 per Adult / \$8.00 per Child (ages 9-16) AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 9 MAXIMUM: 12

Black River Hike

Traveling to Morris County

We will start our hike at one of New Jersey's few remaining water-powered gristmills. After powering the Cooper Mill, the Black River descends into a scenic rocky gorge. The trail also takes over an abandoned railroad grade and past an old iron mine that the railroad once served.

PICK-UP: Beach Complex Parking Lot, Ocean County Park, Lakewood
DATE: Sunday, April 15.....114236-4B
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
RATING & MILEAGE: **Moderate: Hills, rocky footing at times - 6.5 miles**
FEE: \$12.00 per Adult/ \$8.00 per Child (ages 9-16) AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 9 MAXIMUM: 12

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: Saturday, April 28.....114236-4C
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
RATING & MILEAGE: **Easy to Moderate: Hilly - 6.5 miles**
FEE: \$12.00 per Adult/ \$8.00 per Child (ages 9-16) AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 9 MAXIMUM: 12

Estelle Manor Hike

Traveling to Atlantic County

Our hike will take us through this 1,700 acre park, home to the Warren E. Fox Nature Center, and bordered by the Great Egg Harbor River/ South River. Estelle Manor was once the site of an 1800's glassworks, then a munitions plant during World War I.

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Friday, May 11.....114236-4D
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
RATING & MILEAGE: **Moderate (due to length): Flat – 6.5 miles**
FEE: \$12.00 per Adult/ \$8.00 per Child (ages 9-16) AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 9 MAXIMUM: 12

Mahlon Dickerson Reservation Hike

Traveling to Morris County

This hike will have us climbing to Headley overlook, up to the highest point in Morris County- 1,395 feet, and then along the Ogden Mine Railroad bed, which was built in 1855. We will hike and cross several streams and over undulating terrain through mountain laurel and hemlock.

PICK-UP: Beach Complex Parking Lot, Ocean County Park, Lakewood
DATE: Saturday, June 2.....114236-4E
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
RATING & MILEAGE: **Moderate to Strenuous: Steep areas, rocky footing & river crossings – 7 miles**
FEE: \$12.00 per Adult / \$8.00 per Child (ages 9-16) AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 9 MAXIMUM: 12

CANOEING

There's no better way to see the natural areas of our state than on the water! With our ACA certified canoe instructors and naturalist guides, you can enjoy a guided tour with environmental/historical interpretation along the way. The \$14 fee includes a canoe, paddle, life vest, and transportation. We provide one canoe for every two people. Kayaks appropriate for smaller rivers are welcome but not provided. If you bring your own canoe or kayak, the fee is \$8 per person. Please pack a lunch and wear appropriate clothing that can get wet and/or dirty. Quick drying fabrics are the best. If you have never canoed before or would like to sharpen your skills, sign up for a class (listed below when in season). Registration is required. Please consult the ratings below and be sure to select a trip that matches your skill level. Children must be 9 years or older and accompanied by an adult to participate. We recommend you arrive 20 minutes prior to departure time. All return times are approximate. If you have any questions, please call Wells Mills County Park at 609-971-3085

Canoe Difficulty Rating

- A. No experience necessary.
- B. Continual paddling for several hours.
- C. Must negotiate river turns.
- D. Must negotiate a few quick river turns.
- E. Must negotiate many quick river turns.
- F. Must handle simple rock rapids.
- G. Must handle whitewater rapids.
- H. Must paddle in open water and be able to handle wind, waves and/or tide.
- I. A few portages.
- J. Many portages.
- K. Good for families.
- L. Wilderness trip.
- M. DANGER! Cold water. Please bring a change of clothes in a waterproof bag.
- N. You must have attended an Ocean County Canoe Clinic.
- O. General paddling experience necessary.
- P. River paddling experience necessary

Westecunk Creek

Traveling in Ocean County

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

DATE: Friday, April 27114126-4A

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

RATING: B, C, D, H, I, M, O, P (5.5 miles)

FEE: \$14.00 per person, \$8.00 if bringing own boat

MINIMUM: 8

MAXIMUM: 12

Oswego River (Oswego Lake to Harrisville Lake)

Traveling to Burlington County

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

DATE: Friday, May 18.....114126-4B

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

RATING: B, C, I, K, L, M, O, P (7.5 miles)

FEE: \$14.00 per person, \$8.00 if bringing own boat

MINIMUM: 8

MAXIMUM: 12

Wading River (Hawkins Bridge - Beaver Branch)

Traveling to Burlington County

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

DATE: Thursday, May 24.....114126-4C

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

RATING: B, C, D, K, O, P (9.5 miles)

FEE: \$14.00 per person, \$8.00 if bringing your own boat

MINIMUM: 8

MAXIMUM: 12

Introduction to Safe Paddling

Get the most out of your canoeing experience - take a clinic and learn properly from the start!

LOCATION: Nature Center, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Friday, June 1.....114126-4F

DATE: Saturday, June 30.....114126-4G

TIME: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

RATING: A, K

FEE: \$6.00 per person

MINIMUM: 8

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MAXIMUM: 14

Spring Nature Float

Enjoy a leisurely paddle around the beautiful Wells Mills Lake as we explore the flora and fauna found there.

LOCATION: Nature Center, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Friday, June 1.....114126-4D
DATE: Saturday, June 30.....114126-4E
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 pm
RATING: A, K
FEE: \$6.00 per person
MINIMUM: 8
AGE: 9 years- Adult
MAXIMUM: 14

Upper Batsto

Traveling to Burlington County

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Thursday, June 7.....114126-4I
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
RATING: B, C, D, I, L, O, P (6 miles)
FEE: \$14.00 per person, \$8.00 if bringing own boat
MINIMUM: 8
MAXIMUM: 12

Rancocas Creek (Birmingham Rd to Iron Works Park)

Traveling to Burlington County

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Saturday, June 9.....114126-4H
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
RATING: B, C, I, K, M, O, P (8 miles)
FEE: \$14.00 per person, \$8.00 if bringing own boat
MINIMUM: 8
MAXIMUM: 12

KAYAK TOURING TRIPS

On all kayak trips you must have previous kayak paddling experience – preferably in a “sit-in” style kayak. Expect to paddle anywhere from 3-5 hours on ALL trips regardless of the rating. We will supply the kayaks and all related gear. All trips are subject to change per the discretion of the trip leaders. It is the participant’s responsibility to consult the ratings listed below for each trip and match their skills accordingly. On all trips come expecting to get wet.

Please read the following considerations BEFORE signing up for a program:

- All participants who choose to bring their own boat must have a kayak that measures at least 12 feet in length and is a “sit-in” style boat. *** NO Sit On Top Kayaks ***
- All “sit-in” style boats are required to have a full spray skirt. Ocean County Parks and Recreation cannot supply equipment for people who bring their own boats.
- Please avoid cotton clothing. Synthetic-fiber clothing is preferred. Come prepared with water shoes No flip-flops or Crocs.
- It is strongly recommended that participants have practiced a wet exit (turning the kayak over, releasing spray skirt and swimming out of boat) PRIOR to signing up for a trip. As with all recreation programs, we reserve the right to deny a participant entry into a program if we deem the participant is not physically fit, does not match the skill level of the program or is ill-prepared. A participant will be turned away the day of the trip if the criteria listed here is not met.

If you have specific questions or concerns regarding any of the kayak programs please call Jakes Branch County Park at 732-281-2750.

****ALL RETURN TIMES APPROXIMATE****

RATING SYSTEM

- A. No experience required.
- B. Novice Paddlers: Must have some paddling experience, preferably in a “sit-in” style boat. Trip will be in somewhat protected waters. May experience small waves and current/tide. Plan to paddle 3-5 hours.
- C. Intermediate: May experience larger waves and/or stronger current/tide. Trip will have more open water paddling. Plan to paddle 4-5 hours.
- D. Intermediate/advanced: Open water paddling. Possible large waves and strong current/tide. Plan to paddle 4-5 hours.
- E. Cold Water Trip: Wetsuits recommended.

Spring Fever Kayak Trip

Been cooped up all winter and itching to get outdoors and welcome spring? Then join us for this scenic Pine Barrens paddle on the gentle Wading River. The river widens downstream so we may experience wind. We just may spot the resident Bald Eagle! Pack a lunch, sunscreen, insect repellent and plenty of water. **NO BATHROOM FACILITIES ALONG TRIP ROUTE.**

PICK-UP: Soccer Lot, Freedom Fields County Park, Little Egg Harbor
DATE: Sunday, May 6.....115306-1A
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
RATING: C, E
FEE: \$25.00 per person / \$10.00 if bringing own boat AGE: 14 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 7 MAXIMUM: 9

Tuckahoe River Kayak Trip

Join us for this down and back trek through the tidal saltmarsh. Known for its great bird viewing, we should see Ospreys and several wading bird species. Generally tranquil waters, we may experience current and light boat traffic. Pack a lunch, sunscreen, insect repellent and plenty of water. **NO BATHROOM FACILITIES ALONG TRIP ROUTE.**

PICK-UP: Soccer Lot, Freedom Fields County Park, Little Egg Harbor
DATE: Sunday, June 3.....115306-1B
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
RATING: C
FEE: \$25.00 per person / \$10.00 if bringing own boat AGE: 14 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 7 MAXIMUM: 9

“Just the Basics” Kayak Touring 1 Day Course

For those who want to “wet” their appetite and learn the basics of kayaking, this class is for you! The class will emphasize safety, paddling techniques, paddling gear and other related equipment. We will include both “classroom” and on-the-water instruction. Participants will have the option of completing a wet exit from their kayak (turning the kayak over and swimming out) as part of the safety portion of the class. All of our boats are SINGLE PERSON sea kayaks – also referred to as touring kayaks – designed for open water paddling conditions. They average between 14 and 16 ½ feet in length and are all decked or “sit-in” style boats. Spray skirts are worn over the cockpit and are provided with the class. *Avoid wearing cotton clothing. Quick-drying fabrics such as a bathing suit or nylon water shorts are preferred. If you have a wet suit you may bring that. Please come prepared with water shoes/sandals (no flip-flops or Crocs.) Other items to bring: towel, sunscreen, bug repellent, and a change of clothes. Pack your lunch.

PICK UP: Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATES: Saturday, June 16.....115306-3A
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
RATING: A
FEE: \$25.00 per person AGE: 14 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 7 MAXIMUM: 9

VAN TOURS

Our Ocean County 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 trip:

- Pack a lunch (unless otherwise noted). We will try to stop at a picnic/park area to eat, when available.
- Dress for the weather.
- 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.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time. All return times are approximate.



