



Pinery Activities



From May 20 - June 4, 2017

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Migration Weekend: Saturday, May 20 - Monday, May 22

Saturday	May	20	Migration Weekend
8:30 AM	Riverside Trail		Special Event - Guided Hike: Birding with Larry Cornelis - Join Larry Cornelis on the Riverside Trail to explore life on the wing! Seek out migratory warblers and spot our resident birds too. <i>A limited number of binoculars & field guides is available to borrow at the trailhead.</i>
11:00 AM	Visitor Centre		Guided Hike: Birding for Beginners - Are you new to birding? Meet at the Visitor Centre to dip your toes into this fascinating hobby. Learn how to use field guides and binoculars, and head out on the Cedar Trail to encounter some of Pinery's bold and beautiful birds! <i>A limited number of binoculars & field guides is available to borrow at the trailhead.</i>
1:00 PM	Riverside Trail		Special Event - Guided Hike: Wildflower Hike with Larry Cornelis - Join Larry Cornelis on the Riverside Trail to discover the beautiful spring wildflowers of the Riverside Trail and hear about their surprising life histories.
3:00 PM	Visitor Centre		Special Screening: From Billions to None - Scientists, artists, and naturalist/author Joel Greenburg reveal the Passenger Pigeon's compelling story and striking relevance to conservation issues today. (58 min)
Sunday	May	21	Migration Weekend
8:30 AM	Riverside Trail		Special Event - Guided Hike: Birding with Larry Cornelis - Join Larry Cornelis on the Riverside Trail to explore life on the wing! Seek out migratory warblers and spot our resident birds too. <i>A limited number of binoculars & field guides is available to borrow at the trailhead.</i>
10:00AM - 1:00 PM	Visitor Centre		Special Event: Bird Banding with Ontario Bird Banding Association - Join experts from the Ontario Bird Banding Association to see migrating birds being captured and banded. Learn about these avian long-distance travellers and see them up close and personal!
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3:00 PM	Visitor Centre		Slide Talk: Smartest Bird in the World - We see them all the time. We share our cities and parks with them. But you might not notice crows the way they notice you! Always watching and learning, these birds have been claimed to be as smart as apes.
7:00 PM	Visitor Centre		Special Screening: The Messenger - Su Rynard's award-winning new documentary explores our deep-seated connection to birds and warns that the uncertain fate of songbirds might mirror our own. (90 min)
Monday	May	22	Migration Weekend
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11:00 AM	Visitor Centre		Slide Talk: Little Hummers - The Ruby-throated Hummingbird is Pinery's smallest bird. Come and get a good look into the life of this tiny but mighty species!
3:00 PM	Visitor Centre		Special Screening: A Murder of Crows - This film will change how you see the common crow! Get an inside look at fascinating research experiments being conducted on the cognitive abilities of these animals. (44 min)



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Saturday May 27

- 11:00 AM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: The Blue Flash** - Whoa, what was that!? Have you seen a scaly flash of blue at your feet or along a boardwalk during your visit? Join a naturalist to find out what exactly you might have seen.
- 3:00 PM Visitor Centre **Special Screening: Raccoon Nation** - Raccoon populations have exploded in North American cities, and interaction with humans is making them smarter - maybe even pushing them down a new evolutionary path. (45 min)

Sunday May 28

- 11:00 AM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: Pinery Ablaze** - Fire plays a valuable role in maintaining Pinery's Oak Savanna. Bring your questions about all things hot and smoky!
- 3:00 PM Visitor Centre **Special Screening: The Savage Garden** - Beautiful blooms, fluttery butterflies, bountiful vegetables...look closer! Leslie Nielsen shows you the funny, frightful, and always surprising inner workings of his garden. (60 min)

Saturday June 3

- 11:00 AM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: Leaves of Three** - Poison Ivy may sound like a deadly ecological villain, but the forest isn't actually trying to get you. Learn about the importance of this plant and what to do if you come into contact with it.
- 3:00 PM Visitor Centre **Special Screening: Geological Journey: The Great Lakes** - The topography and geology of the Great Lakes is unparalleled, strikingly beautiful and a place of wild contrasts. (55 min)

Sunday June 4

- 11:00 AM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: Cunning Canids** - Pounce on over to the Visitor Centre to learn the secrets of the park's resident canids: foxes and coyotes. Discover how their cunning behaviour ensures their survival at Pinery.
- 3:00 PM Visitor Centre **Special Screening: Waterwalker** - Follow naturalist Bill Mason on his journey by canoe into the Ontario wilderness. (86 min)

Full Visitor Centre Hours and Naturalist Programming will begin the last week of June! Join us for Guided Hikes, Bike Hikes, Night Hikes, Sunset Strolls, Evening Programs, Children's Programs, Pinery Tales, Ask-the-Naturalist, Ooze & Gooze, Rum & Spirits, Special Events & Workshops this summer!

Junior Friends Program

If you are between the ages of 6 - 12 and are looking to get outside to have some fun, join the Junior Friends Program. Pick up your activity sheet at the Visitor Centre to start.



Future Naturalist Program

If you are between the ages of 13 - 17 and are interested in learning more about Pinery, join the Future Naturalist Program. Pick up your activity sheet at the Visitor Centre to start.

