



# Pinery Activities



From June 10th - June 29th, 2017

The Visitor Centre features nature exhibits, an indoor theatre, The Friends of Pinery Nature Gift Shop, park naturalists and information. Our naturalists are here to help you learn about the wonders Pinery has to share. Visit often? Consider purchasing an Ontario Parks Seasonal Pass for day use. The Visitor Centre is open **weekends from 10 AM - 5 PM, and 1 PM - 4 PM during the week.** Beging on June 26th the Visitor Centre will be open daily **10:00 AM - 5:00 PM.** Please visit [www.pinerypark.on.ca](http://www.pinerypark.on.ca) for more information.

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**Saturday June 10**

- 1:00 PM Visitor Centre **Special Event: The Friends of Pinery Present a Workshop on Orienteering -** Partake in this exciting new series of oppourtunities presented by the Friends of Pinery to gain valuable outdoor skills. Registration is limited to 25 participants and requires a payment of \$15 per session. To register visit the Friends of Pinery website at [www.pinerypark.on.ca](http://www.pinerypark.on.ca)
- 3:30 PM Visitor Centre **Afternoon Program: Lungless Wonders -** Frogs and toads are easy to spot and hear, but they aren't the only amphibian that call Pinery home. Come learn about Salamanders and why Ontario's largest amphibian is hardly seen.

**Sunday June 11**

- 11:00 AM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: Bats On Our Radar -** Ontario's only true flying mammal needs your help! Come and learn what Pinery is doing to help, and how you can too.
- 3:00 PM Visitor Centre **Special Screening: Mysteries of the Great Lakes -** Travel the lakes and uncover the mysteries! This documentary showcases the amazing ecology, and natural history of the largest fish found in our lakes, the Lake Sturgeon. (44 min)

**Saturday June 17**

- 11:00 AM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: Turtles' Hurdles -** Turtles have existed since the time of the dinosaurs, and now their numbers are dropping fast! Find out why and how you can help solve this creature calamity.
- 1:00 PM Visitor Centre **Special Event: The Friends of Pinery Present a Workshop on Knots -** Partake in this exciting new series of oppourtunities presented by the Friends of Pinery to gain valuable outdoor skills. Registration is limited to 25 participants and requires a payment of \$15 per session. To register visit the Friends of Pinery website at [www.pinerypark.on.ca](http://www.pinerypark.on.ca)
- 3:30 PM Visitor Centre **Afternoon Program: Pinery's Tiny Tigers -** Want to know what kind of tiger patrols the forest floors here at Pinery? Come to the Visitor Centre to find out. The answer may surprise you!

**Sunday June 18**

- 11:00 AM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: White-tailed Deer -** Join a Naturalist the the Visitor Centre to learn all about the White-tailed Deer and how they have shaped the park you see today.
- 3:00 PM Visitor Centre **Special Screening: Murder of Crows -** This film will change how you see the American Crow! Get an inside look at fascinating research experiments being conducted on the cognitive abilities of these animals. (44 min)

**Saturday June 24**

- 11:00 AM Park Store **Ask the Naturalist: Bats On Our Radar -** Ontario's only true flying mammal needs your help! Come and learn what Pinery is doing to help, and how you can too.
- 1:00 PM Visitor Centre **Special Event: The Friends of Pinery Present a Workshop about Art and Nature -** Partake in this exciting new series of oppourtunities presented by the Friends of Pinery to gain valuable outdoor skills. Registration is limited to 25 participants and requires a payment of \$15 per session. To register visit the Friends of Pinery website at [www.pinerypark.on.ca](http://www.pinerypark.on.ca)
- 3:30 PM Visitor Centre **Special Screening: Raccoon Nation -** Over the past 70 years Raccoon populations have exploded in North American cities. Interactions with people are making them smarter! Find out more about the masked bandit in this fascinating film. (45 min)



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Beginning Tuesday May 23 the Pinery Visitor Centre will be open during the week in addition to weekends. Come tour the centre any time between **1:00 PM** and **4:00 PM** during weekdays and between **10:00 AM** and **5:00 PM** on weekends. The Visitor Centre will be open daily **10:00 AM - 5:00 PM** beginning Monday June 26th.

## Sunday June 25

- 10:00 AM Wilderness Trail **Guided Hike: Disaster and Destruction** - From golf-ball sized hail to winds strong enough to tear down trees, severe weather impacts all species from oaks to ants. Join us to find out the positives and negatives of weather of all kinds.
- 3:00 PM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: The Oakery** - Did you know there are seven species of Oak found in Pinery? Come learn about the globally rare Oak Savanna, found throughout Pinery.

## Monday June 26

- 11:00 AM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: Forest Beauties** - Walk, run, or *petal* on down to join a Naturalist and sort out the wild and amazing world of petals, sepals, and nectaries while learning to identify wildflowers on your own.
- 3:30 PM Visitor Centre **Afternoon Program: Lovers of Land and Water** - Did you know that *amphibian* means dual life? Come to the Indoor Theater at the Visitor Centre to learn about these creatures and their amazing metamorphosis.

## Tuesday June 27

- 10:00 AM Cedar Trail **Guided Children's Hike: Hiding in the Woods** - Join a Naturalist for a storytime hike and learn about some of the sneaky creatures that have adapted to blend into Pinery's forest.
- 3:00 PM Outside Park Store **Ask the Naturalist: Light My Fire** - Fire plays a valuable role in maintaining Pinery's Oak Savanna. Attend this program and learn why all things hot and smoky are healthy for the forest.

## Wednesday June 28

- 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! Lifejackets are required, a limited number are available to borrow.**

## Thursday June 29

- 10:00 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.
- 3:30 PM Visitor Centre **Afternoon Program: Beat the Current** - Hot, sunny days can turn dark and stormy very quickly. Are you prepared for water emergencies? Come learn about how to keep yourself and your family safe while playing in the water.

### 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