Birding by Van Edwin B. Forsythe's 8-mile Auto-Loop

Traveling to Atlantic County

Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge is one of New Jersey's premiere year-round birding hot spots. Early April welcomes the return of the Osprey and bids farewell to overwintering waterfowl, heading north to their summer breeding grounds. A drive around the impoundment will offer views of herons, egrets, ducks and raptors. **Pack a lunch, dress comfortably for a seated van tour, and bring binoculars - necessary for best views.**

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Friday, April 6114516-6B
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
FEE: \$14.00 per person AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 9 MAXIMUM: 12

Railroad History Van Trip

Most of the stations and much of the track have long-disappeared but one can still find evidence of the golden era of railroading in Ocean County. We will trace the routes of the Tuckerton, Pennsylvania and New Jersey Central Railroads through our region and view the structures, artifacts and landscape features that remain. Many of the sites are on private property and will be viewed from the van. **Dress for the weather, be prepared for short walks through wooded areas and pack a lunch.**

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Thursday, April 12.....114516-6C
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
FEE: \$14.00 per person
MINIMUM: 9
AGE: 9 years - Adult
MAXIMUM: 12

An Afternoon with Eagles and Other Birds Along the Maurice River

Traveling to Cumberland County

The Maurice River has been designated as a Wild & Scenic River by the National Park Service. It is a well-known wintering and nesting area for Bald Eagles and has one of NJ's largest stands of wild rice, which attracts a variety of water fowl. We will be on the lookout for returning osprey as well as the young eagles that have learned how to fly. After lunch we will board the Osprey for a cruise and an exploration of the River between Millville and Mauricetown. **Dress for the weather, bring your camera and binoculars and pack a lunch with drinks. Also bring sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat. There will be an additional charge of \$25.00 for the Osprey. Please bring exact change.**

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Saturday, April 14.....114516-6D
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 10:30 am- 5:30 pm
FEE: \$14.00 per person
MINIMUM: 9
AGE: 9 years – Adult
MAXIMUM: 12

Forgotten Towns of Burlington County

It has been said that there are more “ghost towns” in the New Jersey Pine Barrens than in the old west. We will visit and investigate the history and ruins of these forgotten villages fallen into obscurity from the decline of the various industries that once supported them. **Please pack a lunch, bring insect repellent, be prepared for walking on uneven ground and dress for the weather.**

PICK-UP: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Friday, April 20.....114516-6E
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
FEE: \$14.00 per person
MINIMUM: 9
AGE: 9 years - Adult
MAXIMUM: 12

On the Trail of Joshua Huddy

Traveling in Ocean and Monmouth Counties

Joshua “Jack” Huddy, the commander of a New Jersey Patriot militia unit and a privateer ship during the Revolutionary War, was captured by Loyalist forces twice. We will travel to various places in what was Monmouth County during the war, looking for the sites that commemorate events in his life. **Pack a lunch, dress for the weather and be prepared for short walks on uneven ground.**

PICK-UP: Nature Center Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Tuesday, May 1.....114516-6F
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
FEE: \$14.00 per person
MINIMUM: 9
AGE: 9 years - Adult
MAXIMUM: 12

Early Farmsteads in the Area ****NEW****

Traveling to Monmouth County

Many of the earliest settlers to the New World came for the opportunity to purchase land and farm. We will be going to a variety of the early farmsteads and museums to see what life was like in the past. Our first stop will be Historic Walnford. **Pack a lunch and drink. Please bring monies for donations to the sites. Wear good walking shoes and be prepared to climb stairs.**

PICK-UP: Nature Center Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Saturday, May 5.....114516-6G
DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
FEE: \$14.00 per person
MINIMUM: 9
AGE: 9 years - Adult
MAXIMUM: 12

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Northern New Jersey Lighthouses and Life Saving Stations

Lighthouses have fascinated us for years. Learn about our northern beacons and the people who kept the lights burning. We will also discuss lifesaving stations and the valuable service that they provided those in distress. Some of our stops will include Sandy Hook lighthouse and lifesaving station, Twin Lights lighthouse and view a variety of life saving stations in Monmouth and Ocean County. **Dress for the weather and bring your lunch. Be prepared to walk on uneven ground. Binoculars may also come in handy.**

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

DATE: Thursday, May 10.....114516-6H

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

FEE: \$14.00 per person

MINIMUM: 9

Age: 9 years to Adult

MAXIMUM: 12

Shorebirds and Horseshoe Crabs

Traveling to Cape May County

Join us for the greatest ornithological spectacle in New Jersey! The Red Knots will be gorging themselves on horseshoe crab eggs to double their weight and continue their 3,000+ mile migration to their breeding grounds in the Arctic. Along with the Knots, we will also see a variety of other shorebirds. **Pack a lunch, dress for the weather and bring your binoculars.**

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

DATE: Monday, May 14.....114516-6I

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

MINIMUM: 9

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MAXIMUM: 12

Bayshore Center at Bivalve

Traveling to Cumberland County

The Bayshore Center sits near the mouth of the scenic Maurice River in the historic oyster village of Bivalve, NJ. It is the home of NJ's Official Tall Ship and an original Bivalve Oyster Shipping Shed and Warf. We will tour the Delaware Bay Museum & Folklife Center and the Bayshore Art Gallery as well as 4,000 acres of restored wetlands. If time and weather permit, we can travel to Fortescue to see the shorebirds feeding on horseshoe crab eggs. **Pack a lunch, binoculars if you are a birder, dress for the weather, and be prepared to walk on uneven, shell covered ground and sand. Additional cost is \$10 for the tour. Please bring exact change.**

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

DATE: Thursday, May 17.....114516-6J

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

FEE: \$14.00 per person

MINIMUM: 9

AGE: 9 years – Adult

MAXIMUM: 12

Shorebird Watch and Horseshoe Crab Van/Boat Tour

Traveling to the Delaware Bayshore and Cape May County

We will board the Osprey for an exploration of the Cape May Coastal Wetlands Wildlife Management Area. After lunch on land, we will seek out shorebirds as they gorge themselves on horseshoe crab eggs before they continue their journey to the Arctic. **Dress for the weather, bring your camera and binoculars and pack a lunch with drinks. Also bring sunscreen and insect repellent and a hat. There will be an additional charge of \$25.00 for the Osprey. Please bring exact change. Be prepared to walk on uneven ground and sand.**

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

DATE: Tuesday, May 29.....114516-6K

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

MINIMUM: 9

AGE: 9 years – Adult

MAXIMUM: 12

The New Sweden Colony

Traveling to Philadelphia and Gloucester County

We will travel through areas of Pennsylvania and New Jersey that were part of the New Sweden Colony (1638-1655). Find out the colony's connection to New Amsterdam, Rambo, log cabins, Johnny Appleseed and other uniquely "American" ideas. We will tour the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia. Lunch is on your own at IKEA. After lunch we will visit the C.A. Nothnagle Log Cabin. It is in the National Register of Historic Places as the oldest surviving log house in the Western hemisphere. **Bring your camera and money for lunch. There will be an additional charge of \$20.00 for the museum and tours. Please bring exact change.**

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

DATE: Thursday, May 31.....114516-6L

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

MINIMUM: 9

AGE: 9 years – Adult

MAXIMUM: 12

Roadside Ocean County ****NEW****

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: Tuesday, June 5.....114516-6M

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 9

MAXIMUM: 12

A Variety of Gardens

Traveling around Central New Jersey

We will be traveling the central part of our state looking at a variety of gardens- rain, native plant, pollinator and butterfly gardens. We will be discussing what makes these gardens unique and how they are beneficial to insects, animals and humans alike. **Dress for the weather, pack a lunch and be prepared to walk on uneven ground.**

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

DATE: Friday, June 8.....114516-6N

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am- 4:30 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years – Adult

MINIMUM: 9

MAXIMUM: 12

In Search of Carnivorous Plants

Traveling to various locations in Ocean County

During our search we will visit a natural bog, Rare Find Nursery to see how these meat-eating plants are propagated, and “The Bog”, a private collection of carnivorous plants in “the largest above-ground bog in North America.” **Dress for the weather. Bring your lunch, binoculars, camera, sunscreen, insect repellent, a hat and monies for any nursery/bog purchases. Be prepared to walk on uneven ground and sand.**

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

DATE: Thursday, June 21.....114516-6O

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 9

MAXIMUM: 12

Grounds for Sculpture Van Tour

Traveling to Mercer County

The Grounds for Sculpture is a 42-acre feast for the senses. It features 270 sculptures by various artists positioned on meticulously landscaped parkland. Join us for a self-guided tour! **There will be an additional \$18 admission cost for adults and \$15 cost for seniors (65+). Outside food is not permitted, so please bring money to dine at one of the on-site eateries.**

PICKUP: Parking lot, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Friday, June 22112516-2A

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years-Adult

MINIMUM: 9

MAXIMUM: 12

Orchids, Carnivorous Plants and the Pygmy Pines

Ocean County is host to an array of plants with unique adaptations that allow them to thrive in the harsh and dynamic conditions of our dry Pine Barrens and wet boggy fens. We will visit the Pygmy Pine Forest in Warren Grove to see a vast stand of Pitch Pines, and understand the conditions that have led to their stunted growth. A stop at Webbs Mill Bog will showcase carnivorous pitcher plants, sundews and other wildflowers that thrive in wet, muddy conditions. **Dress for the weather; bring your binoculars/camera, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat and lunch. Be prepared to walk on uneven ground and sand.**

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

DATE: Saturday, June 23114516-6P

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 9

MAXIMUM: 12

Birds of the Jersey Shore

Traveling around Ocean and Atlantic Counties

The Jersey Shore is teeming with wildlife! Salt marshes and hardwood swamps along the coast provide refuge for an array of birds. We will visit Great Bay Boulevard, Manahawkin Wildlife Management Area, and other birdy places on the Jersey Shore in search of herons, egrets, terns, and many other species. Be prepared for short walks on uneven terrain. **Pack a lunch, dress for the weather, bring your binoculars and wear bug spray.**

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

DATE: Thursday, June 28.....114516-6Q

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

FEE: \$14.00 per person

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 9

MAXIMUM: 12

LECTURES

Coastal Gardening

Gardening by the shore presents unique challenges. Sandy soil, salty air, and high winds are all obstacles to a successful ornamental or veggie garden. Join us to learn landscaping techniques, as well as what species to plant so that your coastal garden will not only survive, but also thrive! At the end, you will get your very own shore-friendly plant to take home.

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River
DATE: Wednesday, March 21.....112166-1A
TIME: 10:00 – 11:30 am
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: 16 years - Adult
MAXIMUM: 20

Songbirds

Every Spring, songbirds stream northward to New Jersey from their wintering grounds in Central America and South America. These birds are displaying their bright breeding plumage and singing unique songs. Join our Naturalist staff for a Power Point presentation about these Neotropical migrants.

LOCATION: Cloverdale Farm County Park, Program Room, Barnegat
DATE: Monday, April 16.....116166-1A
TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 10

AGE: 10 years - Adult
MAXIMUM: 30

Decoy History and Carving Demonstration

Barnegat Bay has a rich history of waterfowl hunting and decoy carving. Come get a taste of the tradition and watch a live carving demonstration. Park staff will show the process of carving a working duck decoy using traditional tools and methods. While observing the demonstration, we will be discussing local carvers, different styles of decoys and various other topics.

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown
DATE: Thursday, April 19.....114166-4A
TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 9

AGE: 9 years – Adult
MAXIMUM: 25

Brewing Sustainability

Most U.S. beer styles feature hops, which take considerable experimentation to form just the right note of flavoring. Getting the right hops shows the innovative spirit of the brewer and their passion for creating regional beers. Come learn more about the science that goes into making the perfect craft beer and how a local brewery is using sustainable practices while brewing Blueberry and Cranberry Beer along with other varieties.

LOCATION: Cloverdale Farm County Park, Program Room, Barnegat
DATE: Monday, April 23.....116166-1B
TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 10

AGE: Adult, 21 years and over
MAXIMUM: 30

Dragonflies

As bird watching wanes in June, many nature lovers watch dragonflies for the summer, while birds are busy raising their chicks. Join us for a PointPower presentation on these beautifully colored, exciting insects that inhabit the Pinelands and power paint our skies.

LOCATION: Cloverdale Farm County Park, Program Room, Barnegat
DATE: Thursday, June 7.....116166-1D
TIME: 7:00-8:30pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 10

AGE: 10 years to Adult
MAXIMUM: 30

Cedar Bridge Tavern

Join us for the evening as Tim Hart, Division Director of the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, discusses the early known history of this circa 1816 tavern. Tim will tell the history of how Captain John Bacon, a Pine Barrens Robber and his banditti were responsible for the Massacre of thirty patriots at Barnegat Light in October 1782, which eventually led to a skirmish at Cedar Bridge on December 27, 1782. Tim will also discuss recent archeological digs, historical finding, and unique facets of the current restoration project to bring this once prominent Ocean County Tavern back to its former glory.

