



# PINERY ACTIVITIES

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## Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

10:30 AM	Heritage Trail	<b>Guided Hike: Pioneers of the Forest</b> – Have you ever wondered how a forest is able to regrow after a fire? Come to the Heritage Trail to learn all about pioneer species that are able to grow on bare forest floors, including those that have been burnt!
3:00 PM	Visitor Centre	<b>Ask the Naturalist: Native Traditions</b> – Come to the Visitor Centre to discover four sacred plants and which one is found in Pinery, as well as how they are used as medicine by First Nations people.

## Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

11:00 AM	Visitor Centre	<b>Ask the Naturalist: Who's Whooo?</b> – Owls have impressive senses and adaptations that make them superb and stealthy night-time hunters. Ask a naturalist all of your owl questions, while getting to know Pinery's resident owls.
3:00 PM	Visitor Centre	<b>Pinery Tales: Skink on the Brink</b> – There is only one lizard found in Ontario, and an endangered population is living right here in Pinery! Come find out why the Common Five-lined Skink is not that common at all.
9:00 PM	Outdoor Theatre	<b>Evening Program: A Bird's Eye View of Pinery</b> – Can you believe that there are seven distinct ecosystem types within Pinery's boundaries? Come follow a Bald Eagle for a grand tour of the park, and aid in their search for the perfect nesting site.

## Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

3:30 PM	Park Store Bridge	<b>Ooze and Gooze</b> – Come meet park naturalists, get 'oozy and goozy,' and explore the aquatic life and history of the Old Ausable Channel. <b>Closed-toes shoes are required (no Crocs please). Lifejackets are also required – a limited number will be available to borrow. Swimming is optional.</b>
9:00 PM	Outdoor Theatre	<b>Rum and Spirits</b> – Come for the campfire, stay for the spirits! Listen to humans and ghosts as they spin their interpretations of events that shaped Pinery's history. <b>Please keep flashlights off during the program.</b>

## Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

11:00 AM	Park Store	<b>Ask the Technicians: Let's Get Snappy</b> – Join the Turtle Technicians to learn about how snapping pictures in the park can help out our Common Snapping Turtles ... and other reptiles too!
3:00 PM	Visitor Centre	<b>Pinery Tales: The Power of Flight</b> – Birds and bats have many features in common, including true powered flight, but are they related? Come find out!
9:00 PM	Riverside Trail	<b>Evening Hike: Naturally Nocturnal</b> – Join park naturalists on the Riverside Trail to stride into the kingdoms of some of Pinery's nocturnal creatures. <b>Please wear sturdy footwear. No pets and no flashlights please. Program is approximately 90 minutes in length.</b>

## Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

1:00 PM	Park Store	<b>Ask the Naturalist: Balancing the Flame</b> – Long before humans existed, fire played a vital role in keeping our forests healthy. Come to the Park Store to learn more about how fire can be put to good use.
7:45 PM	p 9	<b>Sunset Stroll</b> – Learn how rolling waves and grains of sand created Pinery Park. Stroll along the shoreline to the walk's completion where you can marvel at the world-renowned Lake Huron sunset.

## Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

10:30 AM	Children's Programming Area	<b>Children's Program: Snake Serenade</b> – Many people are afraid of snakes, as snakes are usually portrayed as the 'bad guys' in our stories. Join us to combat your fears and get the facts straight by singing a serenade to Pinery's beloved Eastern Hog-nosed Snake. <i>The Children's Program Area is located across from Sassafras Trail (previously Lookout Trail).</i> <b>Parents/guardians must accompany children.</b>
3:00 PM	Visitor Centre	<b>Ask the Naturalist: Pinery's Least Wanted</b> – Avoid going home itchy or sick. Come to the Visitor Centre to learn about poison ivy and ticks.
8:45 PM	Outdoor Theatre	<b>Evening Program: Jurassic Pinery Park</b> – Despite what blockbusters say, dinosaurs no longer roam the earth. However, there are many species in Pinery that have been thriving since the age of the dinosaurs.

## Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

10:30 AM	Children's Programming Area	<b>Children's Program: Friends or Foes?</b> – No living things would exist in Pinery without interactions with other species. Come learn which species are friends and which are foes! <i>The Children's Program Area is located across from Sassafras Trail (previously Lookout Trail).</i> <b>Parents/guardians must accompany children.</b>
1:00 PM	Riverside Trail	<b>Guided Hike: Don't Change the Channel</b> – Join a park naturalist on Riverside Trail to learn about the history, importance, and other special features of the Old Ausable Channel, as well as the species who call it home.
3:00 PM	Visitor Centre	<b>Ask the Naturalist: Masters of Migration</b> – 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.



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## Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

10:30 AM	Wilderness Trail	<b>Guided Hike: Good Things Come in Trees</b> – Did you know there are seven different species of oak trees living in Pinery? Join a park naturalist at Wilderness Trail to learn about identifying and appreciating these silent giants.
3:00 PM	Visitor Centre	<b>Pinery Tales: Birds of a Feather</b> – Did you know that Pinery is home to 315 different species of birds? Fly on down to the Visitor Centre to learn about some of the winged wonders that call Pinery home.
8:45 PM	Outdoor Theatre	<b>Evening Program: Batty About Bats</b> – Bats are often misunderstood and even feared, but in reality, they play a critical role in natural ecosystems and the human economy. Come learn about what makes bats unique and why they are so important to us.

## Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

1:00 PM	Visitor Centre	<b>Ask the Naturalist: I Deer You</b> – Although the White-tailed Deer is commonly found in North America, these precious creatures are among the few species with unique attributes still unknown to society. Come put your deer knowledge to the test by identifying a deer's age, sex and much more.
8:45 PM	Outdoor Theatre	<b>Evening Program: Hide &amp; Seek Pinery Edition</b> – Imagine, you are walking through Pinery's Oak Savanna Forest and stumble upon an area full of downed logs. You walk over to the log closest to you and decide to turn it over. Underneath the log is ... a creature playing hide & seek.

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## Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

3:00 PM	Park Store	<b>Ask the Technicians: Bats on our Radar</b> – 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.
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## Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

1:00 PM	Visitor Centre	<b>Ask the Naturalist: Getting to the Root of it</b> – You have seen the leaves and flowers, but do you know the underground mission of plants? Come to the Visitor Centre to dig into the secret life of plants.
7:45 PM	P 9	<b>Sunset Stroll</b> – Learn how rolling waves and grains of sand created Pinery Park. Stroll along the shoreline to the walk's completion where you can marvel at the world-renowned Lake Huron sunset.

## Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

10:00 AM	Outside Bike Rentals	<b>Bike Hike: Biking the Savanna</b> – Pedal the Savanna Bike Trail with park naturalists and learn about Pinery's main ecosystem, The Oak Savanna, and some of its inhabitants. <b>Rent one of our bikes for the discounted rate of \$10/two hours or bring your own.</b>
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## Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

10:30 AM	Children's Programming Area	<b>Children's Program: Howls and Growls</b> – Discover the secretive world of the Eastern Coyote. Learn about the lives of these interesting canids, while engaging in a game of coyote tag. Do you think you have what it takes to howl like an alpha? <i>The Children's Program Area is located across from Sassafras Trail (previously Lookout Trail).</i> <b>Parents/guardians must accompany children.</b>
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Are you between the ages of 6 and 17? Consider joining our **Junior Friends** or **Future Naturalist** programs. These programs allow you to get out and explore Pinery Provincial Park, while earning some memorable prizes. Stop by the Visitor Centre for more information and to sign up today!