



Pinery Activities



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Friday August 11

- 10:30 AM Children's Program Area **Children's Program: Archaeology Adventure** - Pinery has a colourful history, and pieces of it have been left behind. Come experience Pinery's archaeological past and try your hand at digging up some artifacts! *The Children's Program Area is located across from Sassafras Trail (previously Lookout Trail).* **Parents/guardians must accompany children.**
- 1:00 PM Park Store **Ask the Naturalist: Bats on Our Radar** - Did you know, Ontario's only true flying mammal needs your help?! Come learn what Pinery is doing to help, and how you can too.
- 7:45 PM P 9 **Sunset Stroll** - Join park naturalists to discover how rolling waves and grains of sand created Pinery Park. Stroll along the shoreline where we will marvel at the world-renowned Lake Huron sunset.

Saturday August 12

- 10:00 AM Bike Rentals Building **Biking the Savanna** - Did you know that Pinery's main forest ecosystem is incredibly rare? Grab your bikes and meet a park naturalist at the bike rentals building to learn about the Oak Savanna found here in Pinery. **Rent one of our bikes at a discounted rate of \$10 or bring your own.**
- 3:30 PM Visitor Centre **Pinery Tales: Who Goes There?** - Have you been wondering how to see wildlife in Pinery? Make your way to the Visitor Centre to learn how to spot these hidden creatures.
- 8:45 PM Outdoor Theatre **Evening Program: Nocturnal Hunters** - Ever wonder how animals find food in the complete darkness? Many species here in Pinery, both big and small, are incredible nocturnal hunters. Come learn about the creatures that are waking up as you go to sleep.

Sunday August 13

- 10:30 AM Children's Program Area **Childrens Program: Friends or Foes?** - No living things would exist in Pinery without interactions with other species. Come learn which species are friends and which are foes! *The Children's Program Area is located across from Sassafras Trail (previously Lookout Trail).* **Parents/guardians must accompany children.**
- 1:00 PM Heritage Trail **Guided Hike: Eagles, Lizards and Snakes, OH MY!** - Pinery is home to many species at risk. Join a naturalist to learn about the different species that Pinery is continually working to protect; including eagles, lizards, and snakes.
- 3:30 PM Park Store **Ask the Naturalist: Awesome Opossum!** - This mammal is often given a bad reputation and considered a 'pest' to some. However, these scavengers eat thousands of ticks and play an extremely important role in the ecosystem! Stop by the Park Store to learn more.

Monday August 14

- 10:00 AM Canoe Rentals Dock **Guided Canoe Hike** - Experience the Old Ausable Channel right from the water! Join naturalists for a paddle along the channel and learn about the species that call it home. **Rent one of our canoes at a discounted rate of \$15 or bring your own. Lifejackets or PFDs are mandatory.**
- 1:00 PM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: Native Traditions** - Come out to the Visitor Centre to discover four sacred plants that can be found in Pinery and how they are used as medicine by First Nation's people.
- 3:30 PM Visitor Centre **Pinery Tales: Masters of Migration** - Monarch butterflies fly south every year to spend the winter in Mexico. Come learn about their migration and how this epic journey has put this species at risk.

Tuesday August 15

- 10:00 AM Wilderness Trail **Guided Hike: Good Things Come in Trees** - Did you know that Pinery has 7 different types of oak tree? Come learn about these species and what makes them so special.
- 8:45 PM Outdoor Theatre **Evening Program: Tiny Little Terrors** - There are monsters in the channel, in the sand and even under your tent! Come to the Outdoor Theatre to discover who these creatures are.

Wednesday August 16

- 3:30 PM Park Store Bridge **Ooze and Gooze** - Come down to meet park naturalists, get 'oozy and goozy,' and explore the aquatic life and history of the Old Ausable Channel! **Closed-toe shoes are required - no Crocs please. Lifejackets are required, a limited number are available to borrow.**
- 8:45 PM Outdoor Theatre **Rum and Spirits:** Come for the campfire, stay for the spirits! Humans, ghosts, and the odd animal spin their interpretations of events that shaped Pinery's recent history. Some of them even sing and dance! *Please keep flashlights off during the program.*

Are you between the ages of 6 and 17? Consider joining our Jr. Friends or Future Naturalist programs. These programs get you out exploring the park and there are even prizes at the end. Stop by the Visitor Centre for more information and to sign up today!



