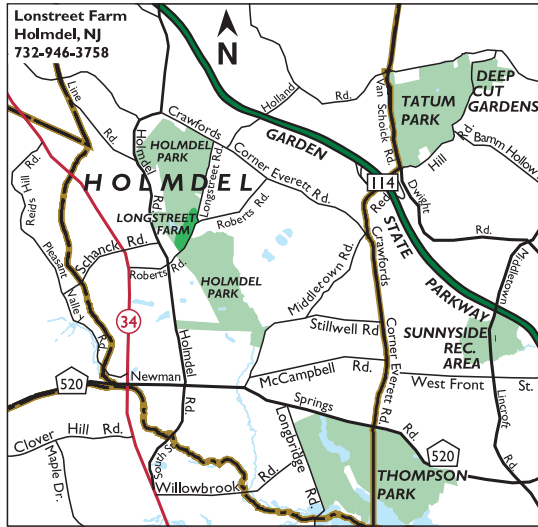


## Group Activities & Programs

Longstreet Farm has activities covering a variety of topics relating to agricultural and social history. The farm is just one part of the more than 14,000-acre Monmouth County Park System with 36 sites including parks, golf courses, and historic sites. For more information about the Park System and its programs, call (732) 842-4000 or visit [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com).



**Garden State Parkway** to Exit 114. Southbound, turn right; northbound, turn left onto Red Hill Rd; northbound. Follow Red Hill Rd. to Everett Rd., turn right (heading west). Follow Everett Rd. to Roberts Rd., turn left. Follow Roberts Rd. to Longstreet Rd., turn right. Park entrance is on left.

**State Hwy. 34.** Southbound, turn left; northbound, turn right onto Roberts Rd.(1.75 miles north of Rt. 520). Follow Roberts Rd. to Longstreet Rd., turn left. Park entrance is on left.

**State Hwy. 35.** Northbound, turn left; southbound, turn right onto Holmdel/Keyport Rd. Follow to Crawfords Corner Rd., turn left. Continue to Longstreet Rd., turn right. Park entrance is on right.

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## Monmouth County Park System

# Historic Longstreet Farm



an 1890s Living History Farm  
Holmdel, NJ



[www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com)

## Visit

a living history farm in Monmouth County New Jersey that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Take in the sights, smells, and sounds of rural life in the 1890s. Watch the costumed interpretive staff plow, plant, harvest, cook, and clean, honoring the methods and customs of the 19th century. Tour the carefully restored farmhouse, an excellent example of rural prosperity in the late Victorian period. Be sure to speak with a member of the costumed interpretive staff who will be happy to answer your questions.

## Learn

about daily life and farming practices in the 1890s. Discover the importance of the visiting blacksmith to farms like Longstreet. Step inside the massive Dutch barn and learn how it was constructed and what makes it unique in Monmouth County today.

## Enjoy

hands-on programs. Visitors of all ages are invited to programs that feature milking a cow, playing 19th century games, grinding corn for animal feed, and wood stove cooking. These activities illustrate farm life and the homemaking skills of the era.

## Return

throughout the year for free activities and special events. Consult the blackboard in the Visitor Center for dates, times, and daily schedule of events. Year round activities include:

- Blacksmithing
- Work Horse Demonstrations
- Wood Stove cooking
- Rug Hooking
- Quilting

Seasonal activities include:

- Sheep Shearing
- Spring Planting
- Harvest Home Festival
- Victorian Christmas at the farm
- Ice Cutting
- Sleigh Rides

Groups of 12 or more are welcome by reservation. For advance reservations and information, please call (732) 946-3758 between 9:00am and 2:00pm.

Great care has been taken to recreate the 1890s at Longstreet Farm. Please respect the animals, buildings, and furnishings by adhering to the following rules while visiting the farm:

- No Smoking
- Do not feed or touch the animals  
*The farm animals are on a special diet and even minor dietary changes can adversely affect their lives and health. Petting animals can lead to accidental biting.*
- Do not sit or climb on the fences or machinery
- Please wear shoes at all times
- Please refrain from bringing house pets onto the farm

Donations of time, equipment, and funds continue to make Longstreet Farm a special part of local history. Volunteers work alongside the staff in a variety of ways. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the farm, talk to one of the costumed staff or contact the Park System Volunteer office at (732) 842-4000 ext. 4283.



