



PINERY ACTIVITIES

September 19th – October 8th, 2023

The Visitor Centre features nature exhibits, an indoor theatre, and the Nature Store, which is operated by The Friends of Pinery Park. The Centre is always staffed by park naturalists who can help you learn how to maximize your experience at Pinery.

The Visitor Centre is open **Every day 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM until Labor Day, then 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM on weekends and 1:00-4:00 PM during the week**

Visit often? Consider purchasing an Ontario Parks Annual Pass for day use, available online or at the Main Gate.

Please visit www.pinerypark.on.ca for more information.

Our **FREE Explore Pinery App** is now available on iTunes and Google Play.



Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

1:00 PM Visitor Centre **TURTLE TALK!** – Join Pinery’s turtle researcher at the Visitor Centre to take a short tour of the live exhibits, learn about these special reptilian creatures, and about turtle conservation efforts in the park.

Thursday, September 21st, 2023

1:00 PM Visitor Centre **Birding 101** – Join a naturalist at the Visitor Centre to learn some tips and tricks about the basics of birdwatching, identification, and eBird. Afterwards, go outside to see which birds show up at the feeder! No fancy equipment or experience required. A limited number of binoculars will be available to borrow.

Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 **FALL EQUINOX**

10:00 AM Riverside Trail **Guided Hike: Fall-ing for Pinery** – Happy first day of fall! Come celebrate the season of fall, stroll among the changing leaves, and learn about how plants, animals, and humans respond and adapt to the shifting of seasons.

1:00 PM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: Flightless Fliers- The Amazing Flying Squirrel** – Come learn about these amazing creatures that are actually quite common in Pinery and how they’ve adapted to survive and thrive as they hide in the night.

Sunday, September 24th, 2023

1:00 PM Visitor Centre
Indoor Theatre **Ask the Naturalist: Raccoons Among Us** – We all know raccoons as peace-disrupting, garbage-rummaging creatures, but there’s much more to these complex nocturnal critters. Join a naturalist to learn about these masked animals, their impact on us, and our impact on them.

Thursday, September 28th, 2023

10:00 AM Riverside Trail **Guided Hike: Our Slimy Neighbors** - Welcome to the neighborhood! Join a park naturalist on the Riverside Trail to learn all about the strange and mysterious lives of amphibians.

Saturday, September 30th, 2023

9:00 AM-
12:00 PM Lambton
Heritage
Museum **Fall Plant Sale** - Join the Friends of Pinery Park for their Fall Native Tree and Plant Sale at the Lambton Heritage Museum. Purchase native trees and plants that will support nature.

10:00 AM Riverside Trail **Guided Hike: Fall-ing for Pinery** – Happy fall! Come celebrate the season of fall, stroll among the changing leaves, and learn about how plants, animals, and humans respond and adapt to the shifting of seasons.

2:00 PM Visitor Centre **Pinery Tales: Journey Through the Grass** – Amazing adventures can be found anywhere when you look close enough. Join a naturalist at the Visitor Centre to explore the wonderful world hidden in the grass. This program is intended for younger audiences, but all are welcome.

Sunday, October 1st, 2023

10:00 AM Visitor Centre **Birding 101** – Join a naturalist at the Visitor Centre to learn some tips and tricks about the basics of birdwatching, identification, and eBird. Afterwards, go outside to see which birds show up at the feeder! No fancy equipment or experience required. A limited number of binoculars will be available to borrow.

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023

1:00 PM Visitor Centre **TURTLE TALK!** – Join Pinery’s turtle researcher at the Visitor Centre to take a short tour of the live exhibits, learn about these special reptilian creatures, and about turtle conservation efforts in the park.

Thursday, October 5th, 2023

1:00 PM Wilderness Trail **Guided Hike: Why Can’t We Be Friends?** – Fearsome fangs, a haunting call in the night, a nightmare slithering through the grass... some animals have a bad reputation, but do they really deserve it? This begs the question; why can’t we be friends? **This is not a designated accessible trail, please be prepared for uneven terrain.**

Saturday, October 7th, 2023 **THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**

All Weekend Pinery Park (start at Visitor Centre) **The Great Savanna Scavenger Hunt** – Grab your family and friends to complete a Scavenger Hunt that will lead you around Pinery Park. Pick up a handout at the Visitor Centre to get started and return it to collect a prize when complete! This Scavenger Hunt is self-guided.

2:00 PM Visitor Centre Indoor Theatre **Family Pinery Trivia** – Come with your group (or join one here!) to partake in a trivia challenge that will cover all things Pinery, fall, animals and plants. The winning team will take home the prize and the pride of Pinery Trivia. Answers to questions can be found around the Visitor Centre, so make sure to arrive early for a gander.

Sunday, October 8th, 2023



10:00 AM Cedar Trail **Guided Hike: Fall-ing for Pinery** – Happy fall! Come celebrate the season of fall, stroll among the changing leaves, and learn about how plants, animals, and humans respond and adapt to the shifting of seasons.

1:00 PM Visitor Centre **Ask the Naturalist: Carolinian Canada:** The Carolinian Forest is a special ecosystem that only occupies a tiny section of the province, let alone the country! Come discover what makes this region so special and explore the plants and animals that can’t be found anywhere else in Canada.

Monday, October 9th, 2023 **VISITOR CENTRE CLOSED**

COMING UP AT PINERY

Fall Classic – Come join the us on October 15th for the Pinery Fall Classic. Register online with Raceroster.com or in person at 8 AM on the day of the race. This fun family event is open to all abilities. We offer 10K, 5K, and 2K road races, a 4.8K trail run, and a 200m fawn run for kids under the age of 10.

 **Halloween Weekend** – Join us for a spook-tacular weekend at Pinery Oct 20! Friday night commences with a haunted nature walk, followed by a bat program, bat-box building, trick-or-treating, and an astronomy program on Saturday. End the weekend with a classic fall hike on Sunday morning. The Visitor Centre will be open 10-4 on Saturday and Sunday, participate in nature-inspired Halloween activities and tag us in your pictures all weekend long @PineryProvPark 

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The Great Savanna Scavenger Hunt!
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Jr.
Pinery needs your help!
If you are between the ages of 6 and 12 and want to help protect Pinery - become a Jr. Friend. You'll learn more about the park and get outside!
Future Naturalist Program
 *The Future Naturalist Program is for visitors between the ages of 13 - 17 who would like to learn more about Pinery and help preserve this special place.*