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat
DATE: Tuesday, June 12.....116166-1C
TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 10

AGE: 10 years to Adult
MAXIMUM: 30

HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Growing Vegetables in Containers

If you have limited space in your yard and would like to grow vegetables, container gardening is a great option to consider. Sign up for this fun program, and learn how to use containers to grow an array of vegetables. **Outdoor event, please dress accordingly**

LOCATION: Ocean County Tree Nursery, 499 South Stump Tavern, Jackson
DATE: Wednesday, April 18th.....117166-7A
TIME: 1:00-2:00pm
AGE: Adult
MINIMUM: 5

FEE: Free
MAXIMUM: 10

Companion Planting

Companion planting can protect your crops from pests, maximize pollination, and provide habitat for beneficial creatures. Come join us and learn how to implement a companion planting plan in your garden. **Outdoor event, please dress accordingly.**

LOCATION: Ocean County Tree Nursery, 499 South Stump Tavern, Jackson
DATE: Wednesday, May 23rd.....117166-7B
TIME: 10:30-11:30 am
AGE: Adult
MINIMUM: 5

FEE: Free
MAXIMUM: 10

Attracting Toads and Frogs to your Garden

Not only are toads and frogs cute, but they can protect all your garden plants from unwanted predators. Learn how to attract these amazing amphibians to your garden. We will also make a cozy little toad house to place among your flowers. **Outdoor event, please dress accordingly.**

LOCATION: Ocean County Tree Nursery, 499 South Stump Tavern, Jackson
DATE: Wednesday, June 13th.....117166-7C
TIME: 1:00-2:00pm
AGE: Adult
MINIMUM: 5

FEE: \$5.00 per person
MAXIMUM: 10

*****New Vermicomposting for Kids - See Page 39**

WANTED! VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CLEAN UP THE FORKED RIVER MOUNTAIN AREA

DATE: Sunday, April 22, 2018 • MEET AT: Lacey Municipal Building, Lacey Rd
TIME: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

HOT DOG LUNCH ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AFTER THE CLEANUP
GLOVES AND BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED

In Cooperation with The Forked River Mountain Coalition and the Pinelands Preservation Alliance

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FAMILY FUN

Put the hustle and bustle of daily life aside and take advantage of these short programs. These programs encourage families to spend quality time together while learning about the environment. Having fun is an added bonus!

Spring Break Bonanza!

Spring has sprung, and so have we! Itching for something to do with your kids during their break? Looking for a fun and fast activity to take with you after your visit? Join us for Spring Break as we do some quick make and take activities and crafts sure to put a smile on their face and a spring in their step! No pre-registration required.

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: April 2 – Bubble Art
April 3 – Paint with Nature
April 4 – Recycled Garden Crafts
April 5 – Mini Nature Journals
April 6 – Tiny Terrariums

TIME: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

FEE: Free

AGE: All

Drop In and Discover

What will you discover about nature when you drop by and join us for a FREE story, game or craft? **No registration required.**

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

DATES: Tuesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 5

TIMES: 1:00-3:00pm

AGE: All

FEE: FREE

Kids' Stuff Flea Market

Shop or sell at this huge flea market. It's time to clean out those closets and recycle your goods at our annual Kids' Stuff Flea Market. Items may include toys, games, clothes and sporting goods. New and used items may be sold. This event is held rain or shine. Register now as this event sells out quickly!

LOCATION: Beach Complex parking lot, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Saturday, May 12.....KDFLM18

TIME: Set up at 7:30 am, sell from 9:00 am-1:00 pm

FEE: \$15.00 per reserved parking space for vendors. One vehicle per paid spot. Sorry, no other vehicles allowed in lot.

NOTE: Pre-registration is mandatory, visit the website at oceancountyparks.org for application, or mail in the back page of Newsletter.

MAXIMUM: 110 vendors

Snowman Photo Contest

Get your mittens out and use your imagination. Design and create your best snow sculpture this winter. Send us a photo by "snail mail", and you could win a fun prize! Awards will be given for the most original and best traditional snowman of this season. There is also a "just for kids" division. Open to all Ocean County residents.

Please mail your photo to: Ocean County Parks and Recreation, 1198 Bandon Road, Toms River, NJ 08753 Attn.: Active Recreation. Sorry, photos can't be returned. You may also e-mail LONEILL@co.ocean.nj.us Entry deadline is March 31.



"Night of the Stars" at Jakes Branch

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. The club members will be happy to give you pointers on how to find the planets and locate constellations. No registration required.

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

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Saturday, April 14

TIME: 8:00 – 10:00 pm

DATE: Saturday, May 5

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 pm

DATE: Saturday, June 16

TIME: 9:00 – 11:00 pm

LOCATION: Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Saturday, June 2

TIME: 9:00-11:00 pm

FEE: FREE

AGE: All

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Family Volunteer Day

Become a V.I.P. as a Volunteer in the Parks, while helping celebrate National Volunteer Week. We are looking for individuals and families willing to work together to support, beautify, and preserve Cloverdale Farm County Park for years to come. We will be cutting back trails so any additional tools such as loppers, bow saws, and pole saws would be appreciated.

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat
DATE: Saturday, April 21.....116466-1B
TIME: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
FEE: Free, pre-registration is required AGE: All

Summer Kick-Off Beach Campfire

What a better way to kick off the summer season than on the beach in front of a campfire? Enjoy the fire, live music and marshmallows roasting as you watch the sun go down and listen to the waves lap the shoreline – all with Ole' Barney as the backdrop. Please bring a beach chair or blanket and some marshmallows and a stick. The lighthouse will be open if you are up for a climb! These programs are in cooperation with Barnegat Lighthouse State Park. Limited beach wheelchair access is available with advance 48-hour notice. Rain or shine. **No registration is required.**

FEATURING: The Basement Musicians Guild
LOCATION: Barnegat Lighthouse State Park, Barnegat Light
DATE: Saturday, June 23
TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 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: Saturday, June 23- Sunday, June 24.....118466-1A
TIME: 6:00pm Saturday - 9:00am Sunday
FEE: \$5.00 per person AGE: 5 years & up
MINIMUM: 10 MAXIMUM: 30

Family-friendly County Park Camp Out

Experience the excitement of camping in the great outdoors but without all the fuss. Only the basic camping gear is needed for this “light,” family-friendly program. Parents can feel secure about the location and kids will just enjoy the idea of “camping”. We will start off with a 1/2 mile nature walk led by a park naturalist and finish the night with a campfire and marshmallow roast. Marshmallows will be provided but feel free to bring ingredients for s'mores or other snacks. Bagels and muffins will be provided Sunday morning. You will need to provide your own camping gear. On request, a list of recommended gear will be mailed. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Saturday and Sunday, June 30 and July 1.....115466-5B
TIME: 5:30 pm Saturday, June 30 – 9:00 am Sunday, July 1
FEE: \$5.00 per person AGE: 5 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 10 MAXIMUM: 20

DIY Rain Barrel

Do you want to save money on your water bill? Want to conserve a natural resource? If so, you might want to consider building your own 55 gallon rain barrel. Water collected in the barrel can be later used to water flowers, vegetable gardens and even your lawn. Due to limited supplies, a family can only build one barrel.

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat
DATE: Tuesday, April 24.....116466-1D
TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
FEE: \$30 per family AGE: 8 years-Adult
MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 6

Full Moon Walk

Join us as we re-visit this popular activity of moonlight hiking. When the full moon shines on the white sands of the Jersey Pine Barrens, no flashlights are needed!

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat
DATE: Friday, April 27.....116466-6A
TIME: 7:30 - 8:30 pm
FEE: \$5.00, per person registration fee AGE: 8 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 6 MAXIMUM: 12

"Honor the Earth" Clean Up at NJ Pulverizing - Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Property

Help beautify this unique tract of land by donning some gloves and digging in to help remove trash! Newly acquired, this 775-acres of unique habitats and topographic features was previously mined for sand and has been left untouched for many years. The property has huge areas of sandy flats, grasslands, upland forests, and Caribbean blue colored lakes. All will serve to be a pretty backdrop while we help to get this property in tiptop shape! **Please bring gloves, water, sunscreen and insect repellent. Call Jakes Branch to register 732-281-2750**

PICK UP: Parking Lot, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATE: Saturday, April 21.....115466-5A

DEPARTURE/RETURN: 9:00 – 11:30 am

FEE: FREE

AGE: 9 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 12

MAXIMUM: 24

Through Your Cell Phone Lens

The cell phone camera has become one of the most widely used cameras in history. Unfortunately, most people do not know how to use their phone camera fully to produce beautiful compelling images. Join us as Tom Spader, media specialist for the Ocean County Parks and Recreation Facebook Page and previously a photographer for 15 years at the Asbury Park Press, takes you on a tour of Cloverdale Farm County Park and teaches you tips and tricks to capture stunning images.

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Wednesday, June 6.....116466-1E

TIME: 6:30-8:30 pm

FEE: Free, pre-registration required

AGE: 12 years - Adult

MINIMUM: 5

MAXIMUM: 20

PASSPORT TO PARKS FUN AND LEARNING

In continuing with the Kids To Parks initiative beginning May 19 participants can pick up a "Passport to Parks Fun" book which contains a list of free activities and challenges that will be ongoing through September 2, 2018. Upon completing the activities, a stamp from park staff will be required while other activities will require a "selfie" to be pasted into the passport. After all of the activities in the passport are completed, children can turn their book in to any of the designated locations to receive commemorative items. You may pick up and return your completed passport to Cattus Island County Park, Jakes Branch County Park, Wells Mills County Park and Cloverdale Farm County Park.

KIDS TO PARKS DAY - SATURDAY MAY 19, 2018

Join this national movement designed to encourage kids and families to explore their neighborhood parks and discover science, history, nature and adventure right around the corner! The following is a list of **FREE** activities taking place on May 19:

CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK, TOMS RIVER

Seining - 11 am and 2 pm

Nature Walk - 10 am and 1 pm

Touch and Info Table – ongoing, 10 am – 3 pm

Nature Craft – ongoing, 10 am – 3 pm

JAKES BRANCH COUNTY PARK, BEACHWOOD

Science Lesson and Craft – ongoing, 1 - 3:30 pm

Live Animal Talk - 10 am, 11 am and 2 pm

Nature Walk – 10:30 am, 11:30 am and 1:30 pm

WELLS MILLS COUNTY PARK, WARETOWN

Canoe Rentals- Free for children 17 and under - ongoing between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Family Canoe Instruction Clinic & Nature Float - 9:30 am

CLOVERDALE FARM COUNTY PARK, BARNEGAT

Pond Critters - 9:30 - 11:00 am

Get your waterproof boots on and get ready for this fun, interactive program. During this program, we will be taking a closer look at aquatic insects and other invertebrates known as Macroinvertebrates. Your family will get to scoop up these small swimming critters that live in Cloverdale Farm County Park's bogs and reservoirs by using fine mesh nets and learn to identify the various species. Please dress for the weather and wear waterproof boots. Children must be accompanied with an adult.

Frog Craft – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm ongoing

Drop on by for a quick "come and go" lesson on frogs and go home with a cute make and take frog craft.

Afternoon at the Bogs – 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Come explore the cranberry bogs with nets on the hunt for frogs, try to catch an Eastern Fence Lizard, and see if we can find and identify a few birds and insects. Please dress for the weather and wear waterproof boots. Children must be accompanied with an adult.

OCEAN COUNTY PARK, LAKEWOOD

Make a Splash Water Festival – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Water connects us all. This festival is designed to introduce families to the importance of water in their lives. Fun, interactive exhibits and programs will address topics like water supply and water pollution. Bring the whole family!



Cloverdale Bluebird Trail Citizen Science Project

The Naturalist staff at Cloverdale Farm County Park is looking for help with monitoring our Bluebird Trail this summer to maintain and document successful nest box sites. During this introductory monitoring program, you will learn how to conduct a survey, the difference between bluebird nests and those of other species that sometimes use the nest box, the importance of nest placement, predator guards, and how to properly approach and age a bluebird nestling. **Please dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking boots, and be prepared to walk one mile. Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

LOCATION: Cloverdale Farm County Park Program Room, Barnegat
DATE: Saturday April 21.....116466-1C
TIME: 2:00 -3:30 pm
FEE: Free, pre-registration is required AGE: 9 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 5 MAXIMUM: 20

Hummingbirds & DIY Feeder

Learn about how to introduce native plants to your garden to attract hummingbirds and make a hummingbird feeder to bring home.