Open daily 10am to 4pm  
Memorial Day to Labor Day 9am to 5pm  
Farmhouse open weekends and holidays from 12 noon to 3:30pm (closed Jan/Feb)

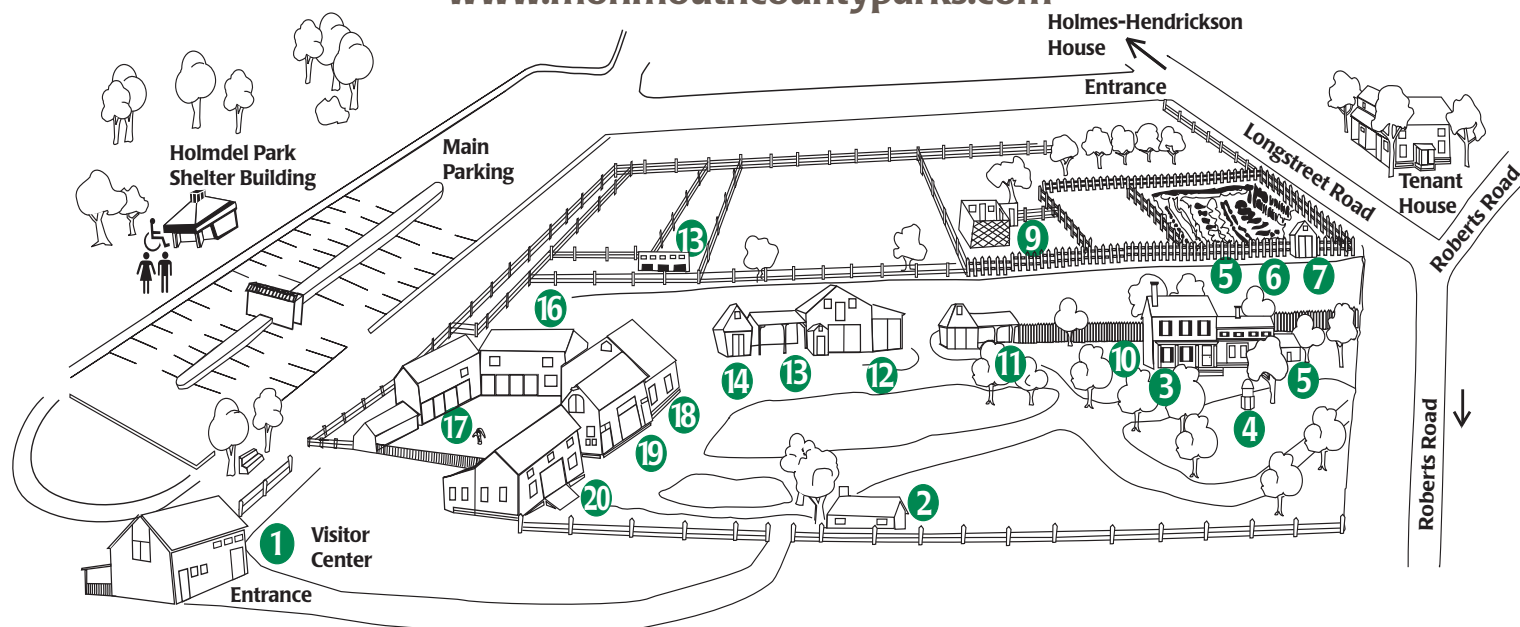
Free admission\* and parking  
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\*except for groups; reservation/fee required

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**1. Visitor Center** The exhibits illustrating farming and community life of the 1890s will introduce you to Longstreet Farm before you set off on your self-guided tour.