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Thursday August 17

- 11:00 AM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: Soggy Powerhouse** - Working day and night, wetlands play an important role in our ecosystem. Come join a naturalist to learn about Pinery's own wetlands!
- 8:45 PM Riverside Trail **Evening Hike: Naturally Nocturnal** - Join park naturalists on the Riverside Trail to explore some of Pinery's nocturnal creatures. Please wear sturdy footwear. No pets and no flashlights, please. Program is approximately 90 minutes in length.

Friday August 18

- 10:30 AM Nipissing Trail **Guided Hike: What the Pinery?** If a helicopter plopped you down in the middle of the park, how would you know you were in Pinery? South-Western Ontario is home to many plants, animals, and ecosystems that are only found in this area. Hike Nipissing Trail with a naturalist and learn about the rare species living in Pinery. Please note this trail has many stairs.
- 1:00 PM Park Store **Ask the Naturalist: Tails with Faces** - Do you often look at snakes and think, 'where does the face end and the tail begin?' Find out the answer to that question and learn about the special species found here in Pinery.
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- 3:30 PM Visitor Centre **Pinery Tales: Pinery's Tiny Tigers** - Want to know what kind of tiger partols the forest floors here at Pinery? Come to the Visitor Centre to find out. The answer may surprise you!
- 7:30 PM  Outdoor Theatre **Special Event: David Archibald:** Join this infamous singer at the Outdoor Theatre to hear songs all about Ontario's natural history. This family friendly show is sure to get your feet tapping and your heart laughing. There may even be a few sing alongs! ***This event is sponsored by the Friends of Pinery Park.***

Sunday August 20

- 10:30 AM Children's Program Area **Children's Program: Mission Impossible! Or is it?** - Don't walk on the dunes! Drive slowly on the road! Don't burn dead branches! Why are there so many rules? It's all about keeping Pinery healthy and protected. Do you accept that mission? Meet at the Children's Program area across from the Sassafras (previously Lookout) Trail. Parents/guardians must accompany children.
- 1:00 PM Heritage Trail **Guided Hike: Come on Baby, Light My Fire** - Join a park naturalist and explore how forest fires help shape the Oak Savanna ecosystem. Learn the history of fire in the park and how we use prescribed burns to keep this rare ecosystem healthy.

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- 11:00 AM Park Store **Ask the Naturalist: Frogs and Toads!** - Hop on down to the Park Store to learn about these cool amphibians and where to find them in Pinery.
- 1:00 PM -  4:00 PM Outdoor Theatre **Special Event: Solar Eclipse Viewing** - Drop by the Outdoor Theatre to watch the 2017 solar eclipse through special glasses! The next eclipse in Ontario isn't until 2021 so don't miss this great opportunity! *A limited number of glasses are available and are first come first serve.*

Tuesday August 22

- 11:30 AM Cedar Trail **Guided Hike: The Blue Flash** - Whoa, what was that? Have you seen a flash of blue at your feet or along a boardwalk during your visit? Join a naturalist to find out what special reptile you might have seen.
- 1:00 PM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: Turning a New Leaf** - Animals are not the only ones that need protecting; plants need our help too. Learn about some of the rare plants found in Pinery and how we can prevent them from disappearing forever.
- 9:00 PM Outdoor Theatre **Evening Program: A Night Under the Stars in Pinery** - Join a Park Naturalist at the Outdoor Theatre to discover stars, constellations, and cool space phenomena. Then, cloud cover permitting, we will gaze at some of Pinery's best constellations!

Did you enjoy our programs? **Let us know!** Leave us a comment on **facebook** or **twitter** @pineryprovpark or leave a note on the back of your **camper comment card**.

