



## Join Friends of the Parks



Friends of the Parks is a non-profit citizens' group established in 1985 with the mission to "promote and encourage open space and historic sites and the development, expansion and enjoyment of the Atlantic County Park system." As of 2016, the park system's holdings total 7,325 acres!

The goal for Friends of the Parks is to assist the continued growth of the park system, its programs, and to encourage visitors to get involved in all the natural, cultural, and recreational opportunities our parks have to offer.

We rely on interested and enthusiastic people who want to support and promote the Atlantic County Parks. **Next meetings: Oct. 5th and Nov. 2nd, 6:30 PM at the Warren E. Fox Nature Center in the Estell Manor Park.** To find out more please contact Ellen Olsen at [olsewe@msn.com](mailto:olsewe@msn.com)

## Save Trees. Reduce Costs.



Log on to [www.aclink.org/Parks](http://www.aclink.org/Parks) And sign up for our electronic brochures, flyers, and other notifications.

Bike. Hike. Paddle. Play.  
Visit Atlantic County Parks today!

### Volunteer of the Quarter - Thomas & Joanne Judge Spring 2016

This couple has been volunteering for the park since 2002, picking up litter and debris from trails, picnic areas, and campsites, at several parks in the system. Often accompanied by their dachshunds, throughout their 13 years of volunteer service Tom and Joanne have also assisted with other special projects and beautification activities. Now retired from the US Postal Service, Tom has always made service a priority in his life. A Vietnam veteran, Tom cares deeply for his fellow veterans and devotes considerable time to the board of the Union Cemetery in Mays Landing. Joanne has deep roots in the community, and freely shares her infectious smile, quick wit, and rich historical anecdotes (and if one is lucky, yummy baked goods too). The Judge's service to the Atlantic County Park System recently surpassed 1,020 hours each, making them the longest serving volunteers with the highest accumulated hours on record!



### Volunteer Recognition

Atlantic County Parks would like to recognize the following dedicated volunteers:

Julie Akers, Bob Baum, Helen Biggs, Tony and Kaden Bowen, Doris Dackonish, Allen Jackson, Thomas & Joanne Judge, Cheryl Osolinsky, Paul Quick, Bob Revell, Jim Watson, Andrew, Drew, Kathleen, & Thomas Weatherby, and group volunteers from ACUA, ARC of Atlantic County, Friends of the Park Inc., GEHWA & JORBA

These volunteers assisted with group cleanups, program delivery and support, to name but a few of their valuable contributions.

If you'd like to lend us your services, please call (609) 625-7000 ext. 5431 or email [Robinson\\_colleen@aclink.org](mailto:Robinson_colleen@aclink.org)



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## Atlantic County Parks

# Fall Programs

October-December 2016



Atlantic County Division of Parks  
Atlantic County/Estell Manor  
109 State Highway 50  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330



All programs are free and require advanced registration. If a program fills, a waiting list will be kept so that any cancellations may be refilled.

**Registration:** the following programs are taken on a first-come, first-served basis, and made by calling (609) 625-7000 ext. 5431 between 8AM - 4PM, or through email: [robinson\\_colleen@aclink.org](mailto:robinson_colleen@aclink.org)

**Cancellations:** The Division of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to cancel a program if the weather, or other unforeseen circumstance, makes it impossible to carry out a program.

*Please, if you can't make it to a program for which you've registered, call to release your spot. Suggestions for additions to the current programs are always welcome.*

**THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD AT THE NATURE CENTER IN THE ESTELL MANOR PARK**

**Little Learners' Craft Class**

Fridays: October 14th, November 18th, December 16th 10 AM and 1 PM

Open to 3-5 year old preschoolers accompanied by an adult. Transform everyday objects into works of art. Time permitting, children will have the opportunity to "show and tell". Specify morning or afternoon session when registering.

**Hike the Park**

Wednesday, October 5th; 4 -6 PM  
Meet at the Nature Center!

**Hike Estell (History of WWI)**

Saturdays: November 19th, December 10th 10 AM

Explore Estell Manor Park's rich history with these guided recreational hiking tours. The History hike will focus on the area of the Park used by the Bethlehem Loading Company to produce armaments for WWI. Pace is geared toward ability of the group. Standard tick precautions are recommended.

**Thanksgiving Craft**

Saturday, November 12th  
1 PM - 3 PM Open to all!

Come make a centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table using treasures found on the trails! We will start the program by taking a walk through the park; so be sure to wear comfortable shoes!

**Christmas/Holiday Craft**

Saturday, December 17th  
1 PM - 3 PM Open to all!

Come and unleash your festive imagination using inexpensive natural materials that can be found within the park. Create unique and inspiring decorative pieces that will be the focal point of the festive year.

**General Information/ Nature Center/ Veterans Cemetery**

(609) 625-1897

**Park System Reservation Office at Lake Lenape**  
(pavillion/gazebo rental, camping, boating)  
(609) 625-8219

Atlantic County Website: [www.aclink.org](http://www.aclink.org)

**THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD AT LAKE LENAPE WEST BOATHOUSE: 6303 Old Harding Highway, Mays Landing**

**Fall Youth Fishing Derby**

Saturday, October 15th  
8 AM - 11 AM

Ages 15 and under. Parents bring your kids out to have some fun fishing and being outside at the lake. Come and enjoy the fresh air and fall colors! Trophies will be awarded at the end for 'largest fish' and 'most fish caught!'

Limited registration availability. To register, please email [Witcraft\\_Adam@aclink.org](mailto:Witcraft_Adam@aclink.org) by October 8th.



**A Call from the North Pole**

Thursday, December 8th  
Friday, December 9th  
6 - 8 PM

Atlantic County Parks has made special arrangements to have Santa and his crew make phone calls to good boys and girls (who are believers). If you would like to have the North Pole gang call your children, please register online **before December 3rd.**

**To register:** Please visit online [aclink.org/Parks](http://aclink.org/Parks)  
Please fill out the .PDF and email it to [Robinson\\_Colleen@aclink.org](mailto:Robinson_Colleen@aclink.org)



**THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD AT LAKE LENAPE EAST CATERING HALL: 753 Park Road, Mays Landing**

**Zumba Gold**

Tuesdays: October 18th, November 15th, December 13th 5 -6 PM

Get ready to party yourself into shape! These energizing, easy-to-follow, Latin dance moves will burn calories and get you into shape.

**Yoga for Beginners**

Wednesdays: November 9th, 16th, & 23rd 9 - 10 AM

Teens and Adults

Relax while learning basic Yoga forms and breath work. Participants should dress in loose fitting clothing, casual footwear, and bring water, yoga mat, and towel.

**Pumpkin Festival**

Saturday, October 22, 2016  
2 PM - 7 PM

Join the parks for our first Pumpkin Festival! There will be games, contests, prizes and just general seasonal family fun. Pick a pumpkin from our pumpkin patch, make a scare crow using hay (please bring old clothing to personalize your scare crow), and join us for ghost stories that will be told around the fire pit on the beach.