LOCATION: Cloverdale Farm County Park, Program Room, Barnegat
DATE: Tuesday, April 10.....116466-1A
TIME: 7:00-8:30pm
FEE: \$5.00, pre-registration is required AGE: 10 years - Adult
MINIMUM: 8 MAXIMUM: 16

CANINE CORNER

Walk n' Wag Dog Jaunt & Donation Collection

Get some exercise with your best furry friend and support the Friends of Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter! Take a 2-mile walk on the beautiful Barnegat Branch Rail Trail. Meet some of the dedicated volunteers and learn about the important work that this organization does to support the Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter. **Items needed: food, blankets, towels, Nylabones or other hard chew toys, puzzle toys, cat play toys, dog and cat treats and monetary donations. Maximum of one dog per registered person. Only well socialized dogs please. All dog must remain on a leash. Dogs must be vaccinated.**

LOCATION: Barnegat Rail Trail, Country Lane Parking Lot, Waretown
DATE: Saturday, April 7 TIME: 9:45 am - 12:00 pm
AGE: 8 years - adult FEE: FREE

NEW! Dog Pack Walk & Leash Training

Learn to walk your dog nicely on a leash, and you will enjoy our pack walk each week. Join us to exercise and socialize your dog and yourself too. All dogs must be "dog and stranger" friendly. Please bring small treats for training. Please use only a 6-foot leash, no retractable leashes allowed. A harness or buckle collar is preferred. All dogs must be up to date on shots and have a valid license. The training class will take place the first day. The other two days will be walking and practice socialization. First day seminar provided by Compassionate Canine Training. **Please one dog per adult. Please bring check on the first day, made payable to Compassionate Canine Training for \$20 or exact change.**

LOCATION: Meet outside Cooper Environmental Center, Cattus Island
County Park, Toms River
DATE: Tuesdays, April 24, May 1 and May 8.....113466-2A
TIME: 10:00-11:00 am AGE: 12 years - Adult
FEE: Pre-registration is required, send a check for \$5.00 per dog.
MINIMUM: 2 teams dog/adult MAXIMUM: 6 teams dog/adult

Pack Walk

Grab your pup, a leash, and get moving. Pack walks are arranged to give you and your dog a non-confrontational experience with other dogs. As we walk, the dogs will naturally fall in line amongst each other. **Dogs must be accompanied by an adult and be on a 4 foot leash – no retractable leashes are allowed. Donations welcome.**

LOCATION: Outdoor Classroom, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat
DATE: Saturday, June 9.....116466-1F
TIME: 2:00-3:00 pm
FEE: Free, pre-registration required AGE: 12 years - Adults
MINIMUM: 5 MAXIMUM: 10

NEW! Pets in our Parks Photo Contest

We know your pets love our parks, show us your best winter shot! Be creative, be active, be artsy.... and you could win a prize.

Please mail your photo to: Lisa O'Neill at Ocean County Parks and Recreation, 1198 Bandon Road, Toms River, NJ 08753 Attn: Active Recreation. Sorry, photos can't be returned. E-mails accepted at LONEILL@co.ocean.nj.us Entry deadline is March 31.

Friday June 8th 6pm-8pm

DOGGY YAPPY HOUR



**DEMOS ~ VENDORS
GIVE-A-WAYS**

Ocean County Park in Lakewood



New! Costume and Dog Trick Contests

**1-(877)-OCPARKS
or information**

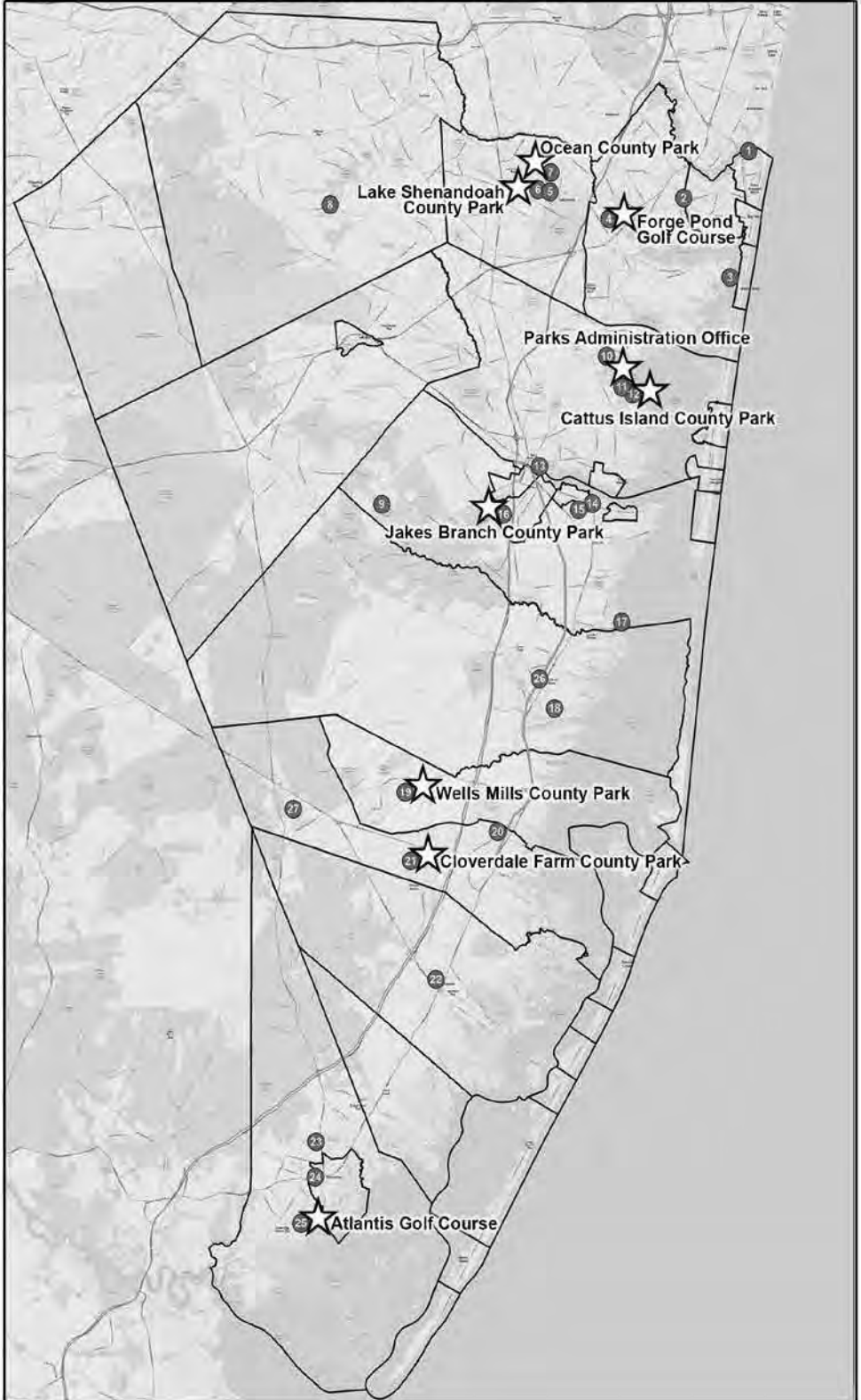


www.oceancountyparks.org

Ocean County Parks & Conservation Areas

Parks where programs are held in this program guide
are marked with a ★

For complete information on all the Parks and Wildlife Conservation
Areas in the Ocean County Park and Recreation system visit:
www.oceancountypark.org



Saturday ~ May 19th

Earth First Festival

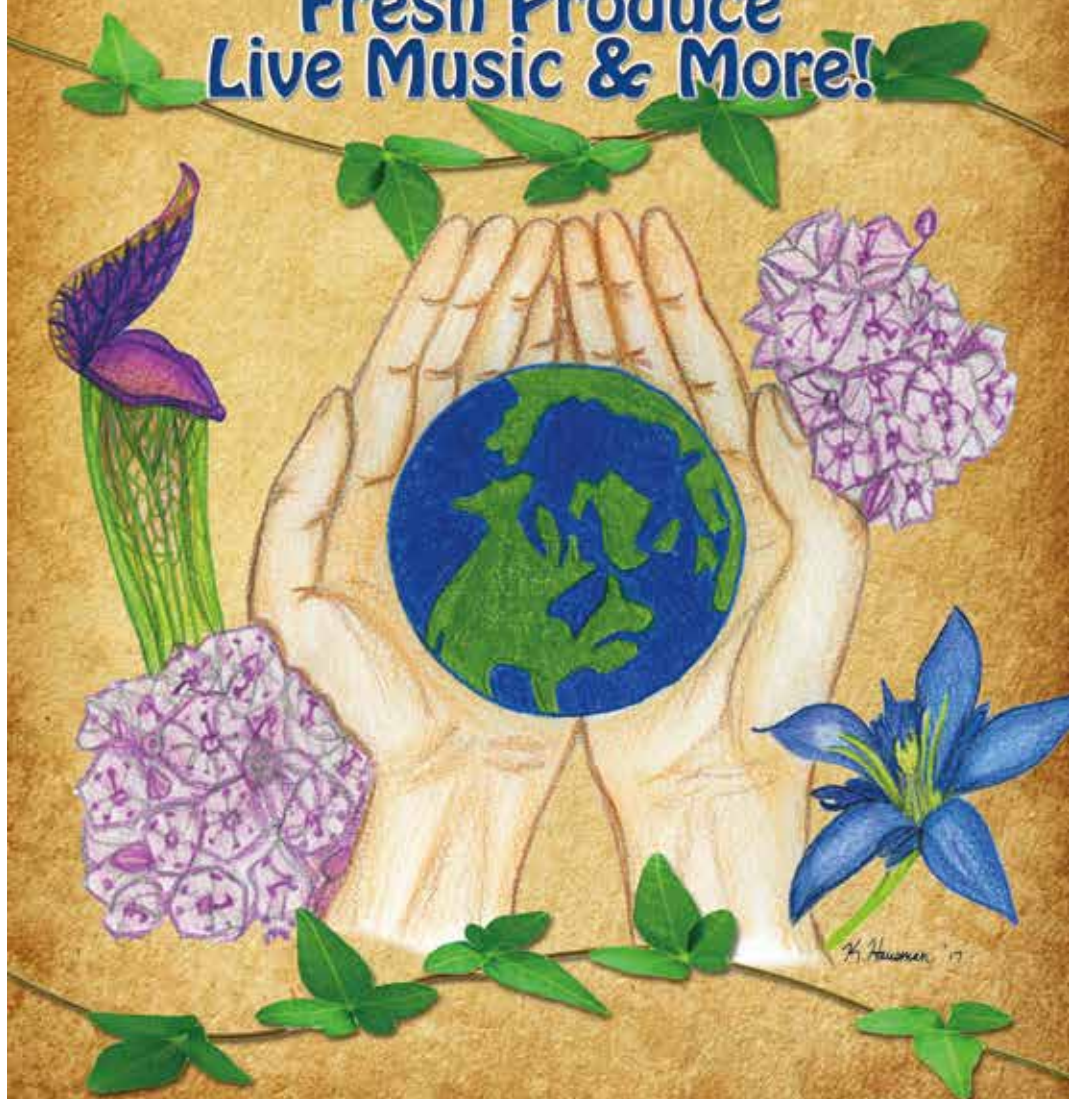
Jakes Branch County Park

1100 Double Trouble Road, Beachwood

FREE EVENT

12:00pm - 4:00pm

**Local Crafters
Native Plant Vendors
Fresh Produce
Live Music & More!**



Kids' Stuff



Flea Market

Buy or Sell Kids' Stuff

Clean out your closets. Items must be child related.

A reserved spot is \$15. Event is rain or Shine.

