



Save the Pine Bush

December Activities

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Vegetarian/Vegan Lasagna Dinner
Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Ward Stone

will speak about:

Today's Most Pressing Environmental Issues

Ward Stone, former New York State wildlife pathologist, needs no introduction. He will give a lively presentation on the most important environmental challenges of our day.

At the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut Street (people with cars can park in the lot near the door). All-the-vegetarian-and-vegan-lasagna-you-can-eat, garden salad, garlic bread and homemade pies. Only \$12 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$2 for children. People who make reservations are served first. For reservations, please leave a message for Rezsina Adams at 462-0891 or email pinebush@mac.com.

**Interested people are welcome to attend the program beginning at 7:00
for which there is no charge.**

December Hike or Ski!

Saturday, December 19 at 9:00 AM

Meet At: Pine Bush Discovery Center Parking Lot; East side of Route. 155,
opposite "T" with Old State Road, 195 New Karner Road, Albany NY 12205

Leader: Andy Arthur • For More Information: 518-465-8930

The Pine Bush is beautiful this time of year — wear your hiking boots or bring your cross-country skis (the weather will determine this). Depending on interest of enough participants; after the hike, we will drive to a few bordering access viewpoints to see what is so sadly being lost as a prime preserve addition due to lack of funding by the Commission's Acquisition Partner.

Please wear appropriate protective clothing for to prevent tick bites. Bring deet or insect repellent to spray on you before beginning the walk. Check carefully for ticks right after the walk and again as soon as you get home. Wear medium height to full height boots, or pull up socks over your pants legs and secure them with rubber bands. Wear long sleeved shirts. Wear all light-colored socks and clothes preferability white or light tan.

The hike or ski (depending on the weather) is free and open to everyone!

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Next Dinner Dates

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

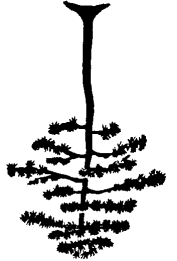
Wednesday, January 20, 2016

6:00 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church
85 Chestnut Street, Albany, NY

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Mowing for a Healthy Pine bush

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ALBANY, NY- The Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission is protecting and managing the globally rare inland pitch pine – scrub oak barrens known locally as the “Albany Pine Bush.”

For the fifteenth consecutive year, during the months of October and November, the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission will continue improving the overall health of Pine Bush habitat by mowing selected areas of the Preserve with large, heavy duty equipment. The 80 acres scheduled to be mowed this fall are located in the region of the Preserve east of Old State Road between Siver Road and East Lydius Street.

By mowing areas of high priority for restoration, the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission continues to expand the number of acres it can manage and restore annually. Stewardship Director, Joel Hecht said that “mowing these areas is designed specifically to expedite restoration efforts. By mowing areas of dense pine barrens vegetation, the wildlife habitat is enhanced while it is also preparing these areas for future prescribed burns.

Areas mowed are then easier to safely manage with fire since the vegetation size is significantly reduced.”

Mowing is expected to take about a month to complete. Due to the large size of the equipment used and its ability to throw debris, a portion of the Preserve’s purple trail between Madison Avenue Extension and Old State Road will be closed while the mowing is taking place. Hecht continued, “Visitors are encouraged to explore other areas of the Preserve during this time such as trailhead #11 located in DiCaprio Park off of East Lydius Street.” Several large signs will be temporarily placed along Old State Road to alert motorists that this mowing benefits wildlife and is helping to keep the Pine Bush healthy.

For more information on all Preserve management activities please visit www.AlbanyPineBush.org, the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center located at 195 New Karner Road in Albany or call (518) 456-0655 x1213.