Pigeon River Country
Discovery Center

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

2026 COMMUNITY EVENT SERIES

June 6th (Saturday) 1-2 pm: Kid Friendly 3-4 pm: Adult Focused ★	Michigan's Raptors	Experience Michigan's raptors from representatives of the Skegemog Raptor Center. Meet these birds up close. Learn about their adaptations and take home conservation tips. If weather allows, see them soar!
June 20th 1-3:30 pm (Saturday) ♦ ★	Native Plants & Nature Hike	Join Kelly Draeger from the Otsego County Conservation District to learn about the importance of native Michigan plants. Enjoy a short hike to practice identifying local flora. Take home a free native plant. A separate kid-friendly event will run in tandem with this workshop (ages 6-12 years).
June 27th 1-3 pm (Saturday) ♦ ★	Water Quality Connections	Sam Day will introduce water quality programs administered by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Dive into aquatic programs and stream re-connections with a riverside field trip. Meanwhile, kids (ages 6-12) will have their own adventure-packed event.
July 18th 10 am-12 pm (Saturday)	Beginners' Fly Tying and Casting	Explore the world of fly tying and casting with Byron Lanphear and Mark Jarvie from Headwaters Trout Unlimited. Craft your very own summer dry fly and practice some casting tricks on the lawn. For beginners ages 14+
Aug. 1st 8-10 pm (Saturday) ♦ ★	All About Bats	Todd Cartner & his wife (from Discovery Bats Ohio) are heading north to spread their knowledge and love of bats. Workshop includes using hand-held sensors that let you listen to and identify bats as they come out in the evening. Meanwhile, a separate bat-tastic adventure awaits the kiddos.
Aug 15th 1-3:30 pm (Saturday) ♦ ★	Explore iNaturalist	Join Ken Bauer of Huron Pines for a hands-on intro to the iNaturalist app. Perfect for adults and teens wanting to identify wildflowers, track critters or otherwise dive into nature. All you need is your phone and a sharp eye. Kids (6-12) will have their own fun-packed experience.
Aug. 23rd 1-2 pm (Sunday)	Canceled PRC Furbearers	PRC's Wildlife Biologist, Shelby Adams, will teach kids about Michigan's fur-bearing animals. Discover cool facts about how they survive in the wild. Get a chance to touch and explore real animal furs. For families and children.
Aug. 23rd 3-4 pm (Sunday)	Canceled Seasons of the Bear	Shelby Adams, PRC's Wildlife Biologist, will lead you through what a year looks like for Michigan's American Black Bear. Explore bear behavior and ecology, from spring emergence through winter denning. Learn how people and bears share the same landscape. For adults and teens.
Sept. 13th 10 am-1 pm (Sunday) ★ Rain date Sept 19th	Mushroom Foray	Join Dianne Farner from HeadWater's Land Conservancy for a family-friendly mushroom identification workshop. Take a short hike to see what wild fungi you can find. Compare your finds with other participants.
Oct. 24th 10 am-12pm (Saturday) Date Changed ★	Nature Photography	Local photographer Jan Kellogg will demonstrate how to use your camera, including cell phones, to capture autumn beauty. Practice your new photography skills on a short walk in the PRC. Ages 14+.

Thank you to all who made these free workshops possible: Otsego Community Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Otsego County Soil Conservation District, the Little Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Headwaters Trout Unlimited, Huron Pines, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the HeadWaters Land Conservancy.

- **All workshops begin at the Discovery Center (see right)**
- **No charge for workshops, but donations gladly accepted.**
- **★ Some or all the workshop is outdoors. Dress accordingly.**
- **♦ A separate free kid-friendly event will be held in tandem with this workshop. Check website for details.**
- **Registration required: pigeonriverdiscoverycenter.org or scan QR Code (at right)**
- **Check website for details, changes and updates.**

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