Saturday, May 12

9:00 am-1:00 pm Ocean County Park,

659 Ocean Ave., Lakewood

Vendors mail check for \$15 to:

Ocean County Parks & Recreation

1198 Bandon Rd. Toms River, NJ 08753

www.oceancountyparks.org

1-877-OC PARKS Program #KDFLM18

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Cattus Island

Free Event

~ Nature Festival ~

Celebrating

38 YEARS

Connecting Community with Nature

FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES
"THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE"

April 28 10am - 4pm

at the Cooper Environmental Center

(732) 270-6960



Seining
Archery
Kayak Tours
Nature Walks
Live Animal Talks
Fish Printing Craft
The Great Bug Race
Pine Cone Bird Feeders

Cattus Island Nature Festival

Celebrating 38 years of Connecting the Community with Nature

APRIL 28, 2018

10AM - 4PM



Nature Walks

All walks meet at the Map Case
Each walk lasts about 45 mins

Beginning Birding 11:00
Furry Friends Pack Walk 12:30
Osprey of Cattus Island 1:30
Saltmarsh Stomp 2:30

Kids Programs Outdoor Classroom

Fish Printing 10:00-12:00 / 2:00-4:00
Kids Garden Craft
Sow Spring Seeds 10:30-12:00 / 12:30-4:00

Flower Power
Flower Arranging 11:30-12:30

Van Tours
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
TICKETS AT THE FRONT DESK
Meet at the map case
10:30, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00

Kayak Tours
Boat House Site
45 minutes each
11:00, 12:00, 2:00 & 3:00



Schedule of Events



FREE Shuttle

New
COOPER
ENVIRONMENTAL
CENTER

NEW SEASON
NEW ACTIVITIES

For the Kids:

Fish
Printing

Flower
Power

Garden
Crafts



The Great Bug Race

Meet on the front lawn
The Great Bug HUNT 12:30
The Great Bug RACE 1:00

Archery Adventure

10:00 - 3:30 Farmhouse Site
Instructional lessons
for kids and adults

Live Animal Talks Lecture Room

Get up close and personal
with some of our resident
snakes & turtles.
11:00, 1:00 & 3:00

The Beauty of Butterflies

Lecture Room
Their transformation from beast
to beauty remains one of
Nature's unsolved mysteries.
11:30am & 3pm

Seining on Silver Bay

Join a park naturalist at the beach
10:30am - 3:30pm

The beach is a one-mile
walk or you can take the shuttle.



The Natural Lands Trust Fund Program



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 Chosen Freeholders with the funds to acquire lands in Ocean County for conservation and farmland preservation. Lands that fall under this program are environmentally sensitive, natural areas or open spaces that would protect farmland, water quality, wetlands and other lands with unique or sensitive features.

The Natural Lands Trust Fund encourages the establishment of a system of protected lands which, in combination with the Farmlands Preservation Program, enhances the quality of life in Ocean County by:

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

On February 18, 1998 the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders established a nine-member Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee. The committee's purpose is to review nominations for the Trust Fund and to forward recommendations to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for consideration.

The program now generates over \$8 million per year for natural lands acquisitions and farmland preservation. Several important parcels have been preserved and acquired through partnerships with non-profits, municipalities and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Throughout the seasons, a newly constructed boardwalk trail at Cattus Island County Park, offers residents and visitors of all ages and abilities a unique opportunity to view beautiful sunsets, majestic butterflies, intriguing waterfowl, and peaceful snowfalls along a pristine part of the Barnegat Bay.



The newly constructed boardwalk trail provides an exciting and accessible option to visitors. With a five-foot, seven-inch wide deck, there is ample space for wheelchairs or other mobility devices to move comfortably along the trail. The trail fits seamlessly into the environment, allowing visitors to visit the saltmarsh and provides views of Barnegat Bay. It is a perfect place to catch a glimpse of some of the park’s winged wildlife including: Osprey, Great Blue Heron, Great Egrets, and Common Terns. The 1,500-foot-long boardwalk and stone-dust trail is also great for families with young children, as it provides a wide and firm surface to push strollers as you walk from the park’s Cooper Environmental Center to the playground and picnic area.

“We are pleased to offer this amenity at Cattus Island County Park to all of our visitors,” said Ocean County Freeholder John C. Bartlett Jr., liaison to the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation. “This park offers such a wide array of wildlife and natural jewels that offering a boardwalk that meanders through the marshes and can accommodate all of our guests is an invaluable benefit.”

The project began in 2012 when the original boardwalk was destroyed during Superstorm Sandy. As the storm surge ripped through the park, it lifted the old boardwalk off its wooden foundation and smashed it against the surrounding trees. Despite the best efforts of park staff, the former boardwalk was impossible to restore to its safe and accessible state. As a result, the staff of the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation worked with the Ocean County Department of Engineering to redesign the boardwalk and apply for necessary permits. This new structure would not just be wider, it would be stronger and more resilient. The engineers designed the boardwalk to sit atop 14-foot galvanized helical piles. These provide a stable footing anchored deep into the soil, preventing the boardwalk from twisting or floating during a storm. The wood of the structure is pressure treated and the fasteners are stainless steel. These materials resist the corrosive effects of the salt-water environment. Finally, the elevation was raised to keep the lumber above any seasonal high tides or storm events.

Once the design was finalized and permits were received, Cattus Island staff and volunteers began removing the old boardwalk piece-by-piece with assistance from the Ocean County Department of Corrections and the county’s Buildings and Grounds Department.

Shorelands Construction, a local marine construction company, was given the task of rebuilding a boardwalk through the muddy and often waterlogged marsh. In less than six months, they were able to bring the boardwalk trail to completion.



OCEAN COUNTY GOLF COURSES

ATLANTIS & FORGE POND

<http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/GolfCourses>

Special Rates and Packages

Ocean County Golf Courses offer many specials and packages. Contact our pro-shops for details.

Yearly package rates ~ Child's Fee for kids 7-16

Frequent Player Cards ~ Golf Lunch Special

"Cuisine on the Green" ~ Restaurant at Atlantis (609) 296-2137
www.cuisineonthegreen.com

Tournaments and Special Events

If you are looking to host a tournament or group outing with your own private group then Ocean County Golf Courses would be a great venue.

~Tournaments available on weekdays

~Night Golf June 29th
and September 21st

~Military Appreciation Day
on November 11th

Leagues Available

We offer competitive leagues at both golf courses during the summer and fall seasons. It's a great way to meet new people who enjoy the game.

Book your tee times Online
www.golfnow.com
Call the ProShop for details

Course Hours:

through March 30 8:00am - 4:00pm

7:00am - 5:30pm March 31 to May 17

7:00am - 7:00pm May 18 to Sept 20

Ocean County Golf Course
at Atlantis
261 Country Club Boulevard
Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087
(609) 296-2444



Ocean County Golf Course
at Forge Pond
301 Chambers Bridge Road
Brick, NJ 08723
732-920-8899

FISHING CONTEST

**AT LAKE SHENANDOAH
COUNTY PARK, LAKEWOOD**

Saturday, May 5th

Registration begins at 7:30 am.

Fish must be submitted by 2:00pm.

Registration fee is \$2.00 for children under 16 years
and \$4.00 for adults 16 years and up.

• Door Prizes!

• 2 New Weigh-in Locations :

Forge Pond and Lake Carasaljo

Call 732-506-5122 for more information or visit
www.oceancountyparks.org for complete rules.





Recreation Celebration



Softball
Volleyball
Kayaks
Disc-Golf
Gardening
Smiles
Fishing
Camping
Archery
Soccer
Tennis
Games
Golf
Biking
Canoes
Pickleball
Nature
Hiking
Birding
Crafts
Fun
Walks

Friday June 15th

5:30-7:30pm

At Ocean County Park, Lakewood

For More Information

Call 732-506-5122

JAKES BRANCH COUNTY PARK FREE!!!



Kids will be allowed
to touch,
get behind the wheel,
climb,
explore,
pose for photos,
learn and have fun
~ALL IN ONE PLACE~



MEET
"SPARKY THE FIRE DOG"

Crafts & Food



Bring a white T-Shirt
to paint as a
souvenir

Jakes Branch County Park
1100 Double Trouble Rd.
Beachwood
732-281-2750

GET AWAYS

Springtime at Longwood Gardens

Springtime at Longwood Gardens is sure to delight anyone who loves exquisite flowers, majestic trees, and opulent architecture. Longwood Gardens offers 1,050 acres of indoor and outdoor gardens to explore. In May, the Flower Garden Walk features tulips in a rainbow of colors, spring annuals such as marigolds, snapdragons, azaleas and much more! Lunch will be on your own at The Terrace Restaurant, which offers both café and full service dining. Also feel free to pack your own lunch!

PICK-UP: Depart from the Beach Complex, Ocean County Park, Lakewood

DATE: Tuesday, May 22.....LONGWD

TIME: Bus departs at 8:30 a.m. Approximate return time is 7:00 p.m.

FEE: \$58.00 per person (includes round-trip bus transportation, admission into Longwood & gratuity)

MINIMUM: 35

MAXIMUM: 40

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Paint a Shorebird Flattie

Decoy carving and painting is a form of folk art that has a long history in New Jersey. Come and try your hand at painting a shorebird "flattie", a silhouette decoy on a dowel. These flatties resemble the decoys used by market hunters over a century ago to attract shorebirds. Materials and guidance will be provided for the entire process. All experience levels welcome!

LOCATION: Lecture Room, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown

DATE: Saturday, May 19.....114186-4A

TIME: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person

MINIMUM: 9

AGE: 9 years – Adult

MAXIMUM: 14

Beginners Guitar Lessons

During this six-day outdoor class series, you learn about parts of the guitar, scales, right and left hand form, chord progressions, strumming patterns, and eventually be able to play an entire song. The instructor will provide all books and instructional materials. If inclement weather should occur, the class will be moved inside. **Please bring a beginner acoustic guitar and have \$100 in exact change for instructor the first day of class.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Sundays, May 20-Sunday, June 24.....116186-3B

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 am

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

MINIMUM: 3

AGE: 12 years - Adult

MAXIMUM: 8

Drawing & Watercolor Series

During this six day class series, Carol Nace will guide you through drawing techniques such as using form, shading, and how to add finer detail to your work. She will show you how drawing and watercolor are natural extensions of one another. During the watercolor portion of the class, color theory, color mixing, composition and various techniques will be covered. This program is perfect for all skill levels. **Please have \$100 in exact change for instructor the first day of class along with an 8.5 x 11 inch sketchpad. Pencils will be provided. A list of watercolor supplies to be purchased (approximately \$20 expense) will be provided at the end of the first class.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Saturdays, April 21-May 26.....116186-3A

TIME: 9:00 - 11:00 am

FEE: \$5.00, per person registration fee

MINIMUM: 6

AGE: 15 years - Adult

MAXIMUM: 12

Cuttlebone Bone Casting for Jewelry

Rick Marshall, metalsmith will teach you how to make jewelry by pouring molten metal into a dried fish skeleton. This is an extremely fast way to make a finished piece of jewelry. Basic jewelry skills such as sawing, finishing and coloring metal will also be covered. Students should be able to complete several pieces during this fast paced workshop. No previous experience required. **Please have \$40 in exact change for the instructor and material costs. Silver optional must email instructor at for cost and further detail.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

DATE: Tuesday, June 19116186-3E

TIME: 6:00 - 10:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

MINIMUM: 6

AGE: 15 years - Adult

MAXIMUM: 12

NEW! Flip Flop Wreaths

Love crafting but sometimes don't know what to design? Come join us as we kick off the summer season with your very own unique handmade flip-flop wreath. The best part of this class is we will be using flip-flops that you wear on your feet, can you believe it? Feel free to bring along any of your own fabric scraps.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Wednesday, June 20.....111186-7A
TIME: 6:00 – 7:30 pm
FEE: \$10.00 per person
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 16 years - Adult
MAXIMUM: 10

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, June 5 – August 21
TIMES: 10:00 a.m-12:00 pm.....111384-1A
5:00 – 7:00 pm.....111384-1B
7:00 – 9:00 pm.....111384-1C
FEE: \$145.00, includes expert instruction, firing and glazing
AGE: Adult
MINIMUM: 6 people
MAXIMUM: 7 people

NEW! Piano Class

Have you ever wished you could play an instrument? Whether you are retired, a stay-at-home mom or would like to attend in the evening because of work schedules, we can try to accommodate you! Learn to read music, improve memory and develop creativity with an experienced and fun teacher in this co-ed program. Move over Beethoven! **Required Workbook, \$10.00 due at first night of class. A small portable keyboard consisting of 4 octaves is needed. You can go to Target or order online for around \$65.00. [Once you sign up, feel free to contact me at and I will gladly advise. 732-207-6437, email GloriaJuneF@hotmail.com] (AA; BA; Juilliard Trained) *Please bring cash or a check payable to instructor Gloria Fowler for \$115.00 on the first day of class***

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River
DATE: Wednesdays, April 4 – May 23
TIME: 4:00 – 5:00 pm.....111544-5A
TIME: 6:15 – 7:15 pm.....111544-5B
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 8

Wine Glass Painting

Raise your glass to Mother Nature as we celebrate this SPRING SEASON. Delight in a world of color as we bring glasses to life. Create two of a kind works of art using wine glasses as your canvas. "Life is always better with a glass of fun". All supplies are included. ***Look forward to a series of seasonal wine glass making in the upcoming newsletters.***

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, April 12.....111186-1A
LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, June 7.....111186-2A
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
FEE: \$14.00 per person
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 14

NEW! Forever Fabric Flowers

Flowers brighten up everything, but real flowers don't last forever. Fabric flowers are a lovely way to keep on blooming! They can dress up a tee shirt, make cute hair clips or just display a colorful bunch. All supplies included but feel free to bring your own fabric scraps.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, April 19.....111186-3A
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
FEE: \$10.00 per person
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 10

NEW! Spooontastic Mirror!