**2. Workshop** This building once housed a well and pumps for the agricultural water supply in the 1900s. c.1905

**3. Farmhouse** The original section of the farm-house was a two-room Dutch cottage built in the late 1700s. The house was expanded and redesigned periodically. In the 1790s the large two-story main section was added. A larger kitchen and the present porch were added around 1840. The interior of the house was restored in a late Victorian style during the 1980s. Guided tours are available. c.1770

**4. Well** The well curb surrounds a 30-foot deep dug well that provided drinking water for the farmhouse. Water was raised out of the well in wooden buckets and carried indoors. A cistern in the farmhouse collected rainwater for laundry and bathing. Reconstructed 1975

**5. Summer Kitchen** Warm weather cooking, laundry, and other household chores were done here. A cook stove replaced an open hearth during the late 1800s. Wood for the cookstove occupies the other half of the building. Reconstructed 1989

**6. Smoke House** Once located here, this building was used in the preservation of meats.

**7. Ice House** Each winter ice was cut from a local pond, packed in salt hay, and stored here for use in the warmer months. c. 1880

**8. Garden** The family garden provided a place to grow vegetables and herbs for use in household meals.

**9. Chicken House** 50 to 100 chickens, geese, and ducks were kept on the farm. Surplus eggs were traded at local markets. Reconstructed 1985

**10. Privy** The farm's toilet prior to the introduction of indoor plumbing. c. 1900

**11. Blacksmith Shop** Originally a carriage house, then a workshop, this structure is now home to the forge and visiting blacksmith. c. 1830

**12. Potato House** This building was converted from a Corn Crib in the 1890s. The cellar was added to provide cool, dark storage for potatoes which were the Farm's primary cash crop in the 1890s. c. 1830

**13. Wagon House** Changing technology and farming practices in the 1800s required more and different types of machinery and therefore more storage space. The wagon house was converted from a cider house for that purpose. c. 1830

**14. Corn Crib** Feed corn, left on the cob, is dried here and later fed to the farm animals. The corn crib is built on posts with open angled sides to aid in drying. The center drive-through is used to access the corn and for wagon storage. c. 1890

**15. Hog House** Four to six hogs are kept in this structure. The wallow (mud puddle) keeps the hogs cool on warm days. Hogs were raised for home use and were not a cash crop at the farm. Reconstructed 1998

**16. Old Cow House** The Longstreets kept a herd of beef cattle during the 1800s. The cow house provided a sheltered area for the cattle and an enclosed area for feed storage. c. 1820

**17. New Cow House** The two-story cow house and attached one-story shed expand the space available for cattle. The stable, Dutch barn, and the two cow houses created a sheltered barnyard, open to the south but otherwise protected from the natural elements. c. 1860

**18. Dutch Barn** This is the oldest Dutch barn standing in Monmouth County. Dutch barns have steeply pitched gable roofs that slope close to the ground. High wagon doors are located at the center of each gable end. Original 1792

**19. Stable** Teams of work horses and mules are kept in this English-style barn. Hay is stored in the mow above. c. 1860

**20. Carriage House** Jonathan I. Holmes built this structure for his carriages and light horses. Pleasure vehicles and driving horses were kept separate from farm equipment and work horses. c. 1890

*You might also be interested in:*

**TENANT HOUSE** - This building, across Longstreet Road, was home to the family that worked at Longstreet Farm. During the 1890s the Hyland Family, who emigrated from Ireland, were tenants on the farm. The house is now used for staff offices. c. 1850 with additions

**HOLMES-HENDRICKSON HOUSE** - Nestled in a grove of trees, this historic museum is owned and operated by the Monmouth County Historical Association (732) 462-1466. Built in 1754, it provides an excellent example of local Dutch building tradition and a glimpse into the County's colonial past.

*If you enjoyed your visit to Longstreet Farm, you will enjoy Historic Walnford at Crosswicks Creek Park. You can help grind corn in the restored gristmill and visit the restored Georgian mansion on the banks of Crosswicks Creek in Upper Freehold. Call (609)259-6275 for hours, directions and events.*