

Join Friends of the Parks



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 meeting: April 5th (6:30PM) at the Warren E. Fox Nature Center in the Estell Manor Park. To find out more please contact Julie Akers at julieakers56@gmail.com

Borrow - A - Bike

The Nature Center has **NEW** casual cruising bikes! Stop in to test them out through our Borrow-a-Bike program!

Availability is on a first-come first-serve basis. Bikes cannot be reserved in advance.

An adult must be with any child borrowing equipment and must present a valid drivers license. Children 17 and under must wear helmets while riding bicycles per New Jersey State Law.

Log on to www.aclink.org/Parks And sign up for our electronic brochures, flyers, and other notifications. GREEN Bike. Hike. Paddle. Play. Visit Atlantic County Parks today!

Butterfly Garden - ongoing project

Bees and butterflies play a vital role in the pollination of plants and the production of crops. Sadly, with the increasing use of pesticides and fewer wildflowers growing in prime habitat; bee and monarch butterfly numbers are dropping dramatically. The staff at Estell Manor Park is on a mission to help nurture these wonderful little creatures by constructing our very own Butterfly Garden behind the Warren E. Fox Nature Center!

Discover how you can lend a helping hand in this project! Contact park staff at the Nature Center.



Volunteer Recognition

Atlantic County Parks would like to thank all of our dedicated volunteers who have assisted with group cleanups, program delivery and support:

Julie Akers, Linda and Carl Farrell, Joan Liepe, Kathy and Drew Weatherby, Paul Quick, Thomas and Joanne Judge, Lynn Maun, Jim Watson, Allen Jackson, William Donath, Diane Williams, Bob Baum, Anne Dowling, Ellen Olsen, Donna Shoemaker, Sandy Walczak, Tony and Kaden Bowen, Cheryl Osolinsky, Mark and Pat Demitroff, Bob Revell, and group volunteers from ACUA, ARC of Atlantic County, Friends of the Park Inc., GEHWA & JORBA

If you'd like to lend us your services, please call (609) 625-1897 or email Witcraft_Adam@aclink.org





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Atlantic County Parks

Spring Programs

April- June 2017



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



Registration: for the following programs is taken on a first-come, first-served basis, and made by calling The Nature Center staff at (609) 625-1897 between 8AM - 4PM 7 days a week.

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.

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

Upcoming Programs

Date and time subject to the seasonal weather.

Please sign up to receive future information on these programs. Contact the Nature Center staff: (609) 625-1897

Frog Walk

Join the Friends of the Parks group and guests as they embark on an evening stroll to experience the spring sounds of the frogs found in the Estell Manor Park. Date and time subject to the seasonal weather. Pre-registration is required. Call (609) 625-1897 for details.

Purple Martin Banding

Join hosts Jim Watson and Allen Jackson as they demonstrate the process of banding juvenile purple martins at our Lake Lenape West Park. Our hosts will provide a detailed look at the bird houses there as well as provide an explanation of the banding procedures they commonly employ. Date and time subject to the seasonal weather. **Pre-registration is required.**



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



Park Clean Up!

Saturday, April 29th 8:30AM -12 Noon

Meet in the Nature Center parking lot at 8:15AM

Spring will be here before we know it and what better way to start the season than with the annual spring clean up in the Atlantic County Parks! This year marks the Park's 7th year of the cleanup. This program has proved to be a successful event each year. These clean ups are a great asset in keeping the Parks green and clean.

Clean up will begin at 8:30 AM near the Veterans Museum and continue northbound along Route 50 to the North End of the park. Please dress for the weather. Bring gloves and water. Lunch will be provided after the cleanup.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Please contact the Park Manager; Adam Witcraft by email: witcraft_adam@aclink.org or by Phone: 609-625-1897

Ticks can carry disease. As you venture outdoors please take the following precautions:

-Tuck your pant legs into your socks.

-Wear light colored clothing (easier to spot ticks).

Check yourself frequently during/after a trip outdoors.

-Use insect repellents. Read the product labels carefully.

Stay on the center of trails and avoid walking through the shrub layer of the forcest

If you require an accommodation related to a disability, please call 10 business days in advance so arrangements can be made: 645-5960. NJ Relay phone #1-800-852-7899

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

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9th

1-3 PM Egg hunt will start at 2pm

FREE admission- Suggested pre-registration.
Please call (609) 625-1897

Open to children ages 1-8 years old

Hop on down the bunny trail with our Easter Bunny! Find some Easter eggs, make a craft, or simply come and enjoy the park!



Zumba

Tuesday, April 18th

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 for the spring.

Yoga for Beginners

Wednesday, April 19th, 26th

9 AM - 10 AM

Teens and Adults

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