Round decorative mirrors can make a real statement but often come with a heavy price. Jazz up your house with a one of a kind handmade mirror created out of spoons! This craft when finished will be a delightful piece of art for your home or in your office.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, May 3.....111186-4A
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
FEE: \$10.00 per person
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 12

NEW! Going Potty

There are 101 uses for your typical terra cotta pot. They are not just for planting anymore. All you need is a little bit of paint and a lot of imagination and you can make useful or simply decorative creations. All supplies included but feel free to bring your own bits to personalize your project.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, May 24.....111186-5A
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
FEE: \$10.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 10

NEW! Mason Jar Wall Hanging Décor

Don't know what to do with left over mason jars? Come join us as we use recycled glass jars on pallet wood by creating the perfect home accent piece for your house. This home décor look will have all your friends and family talking!

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River
DATE: Wednesday, May 30.....111186-6A
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
FEE: \$10.00 per person
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 12

Wine Bottle Wind Chimes

Get the springtime season started right with this simple yet elegant wind chime. Join Lori, from LaMoon Creations, who will teach you how to score, cut, sand and design your wine bottle. All you need to bring to this class is a creative mind and playful spirit. **Please have \$30 in exact change for the instructor and material costs.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat
DATE: Saturday, June 2
TIME: 9:00 - 11:30 am.....116186-3C
TIME: 1:00-3:30 pm.....116186-3D
FEE: \$5.00, per person registration fee
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 10

SOUTH JERSEY BASKET MAKING

Basket making has been a tradition in the Pine Barrens since the Lenni Lenape first settled our region. Baskets were used for gathering food and carrying supplies. 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.

Wine Basket

Whether you are off to a get together at your closest friend's house, heading out to your favorite restaurant or attending a concert in the park, this two-bottle wine basket is the perfect carrier for your preferred wine choices. It's simple but elegant design makes it a basket that no wine lover can be without! **Please have \$45.00 in exact change to cover instructor fees and material costs.**

LOCATION: Cloverdale Farm County Park Program Room, Barnegat
DATES: Tuesday, April 17.....116186-4A
TIME: 5:30 - 10:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 15

Apple Basket

Learn how to use a mold to create an exquisite bonnet handled 10-inch traditional apple basket. This class will be the first of three in which different sized apple baskets will be made to complete a collection of apple nesting baskets. **Please have \$50 in exact change for the instructor and materials.**

LOCATION: Cloverdale Farm County Park Program Room, Barnegat
DATE: Tuesday, May 1116186-4B
TIME: 5:30-10:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee
MINIMUM: 4

AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 7

Berry Basket

We guarantee you will love making this basket, especially since it will be completed by the start of blueberry season! This class is great for beginners. **Please have \$30 in exact change for the instructor and materials.**

LOCATION: Cloverdale Farm County Park Program Room, Barnegat
DATE: Tuesday, June 5.....116186-4C
TIME: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: 12 years-Adult
MAXIMUM: 15

PARENT AND CHILD FUN

Fireside Storytelling and Craftmaking

Pull up a chair in front of the warm fire as we read a few children's stories inside. Afterward, the children will make a nature-themed craft related to the story.

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

TIME: 10:30 – 11:30 am

FEE: \$5.00 per child, adults are free but must register

AGE: 3 - 5 years

MINIMUM: 10

MAXIMUM: 20

Fabulous Fish

Funny fish swimming in the sea, flashing fins and tails for me. Fish so fast with scales that shine, I can't help but wish they were mine! Fish are fabulous, I think you agree, so come and do some crafts with me. Join us for this sea-sational storytime as we read a few fishy fables followed by a craft of whale-sized proportions!

DATE: Thursday, April 5.....115326-5A

Wonderful Water

What covers 70% of the earth's surface? What is fun to play with in the summer and in the winter? Why, Water of course! So what-er you waiting for?! Join us for this water-ful storytime as we read stories and make a craft sure to have you dancing in the rain.

DATE: Thursday, April 26.....115326-5B

Small Wonders—Parent & Child

Do you have a preschooler who is fascinated with anything and everything nature related? If so these one-hour sessions are perfect for you and your child. We will explore nature together with games, crafts, dramatic play, and possibly animal encounters!

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

FEE: \$5.00 per child, adults are free but must register

AGE: 3 - 5 years

MINIMUM: 6

MAXIMUM: 16

Jump into Spring

Spring has sprung!! The osprey and other birds are back getting their nests ready for young. Trees are growing their leaves. The spring peepers are singing. We will take a short hike looking for the signs of spring along with a craft and story.

DATE: Wednesday, April 18.....112326-1A

TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Colors in Nature

The colors of nature are amazing and all around us. We will take a nature walk to find colors on the trails. We will be playing a camouflage game and creating a piece of art using watercolors.

DATE: Wednesday, May 16.....112326-1B

TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Hummingbirds

New Jersey is home to one type of hummingbird which comes to visit and breed in the summer time. The ruby throated hummingbird plays a special role in the environment. We will learn about them through stories, games, and crafts.

DATE: Wednesday, June 13.....112326-1C

TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am

**EARLY REGISTRATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.
REGISTRATION START FRIDAY, MARCH 1.**

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The following activities are designed for preschool children without parent participation. These are drop off programs only. ***Please Note* Children must be potty-trained, Thank You.**

NEW! Bug-A-Boo

They fly, they crawl and they are everywhere! Children have a natural curiosity about bugs. We will explore our tiny neighbors through stories and crafts.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Tuesday, April 10111021-3A
TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 3 - 5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

Froggy Fun

Join us as we learn about the slimy adventures of frogs. We will make crafts, play games, read stories and learn freaky frog facts.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, April 12111021-3B
TIME: 1:00 – 2:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 3 - 5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

NEW! Feathered Fun

Birds come in all shapes and colors but they all have feathers. Taking a hint from our fine feathered friends, we will spread our wings through stories and fun feathered crafts.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Tuesday, April 17.....111021-3C
TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 3 - 5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

Story Time Adventures

Your child's favorite story characters will come alive in this fun filled hour. We will read stories, make crafts and play games based on many popular children's books.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, April 19.....111021-3D
TIME: 10:00-11:00 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 3 - 5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

NEW! Blooming Fun

Spring has sprung and flowers are blooming all around us. We will make a rainbow of colorful flower crafts.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Tuesday, April 24111021-3E
TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 3 - 5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

Little Gardeners

In the spring, everything starts to bloom and grow. Our little gardeners will enjoy games and gardening related crafts.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Friday, April 27111021-3F
TIME: 10:00-11:00 am
FEE: \$5:00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
Age: 3 - 5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

Princess Tea Party

Calling all dainty darlings, the princess is having a tea party and you are invited. We will spend our time telling princess stories, making elegant princess crafts and having a delightful tea party. All little princess' may dress the part! ***Please list any food allergies at time of registration***

LOCATION: Program Room Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Tuesday, May 1111021-3G
TIME: 10:00-11:00 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 3 - 5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

Puppet Pals

Puppets are a fun and creative way for children to express themselves. Children will make their own silly puppets and use them to put on a puppet show!

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, May 10111021-3H
TIME: 1:00-2:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 3 - 5 Years
MAXIMUM: 10

The Shape Of Things

Shape recognition is an important cognitive step for children. Through stories, crafts and activities, we will make learning our shapes fun.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Friday, May 18.....111021-3I
TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 3 - 5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

Silly Wiggles

Come join while giggling and wiggling all the way. Learn some simple moves to help with coordination and confidence. Balance and tumbling exercises will be taught and practiced on safe soft exercise mats. Let's get silly together!

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Tuesday, May 22.....113021-3A
TIME: 1:00-1:45 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 3 - 5 years
MAXIMUM: 8

Soccer Shots

Have a kick in the grass with the Soccer Shots Program. Soccer is a great sport for kids to develop coordination. Players will learn the basics in a fun and non-competitive environment. This class is designed for children with little or no experience. Bring a cold drink. Rain day is not rescheduled, a credit would be issued.



LOCATION: Soccer field, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Thursday, May 24.....113021-3B
TIME: 1:00-1:45 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 2 - 5 years
MAXIMUM: 12

Color Splash!

Colors are an essential part of our preschooler's world. We will splash through the world of colors with crafts and activities geared toward color recognition and association.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, May 24.....111021-3J
TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 3-5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

FUNDamentals of FUN

Your kids will play some of the classic games of your youth. Kids will enjoy learning the basics of some sports and games. Lots of exciting sports toys and props are used with the kiddies.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Tuesday, May 29.....113021-3C
TIME: 1:00-1:45 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 4
AGE: 3-5 years
MAXIMUM: 8

Rodeo Round Up

Giddy up all you cowboys and cowgirls. We are going to rustle up some Wild West fun, through stories, crafts and games.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Tuesday, June 5111021-3K
TIME: 10:00-11:00 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: 3-5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

Born 2 Play

Join us for an exciting playdate. Get moving and play some fun games and activities with other kids. We will enjoy playing games such as an obstacle course and scooter races. We will also have fun with giant parachute games.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Tuesday, June 12113021-3D
TIME: 3:00-3:45 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 4

AGE: 3-5 years
MAXIMUM: 8

Silly Socks Day

Put on your silliest socks! Guess what, they do not even have to match! We will have fun making sock puppets, playing games and listening to silly stories.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, June 14.....111021-3L
TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am
FEE: \$5:00 per child
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: 3-5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

NEW! Fantastic Flip Flops

Flip Flops are an absolute must for beachwear. Let us get ready for summer by decorating a pair of flip-flops and make flip flop inspired crafts.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Tuesday, June 19.....111021-3M
TIME: 1:00 – 2:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: 3 - 5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

ABC's of Sportz

Learn the ABC's of sports....Agility, Balance and Coordination. Enjoy a workout while learning basic sports and games. Play mini sports, such as kickball and soccer. We will use soft playthings targeted for preschoolers.

LOCATION: Athletic fields, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Tuesday, June 19.....113021-3E
TIME: 3:30-4:15 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 4

AGE: 3-5 years
MAXIMUM: 8

Come with me under the Sea

There are so many amazing creatures living in the ocean. Spend some time with us exploring life under water. We will make ocean creature crafts and read stories about them.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Friday, June 22.....111021-3N
TIME: 10:00-11:00 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: 3-5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

Red, White & Blueberries

The fourth of July is just around the corner and we are celebrating! There will be red, white and blue crafts as well as Patriotic stories and a yummy treat for the kids! ***Please list any food allergies at the time of registration***

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, June 28.....11021-3O
TIME: 1:00 – 2:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: 3-5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

NEW! It's a Shore Thing

Summer on the Jersey shore means beaches, boardwalk and lots of fun! Put your toes in the sand and join us in celebrating summer with stories, crafts and games. We will even share a special summertime treat! ***Please list any food allergies at time of registration***

LOCATION: Program Room Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Tuesday, July 3.....11021-3P
TIME: 10:00-11:00 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: 3-5 years
MAXIMUM: 10

KIDS

Splish Splash

Get the kids learning to swim now to make the summer more enjoyable. The qualified water safety instructors at the Ocean County YMCA will conduct the four classes. This popular program will sell out quickly. **Please wear swim diaper if not potty-trained.**



LOCATION: Ocean County YMCA, 1088 West Whitty Road, Toms River
DATE: Fridays, April 27- May 18.....113466-1A
TIME: 4:00-4:30 pm
FEE: \$53.00 per child
AGE: 3- 14 years old, children are divided into age groups
MINIMUM: 6 MAXIMUM: 12

Seasonal Scientists - Stupendous Spring

As winter's chill gives way to spring, snow melt and warm rains feed tiny green buds as they begin their long journey from the soil to the sky, always facing toward the sun. Animals and insects that have spent the long winter below the blanket of snow begin to emerge, ready to feed and fatten. Join us as we explore this fascinating world as it begins to wake, putting on a vivid show of color for the new year of growth. **Please come dressed for the weather and be prepared to get dirty!**

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Saturday, May 12.....115262-1B
TIME: 10:30 – 11:30 am
FEE: \$5.00 per child AGE: 6 – 8 years
MINIMUM: 8 MAXIMUM: 16

I Learned To Fish Today

Fishing is a great way to get children outdoors and appreciate the natural world around them. This program will get kids excited and educated about fishing through hands-on clinics. Join us and let your young ones discover the joys of fishing. **Please call 732-506-5122 to register for this FREE program.**

LOCATION: Boat House, Lake Shenandoah Park, Lakewood
DATE: Saturday, April 28th.....115262-1C
TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm
FEE: FREE AGE: 7-11 years

Vermicomposting

Learn how to be a worm farmer and you can turn your food scraps into nutrient rich soil. Soil that can be used for growing vegetables or for landscaping. **You will need to bring a 2 Liter soda bottle and \$10.00 for the instructors.** You will leave with worms to begin your own composting worm farm and the knowledge on how to keep them growing and reproducing.

