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## NEW JERSEY FACT

New Jersey has a spoon museum featuring more than 5,400 spoons from every state and almost every country.

## DAY TRIP

Famous New York Yankees catcher and New York Mets coach Yogi Berra is the subject of his own museum, which adjoins the Yogi Berra Stadium right on the campus of Montclair State University. The museum and learning center not only have loads of memorabilia on Berra, but lots of general baseball lore as well.



# PINELANDS PARTY

*The sixth annual event celebrates the heritage and nature of one of the state's best resources*

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**I**t may be the home of the Jersey Devil and it may get a bad rap sometimes, but the Pinelands Preservation Alliance wants to tell people how to have a good time in the 2,000-square-mile area in southeastern New Jersey.

That's why they're launching the sixth annual Pinelands Month Celebration starting at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Historic Whitesbog Village in the Browns Mills section of Pemberton.

"It's a real old-fashioned festival because it won't cost you anything except for the food," said Debby Schwartz, director of the Pinelands Month Celebration.

The celebration lets visitors travel to the heart of the Pinelands and experience the rich cultural heritage and beauty of the state's precious natural resource. Guided tours bring visitors along the sugar sand roads to view the cranberry bogs ready for harvesting. Naturalists will lead walks to explore and discover the wildflowers, trees and animals of the area.

The celebration also will feature music by Pinelands folk including Dave Orleans, a singer, songwriter and naturalist who sings about blueberries, the Sugar Sand Ramblers, Past Times and the turtle singer Karen Buckley, who will entertain the crowd with ballads about her lovable reptiles.

The celebration's host, Whitesbog Village, is also home to Suningive, the house built for the renowned pioneer horticulturist, Elizabeth C. White. The Nature Conservancy, an organization dedicated to land preservation, will

lead an open house and tour. Meanwhile, Howard Boyd, the eminent Pinelands author of "Field Guide to the Pine Barrens of New Jersey" and "Wildflowers of the Pine Barrens," will sign books and try to identify any plant or insect brought in.

A wide variety of exhibitors, artists, nature photographers, environmental organizations and interactive displays will be showcased.

"There's going to be lots of interactive things going on," Schwartz said. "It should be a lot of fun."

Some of those interactive displays include the Pinelands Memory Wall, an exhibit that portrays the culture, history and emotions of the Pinelands and its inhabitants; photographic artwork of landscapes and endangered plant species by Mike Hogan; the Pine Barrens Quilt, a creation of rice paper prints depicting the threatened and endangered flora and fauna of the Pinelands; and a demonstration of the critters that live in the nearby bogs and streams.

A children's program will let them learn about the world around them and create natural souvenirs. And the Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge will share their stories of successfully rehabilitating injured animals. The group will release a hawk into the air, and snake and turtle experts will present several threatened and endangered species.

Jersey Sands Dog Racing demonstrations, wagon rides and food also are included. So, take a trip down to the Pinelands and try to catch a glimpse of the Jersey Devil and have some fun.

## PINELANDS MONTH CELEBRATION

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday

**WHERE:** Whitesbog Village, Route 530, Pemberton

**DIRECTIONS:** Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 88. Follow Route 70 West to Route 530. Whitesbog Village is 1 mile up on the right.

**COST:** Free parking and admission

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