



Pinery Activities

Saturday December 3rd, 2011 to Saturday January 21st, 2012

The Visitor Centre is undergoing renovations and will feature all new nature exhibits and The Friends of Pinery Nature Shop. The Visitor Centre is open weekends 10 am - 5 pm, and weekdays December 27-30 and January 2-6. 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.

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

Saturday December 3

10:00 AM **Ask The Naturalist - Winter Birds** - Many birds fly south for the winter, but others tough it out at Pinery year-round. What do the ones that stay have that the others don't? Find out with a Naturalist at the **Visitor Centre**.

Saturday December 10

10:00 AM **Guided Hike - Exotic Pinery** - Humans have introduced many changes to Pinery's ecosystems, including the introduction of non-native plants and animals. Find out how they got here, why they're a problem, and what you can to stop their spread on the **Cedar Trail**.

Saturday December 17

10:00 AM **Guided Hike - Changing Seasons** - Shorter days and cold temperatures trigger many changes at Pinery. Join a Naturalist on the **Cedar Trail** to discover how the oak savanna's animals and plants survive the winter.

Sunday December 18

10:00 AM **Ask The Naturalist - Winter Tracks** - Winter is the perfect time to learn how to identify bird and mammal signs. Meet a Naturalist at the **Visitor Centre** for tips on identifying the tracks of deer, otter, turkey, and many other species.

**The Visitor Centre will be closed December 24, 25, and 26th.
Happy Holidays!**

Tuesday December 27

10:00 AM **Slide Talk - Winter Birds** - Many birds fly south for the winter, but others tough it out at Pinery year-round. What do the ones that stay here have that the others don't? Find out with a Naturalist at the **Visitor Centre Indoor Theatre**.

Wednesday December 28

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Thursday December 29

10:00 AM **Ask The Naturalist - Beavers** - Small mammals with a big impact, Beavers are both master environment manipulators and national icons. Head to the **Visitor Centre** to learn about their engineering accomplishments, their many adaptations to an aquatic lifestyle, and why they have been so historically important to Canadians.

**The Visitor Centre will be closed December 31st and January 1st.
Happy New Year!**

Tuesday January 3

10:00 AM **Ask The Naturalist - Rodents** - Pinery is home to eleven species of rodents, from Beavers to Woodchucks. Come to the **Visitor Centre** to learn about their unique survival strategies, and what it takes to be considered a member of the group Rodentia!

Thursday January 5

10:00 AM **Guided Hike - Surviving the Freeze** - Pinery's winter residents must either find a way to keep warm, or freeze! But for some animals, freezing isn't necessarily a bad thing - find out why with a Naturalist on the **Cedar Trail**.

Sunday January 8

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Saturday January 14

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Saturday January 21

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Are You a Friend? The Friends of Pinery Park are a non-profit charitable organization that supports Pinery Provincial Park through fundraising, sponsorship, grants and program enhancement. Visit the Friends of Pinery Nature Store in the Visitor Centre and ask about becoming a member. As a Friends Member, you contribute to the enhancement and sustainable use of Pinery and have opportunities to give back to the park through volunteerism.