LOCATION: Beach Complex, Ocean County Park, Lakewood
DATE: Saturday, June 2nd.....118262-1A
TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm
FEE: \$5.00 AGE: 7-11 years

Venture to the Vernals

Join a Naturalist on an expedition to investigate the aquatic life of a vernal (or seasonal) pond. This field study will allow participants a chance to learn about the ecology of vernal pools and their importance to the Pine Barrens ecosystem, as well as hands on opportunity to look for macroinvertebrate and amphibian life in and around the pool. Participants should wear tall boots, or shoes that can get wet/muddy. All field materials will be provided. ***Short walk required to reach the pond in the woods.**

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Saturday, April 28.....115262-1C
TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm
FEE: \$5.00 per child AGE: 10-12 years
MINIMUM: 6 MAXIMUM: 12

The District Games

As long anyone can remember, the County of Ocean has long been split into district. Each district provides the Capital, the District of Jakes Branch, with goods and services. To keep order among the districts each year the capital puts on a competition for the lower districts to compete in. Each district sends delegates to come together and compete in a series of challenges, each more intense than the next. In the end, only one district comes out victorious. Who will it be? You decide! Welcome to the District Games! **Please bring a bag lunch.**

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Wednesday and Thursday, June 27 and 28.....115262-1B
TIME: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
FEE: \$20.00 per child AGE: 10 – 13 years
MINIMUM: 10 MAXIMUM: 20

Archery Adventure

Are you interested in learning archery? This class will teach you the essentials of archery including safety, equipment and technique. Our NASP certified instructors will get you hitting the bullseye in no time! Students will practice what they have learned on our outdoor range. All equipment is provided.

Participants should wear sneakers, sunscreen and bug spray.

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River
DATE: Thursday, April 5.....112266-3A
TIME: 9:00am – 12:00 pm
FEE: \$10.00 per person
MINIMUM: 6

AGE: 10-15 years
MAXIMUM: 12

Archery Experience

Shooting an arrow at a target and hitting the “bull’s eye” is an exciting experience – the snap of the bow string and the THUNK of the arrow hitting home. This class is perfect for the beginner who is interested in hunting or target shooting. All materials - bows, arrows and targets will be supplied and each participant will have the maximum amount of shooting time. Children will learn the basics of safe shooting, equipment maintenance, and accuracy.

LOCATION: Beach Complex, Ocean County Park, Lakewood
DATE: Wednesday, April 4.....118262-2A
Saturday, April 21.....118262-2B
TIME: 9:00 - 11:00 am
FEE: \$10.00 per child
MINIMUM: 9

AGE: 12-15 years
MAXIMUM: 12

ATTENTION HOME SCHOOLERS!

Cloverdale Farm

Cloverdale Farm County Park’s engaging home school outdoor environmental science programs will provide your children with a fun, interactive learning experience. Each month students will explore the natural world through a variety of topics. Our lessons encourage students to form their own connection with nature while reinforcing key environmental concepts.

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat
DATE: Wednesday
April 18 - Pine Barrens Discovery 5th - 8th Grades.....116262-1A
May 16 - Insects K - 5th Grades.....116262-1B
June 13 - Pond Life K - 5th Grades.....116262-1C
TIME: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
FEE: \$5.00
MINIMUM: 10

AGE: 6-12 years
MAXIMUM: 20

Cattus Island

Is your child home schooled? If so, these supplemental programs will give them some fun, hands-on learning experience in biology and environmental science. Each program is tailored to different grade levels, so please choose accordingly.

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River
FEE: \$10.00 per child
MINIMUM: 6

MAXIMUM: 12

All About Reptiles (Grades K - 5th)

Cooper Environmental Center is home to lots of scaly friends. Join a naturalist to see some snakes and turtles up close and personal, and learn what makes them unique from other animals.

DATE: Thursday, April 19.....112266-4A
TIME: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

AGE: 5 – 10 years

Return of the Fish Hawks (Grades 3rd - 9th)

The osprey are back from their vacation in Central and South America, and it’s time to work on those nests. Did you know they had to come back from other hardships, as well? Learn about the life history of this beautiful bird of prey, while examining the impact of human activity on the environment.

DATE: Friday, April 20.....112266-4B
TIME: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

AGE: 8 – 14 years

Habitat Exploration (Grades 5th - 8th)

Cattus Island has some of the most diverse habitats around. We will venture through the park while comparing and contrasting the plants, animals, and characteristics of different ecosystems. Together we will improve our observation and data collecting skills.

DATE: Thursday, May, 17.....112266-4C
TIME: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

AGE: 10 – 13 years

Barnegat Bay 101 (Grades 7th - 12th)

Our coastal waters are a precious resource for humans and animals alike. By the end of the day, you will better understand the importance of protecting the bay, as well as ways you can help make a difference.

DATE: Thursday, June 14.....112266-4D
TIME: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

AGE: 12 – 17 years

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Women's Empowerment for Stress Relief

Meditation has tremendous benefits for managing everyday stress. Find out ways everyone can live more in the present moment and effectively deal with stress in your present life. Give yourself permission to stop for an hour and just relax and breathe! This is a perfect class for those who are new to meditation. Dress comfortably and bring a mat, pillow and or blanket. Very gentle stretching and aromatherapy included! **Please bring a check payable to instructor Karen English for \$40.00.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Session 1: Tuesdays, April 3 – May 8111544-1A
DATE: Session 2: Tuesdays, May 15- June 19.....111544-1B
TIME: 5:30-6:30 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person per session
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 12

NEW! Releasing Anything Un-serving and Relaxing Into the Now

Today's reflection will not solve nor answer the question that never seems to go away: Why is there suffering in the world? Through our understanding of the psychology of trauma and what science can teach us to alter suffering, we will uncover the physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of suffering. We will explore turning trauma into growth experiences, transformation, experience healing, and recovery. ***Please bring exact cash or a check payable to instructor Grace Conte for \$20.00***

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Wednesday, April 4 & 11.....111544-6A
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 4
AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 15

NEW! The Meditation Cure

Experience our new class in meditation. During this class, we will use guided meditation techniques and aromatherapy. Let meditation help you conquer stress and anxiety. Dress comfortably and bring a pillow, mat or blanket for the each class session. ***Please bring exact cash or a check payable to instructor Karen English for \$12.00 per session***

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Session 1: Wednesday, April 18.....111544-3B
DATE: Session 2: Wednesday, May 23.....111544-3C
DATE: Session 3: Wednesday, June 13.....111544-3D
TIME: 5:30 – 6:30 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person per session
MINIMUM: 6
AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 12

NEW! *Reiki 3 - Third Degree Training*

As you commit to the advanced Reiki training, you will become more aware of and more accountable to the privilege and the responsibility of being a conduit of good. The entire process of being attuned to third degree is about refining your intentions and becoming your truest self. The energy of third degree Reiki, through making this a daily walk, will create the expansiveness of your mind through the resonance of this higher vibration. We will have an understanding of the use of symbols with the learning of another powerful Reiki symbol, learn multiple absentee Reiki protocol and give and receive full hands on Reiki treatment. The training sessions will include a review of the Third Degree Manual for you to retain for your professional and personal use. ***Please bring exact change or a check payable to instructor Grace Conte for \$160.00* *Drinks and snacks will be provided during the class. Please bring your lunch, pillow and wear comfortable clothes***

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Saturday, May 12.....111544-8A
TIME: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 4
AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 8

NEW! Practicing Forgiveness

This 2-hour class will help participants through a multitude of resources such as music, art, poetry, meditation, and guided visualization. I hope that participants will accept their vulnerabilities and their magnificence as gateways to experience mercy and demonstrate compassion. ***Please bring exact cash or a check payable to instructor Grace Conte for \$12.00***

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Wednesday, May 16.....111544-6B
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 4
AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 15

NEW! Invoking Love through Chakra Healing

In this class, you will experience chakra clearing and opening, use of ritual and heart to heart meditation. Included in this class, you will receive a rose quartz crystal to take home from the instructor. ***Please bring exact cash or a check payable to instructor Grace Conte for \$12.00***

LOCATION: Cooper Environmental Center, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River
DATE: Wednesday, June 6.....111544-6C
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 4
AGE: Adult
MAXIMUM: 15

ACTIVE RECREATION

Gentle Yoga

Join us for this class teaching the essentials of Yoga. This class is for anyone new to Yoga and well as those with experience. Exercise, mediation and breathing are key components of this practice. Connect with yourself...relax. This class fills up quickly. **Please wear loose comfortable clothing and bring yoga mat.**

LOCATION: Cafeteria, County Administration Complex, 129 Hooper Ave., Toms River

DATE: Thursdays, March 15- April 19.....433544-2B

DATE: Thursdays, May 3- June 7.....113544-3B

TIME: 6:45-7:45 pm.

FEE: \$36.00 per person

AGE: 16 yrs - Adult

MINIMUM: 10

MAXIMUM: 20

Bands and Ball Workout

Calling all energetic seniors...Try a new exciting approach to working out. Instead of using weights or machines, this class incorporates exercise bands and balls. Use the fun equipment in a safe and beneficial way for a senior's well-being. The instructor will supply all equipment.

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

All classes are Mondays and Fridays.

DATE: Session 1: April 2-27113544-3C

Session 2: May 7- June 8 (no class 5/28 and June 4).....113544-3D

Session 3: June 11- July 6.....113544-3E

TIME: 1:30-2:15 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person for registration,

AGE: Adult

\$37.00 check day of class made payable to Linda Osowski

MINIMUM 6

MAXIMUM: 20

Exercise with Ease

This exercise program uses gentle activities to help increase joint flexibility, maintain range of motion and muscle strength. The gentle workout also helps to increase overall stamina. Participants may perform the exercises seated or use a chair. A perfect class for people suffering from arthritis. **\$37.00 check day of class made payable to Linda Osowski**

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

All classes are Mondays and Fridays.

DATE: Session 1: April 2-27113544-4A

Session 2: May 7 - June 8 (no class 5/28 and June 4).....113544-4B

Session 3: June 11 - July 6.....113544-4C

TIME: 2:30-3:30 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person for registration

AGE: Adult

MINIMUM 6

MAXIMUM 20

Easy Tai Chi & Qigong

This program improves a 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 six basic movements along with some meditation. **\$37.00 check day of class made payable to Linda Osowski**

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

All classes are Mondays and Fridays.

