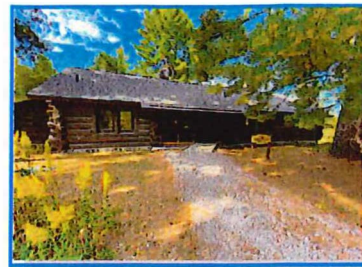


Take a more In-depth look at the Pigeon River Country through these intriguing workshops!



2025 Community Event Series

Date/Time	Title	Description
May 31st: 8am-11am (Saturday)	The Bird+Forest Connection*	Come enjoy a morning of birdwatching at the Discovery Center's first program of 2025! Learn about how forestry practices in the PRC impact birds, followed by a birdwatching tour around the forest.
July 19th (Saturday) 1pm-2pm: Kid Friendly 3pm-4pm: Adult Focused	Michigan's Raptors	Learn about Michigan's raptors and their conservation from Skegemog Raptor Center. See live raptors up close, hear about their adaptations, and learn how to help conservation efforts.
August 14th: 7pm-9pm (Thursday)	President Carter in the Pigeon River Country	Hear about President Jimmy Carter's adventures in the Pigeon River Country State Forest! Retired PRC Unit Manager Ned Caveney will share his reminiscences of the 39th President.
August 27th: 8pm-10pm (Wednesday)	An Exploration of the Night Sky in Science and Myth*	An evening spent under starry skies with historical and scientific explanations of the stellar vista seen above, led by astronomer Pat Stonehouse. Families welcome!
August 30th: 10am-1pm (Saturday)	Mushroom Foray*	Join Dianne Farner of HeadWater's Land Conservancy, for a mushroom identification tour in the PRC. Families welcome!
September 12th: 6pm-8pm (Friday)	Painting, Poetry, and Nature	Join us for a cozy autumn evening of nature-inspired art. Local artist Mary Backlund will help you get in touch with your creative side during this relaxing workshop at the Discovery Center.
September 13th: 9am-12pm (Saturday)	Native Seed Collection*	Assist with native grassland conservation in this hands-on workshop! Learn about the importance of native seed collection, then we'll head out to the field to gather seeds. Led by Abigail Macek and Bryant Eddy from Huron Pines.
September 20th 6:45am-9:45am (Saturday)	Elk in the Pigeon River Country (Session 1)*	Get up early to try and find the elusive PRC elk with the help of retired wildlife biologist Doug Reeves. Ages 16+
September 25th: 6:45am-9:45am (Thursday)	Elk in the Pigeon River Country (Session 2)*	Get up early to try and find the elusive PRC elk with the help of retired wildlife biologist Doug Reeves. Ages 16+
October 11th: 10am-12pm (Saturday)	Capture Nature With Your Camera*	Local nature photographer Jan Kellogg will show you how to use your camera (including cell phones) to capture the beauty of the PRC. For ages 14 and up.
October 18th: 9am-12pm (Saturday)	Thunder Chicken: The life history, ecology and management of Michigan's Ruffed Grouse*	Explore the Ruffed Grouse's fascinating biology and behavior in this workshop, led by Huron Pines' Bryant Eddy. A presentation at the Discovery Center will be followed by a field trip to see ruffed grouse habitat. All ages welcome!
October 25: Time TBD (Saturday)	Forensic Forestry*	Learn about the history and secrets of the forest in this exciting field expedition. You'll visit the site of a CCC camp, and practice "reading" the forest. Lead by Julie Crick (MSU Extension) and DNR historian Hillary Pine.

- ◆ All workshops begin at the Discovery Center (see right).
- ◆ No charge for workshops, but donations gladly accepted.
- ◆ * Indicates some or all of the workshop is outdoors. Dress accordingly.
- ◆ **Registration required: pigeonriverdiscoverycenter.org**
- ◆ **Check website for details, changes and updates.**

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