DATE: Session 1: April 2-27113544-4D

Session 2: May 7- June 8 (no class 5/28 and June 4).....113544-4E

Session 3: June 11- July 6.....113544-4F

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration

TIME: 3:30-4:15 pm

AGE: Adult

MINIMUM 6

MAXIMUM 20

Walk N' Workout

Calling all energetic adults...this class is just what you're looking for. It is the perfect exercise workout for adults. It's easy and fun, meet other workout buddies. Using high energy and low impact exercises, you will enjoy this total body experience. In this class, you will get range of motion, strength, flexibility and endurance along with some mind and body exercises. Instructor will provide all equipment needed to get that total body workout. Exercises can be completed standing or seated. Complete your day with a short walk on the beautiful trails of Cattus Island County Park. **Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.**

LOCATION: Classroom, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River

DATE: Tuesdays and Fridays,

SESSION 1: April 3- 27.....113544-5A

SESSION 2: May 8- June 5, (no class June 1).....113544-5B

TIME: 11:00 am -12:00 noon

AGE: Adult

FEE: \$5.00 per person for registration,

\$40.00 check day of class made payable to Linda Osowski for the 8 session class

Sunset Yoga (2, 6 week sessions)

What better way to “refresh, restore and renew” the senses than with a gentle yoga class on our 40 foot tall observation deck (weather permitting) as the sun sets over the vast expanse of the Pinelands. This class is intended for all levels. Please bring a yoga mat, block and strap if you have one. If not, they will be provided. ***Please have check in the amount of \$60 payable (per session) to Center for Health and Healing**

LOCATION: Nature Center, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

DATES: Wednesdays,

Session 1: April 4 – May 9.....115544-1A

Session 2: May 23 – June 27.....115544-1B

TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person registration fee

AGE: 16 yrs - Adult

MINIMUM: 6

MAXIMUM: 12

SeniorCise Exercise

Let's get moving...This gentle exercise class includes low-impact, aerobic, stretching and strengthening routines. Improve joint flexibility, balance, range of motion and muscle strength. Get your juices flowing. Participants may perform the exercises seated. Some equipment will be supplied.

LOCATION: Classroom, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood

All classes are Tuesdays and Fridays.

DATES:

SESSION 1: April 6 - 27.....113544-6A

SESSION 2: May 8 - June 5 (no class June 1).....113544-6B

SESSION 3: June 8 - July 6 (no class June 29).....113544-6C

TIME: 9:30-10:30 am

FEE: \$41.00 per person for the eight session class.

AGE: Adult

MINIMUM: 8

MAXIMUM: 20

Kripalu Yoga After Work

Keep calm and try Yoga. This class is 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 own comfort level. **Please wear comfortable, loose clothing and bring a yoga mat to class.** This popular class fills up quickly.

LOCATION: Cafeteria, County Administration Complex, 129 Hooper Avenue, Toms River

Date: Thursdays, May 3 - June 7.....113544-3A

TIME: 5:15-6:15 pm

FEE: \$36.00 per person

AGE: 16 yrs - Adult

MINIMUM: 10

MAXIMUM: 20

NEW! PiYo Live

PiYo LIVE combines the muscle-sculpting, core strengthening benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility of flowing yoga movements. You will perform a series of high-intensity, low-impact moves that will work every single muscle for a long, lean, and incredibly defined physique. At the end of each class, we will close with a 15-minute meditation to make your mind calmer and more focused.

Please bring exact cash or a check payable to instructor Karen English for \$48.00

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Tuesdays, May 8 – May 29111544-3A

TIME: 6:45 – 7:45 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: Adult

MINIMUM: 6

MAXIMUM: 15

NEW! Pound Class!

Designed for all fitness levels, Pound provides the perfect atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, toning up, and rocking out! Music and high-energy drumming make the time fly past. We have invented unique, lightly weighted exercise drumsticks called Ripstix that are used. The workout is easily modifiable and appeals to men and women of all ages and abilities. Please bring an exercise mat with you to each class. ***Please bring exact cash or a check payable to instructor Nancy Brunnicardi for \$48.00 on the first day of class***

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

DATE: Session 1: Thursdays, May 10 – May 31.....111544-4A

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River

DATE: Session 2: Thursdays, June 14 – July 5111544-4B

TIME: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: Adult

MINIMUM: 6

MAXIMUM: 20

Mah Jongg for Beginners

Learn the American version of Mah Jongg, it is a tile game for all ages in the rummy family and is played typically with four people. It's a sociable, competitive, exciting and addictive game that exercises your mind. The Instructor, Christine Blackford will explain; the tiles and their function to the Charleston and the National Mah Jongg League rules, how to understand and use the current yearly card, to strive to the winning hand. NO Mah Jongg experience or knowledge is required. **A practice Mah Jongg set is provided during the duration of the four week class. Upon completion you will be fully confident to join a game of Mah Jongg! BYOF – Bring Your Own Friend(s) and share in the fun together! Please bring exact change or a check payable to instructor Christine Blackford for \$60.00 on the first day of class. PLEASE NOTE: Please purchase an official National Mah Jongg League 2018 yearly card before class! It is available online at www.nationalmahjonggleague.org/store.aspx# (the price is \$8.00 for regular print or \$9.00 for large print)**

LOCATION: Nature Center, Cattus Island County Park, Toms River
DATE: Tuesdays, April 10 – May 1 (4 weeks)
TIME: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.....111544-7A
TIME: 2:30 – 4:30 pm111544-7B
FEE: \$5.00 per person AGE: Adult
MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 12

Pickleball Programs

Join in on the fastest growing sport in the country....What is this game with the funny name? Come play the fun sport that combines tennis, badminton and ping pong. The game is played with a pickleball paddle and plastic balls. Try something new on a court about 1/3 the size of a tennis court. There are many new courts in Ocean County, see below.

Pickleball Clinic & Social

Learn how to play this sport in a fun and exciting clinic. Learn the rules and fundamentals to get you started playing. This is a sport you can learn quickly, then join in on the round-robins each week to meet players. All equipment will be supplied, and light refreshments will be served to socialize afterward.

LOCATION: Tennis Complex, Ocean County Park, Lakewood
DATE: Tuesday, May 1, rain date May 4.....113494-1A
TIME: 9:30-11:00 am
FEE: \$3.00 per person AGE: Adult
MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 16

Pickleball Round Robins

You've learn to play the game, now come out to join others to play in this friendly round-robin. You will play with various partners, a great way to meet other players. All equipment is supplied, please bring a cold drink.

LOCATION: Tennis Courts, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood.....113494-1C
DATES: Tuesdays, May 15, 22 and 29
LOCATION: Tennis Pro Shop, Ocean County Park, Lakewood.....113494-1D
DATES: Thursdays, June 7, 14 and 21
TIME: 9:00-10:30 am
FEE: \$ 6.00 AGE: Adult
MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 12

NEW! Intermediate Pickleball Strategies

Take your game to the next level, and learn all the tips and strategies to advance your game play. We will be playing matches with other players. You've learned to play, now learn to win. No beginners please.

LOCATION: Tennis Complex, Ocean County Park, Lakewood
DATE: Thursday May 17, rain date May 24.....113494-1B
TIME: 9:00 - 10:30 am
FEE: \$3.00 per person AGE: Adult
MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 16

Pickleball Tournament

Skill and luck play a part of this fun event. Bring your "A" game and keep track of your score while playing with different partners. A fun round robin format will be used. Small prizes will be awarded and light refreshments will be provided. Please note, there is no rain date, if rain, a credit will be issued.

LOCATION: "Tip" Seaman County Park, Tuckerton.....113494-1F
DATE: Friday, May 25
TIME: 9:30-11:30 am
LOCATION: Ocean County Park, Lakewood.....113494-1G
DATE: Friday, June 22 TIME: 9:00-11:00 am
FEE: \$3.00 per person AGE: Adult
MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 16

Pickleball "101"

Join us on the new Pickle Ball courts in Ocean County. Come out and learn a new activity or challenge others to a game. Basic instruction is taught and strategies reviewed. Meet other players and perhaps join a group. Please bring a cold drink. Stay after to learn to play tennis, see tennis 101 write-up.

LOCATION: Tennis Courts, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Tuesdays, June 5, 12 and 19. Rain date June 21.....113494-1E
TIME: 5:00-6:00 pm
FEE: \$6.00 per person includes use of all equipment AGE: 13 yrs - Adult
MINIMUM: 4 MAXIMUM: 12

Tennis "101"

It's never too late to pick up a racket and learn to play tennis, the sport for a lifetime. Learn the basic strokes and rules to get you playing games...you'll love it Please wear sneakers and bring a cold drink. Rackets and tennis balls will be provided. Come early to try out Pickle Ball, see write-up.

LOCATION: Tennis Courts, Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood
DATE: Tuesdays, June 5, 12 and 19113494-2A
TIME: 6:30-7:30 pm
FEE: \$12.00 per person
MINIMUM: 4
NOTE: Rain date is Thursday, June 21

AGE: 13 yrs - Adult
MAXIMUM: 16

NEW! Welcome Back to the Shore Scramble Golf

Check out our new format of the annual golf tournament. Travel just a bit down the road to one of the counties finest courses, designed by George Fazio. Play a round of 18 hole scramble golf, while enjoying this challenging golf course. Have a good time with other golfers in this friendly competition. Join in the putting contest at the turn, as well as a hot dog lunch. There will be fun prizes including closest to the pin and longest drive.

LOCATION: Ocean County Golf Course at Atlantis, Tuckerton
DATE: Thursday, May 3, Rain date Tuesday, May 8.....113494-3A
TIME: Check in at 7:30 am for the shotgun start
FEE: \$35.00 includes greens fee, cart, hot dog lunch,
prizes and a bucket of balls for practice range.
MINIMUM: 72

Age: Adult

MAXIMUM: 108

NOTE: Carts are mandatory. Cart fee is \$14.00. Sorry, no refunds if rain date is used and you cannot attend. Please be available both days.

CPR

Basic Life Support (BLS) For the Healthcare Provider

Designed for the healthcare 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 from the American Heart Association 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 an AHA BLS for the Healthcare Provider Completion Card. **Please bring a check for \$60.00 payable to Ocean Side CPR.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Wednesday, April 18111166-2A
DATE: Wednesday, May 2111166-2B
DATE: Wednesday, June 6111166-2C
TIME: 6:30 – 9:00pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 4

AGE: 14 years – Adult
MAXIMUM: 20

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 \$50.00 payable to Ocean Side CPR.**

LOCATION: Program Room, Parks Administration Office, Toms River
DATE: Wednesday, April 25.....111166-1A
DATE: Wednesday, May 9.....111166-1B
DATE: Wednesday, June 27.....111166-1C
TIME 6:30 – 9:00pm
FEE: \$5.00 per person
MINIMUM: 4

AGE: 14 years – Adult
MAXIMUM: 20

Non Profit Groups & Vendors Wanted Beach Ball-A-Palooza

Our 6th Annual Beach Ball-A-Palooza is rapidly approaching. The party is a huge sensation, doubling the crowd from the previous year. This event is a celebration for all ages to enjoy games, sports demonstrations, music, crafts, nature walks and limited boat tours. Jimmy and the Parrots will highlight the evening, named the best "Trop-Rock" band in the country.

Non-profit groups are invited, free of charge, to use this event as a fundraiser by providing various activities, information or food for this exciting evening. We are also accepting food and craft vendors for this special event for a small fee. This year's Beach Ball-A-Palooza will take place on Friday, August 3. The party runs from 5:00-8:30 pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lisa at (732) 506-9090 x 5951 or Loneill@co.ocean.nj.us

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 newsletter please call:

1-877-OC PARKS (627-2757) TOLL FREE

REGISTRATION LOCATIONS:

TIME: 8:30a.m. - 3:30p.m. Monday-Friday

Jakes Branch County Park, Beachwood 732-281-2750

Parks & Recreation Administration Office, Toms River 732-506-9090

Wells Mills County Park, Waretown 609-971-3085

Visit our **WEBSITE: www.oceancountyparks.org**

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.

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Help Wanted - Sports

Summer sports positions are available in the recreation division. Applications are currently accepted. Must be an Ocean County resident, 17 years or older. Call 732-506-9090 x 5951 for an application or e-mail LONEILL@co.ocean.nj.us



**REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018 FOR PROGRAMS IN THIS ISSUE.**

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Parks & Recreation Administration Office, Toms River 732-506-9090
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Visit our **WEBSITE:** www.oceancountyparks.org
for directions to all Park locations and program information.
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