

Here's what students said about their trip to the preserve, made possible by the Friends Ticket to Ride Program:



"The Pine Bush was so cool. I learned that a butterfly called the Karner blue is endangered and when it's a caterpillar it only eats leaves of the Wild blue lupine."

– Takai



"I learned that lots of plants need fire to be healthy. Also, a bird called the Eastern Towhee says 'drink your tea' but in a bird voice."

– Trudeja



"You should have been there. We saw a bug called an ant lion that digs pits in the sand and eats ants. We heard a Prairie warbler and it sings the scale."

– Azariah



Learning about the Albany Pine Bush at some of the many educational programs.



Friends of the PINE BUSH COMMUNITY

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Become part of a Capital Region community of friends that protects the unique habitat of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. We help people enjoy this special place and seize opportunities to participate in local learning, scientific research, and stewardship in the preserve.

Volunteer, Join & Donate at PineBushFriends.org

Who are we?

The Friends of the Pine Bush Community, Inc. works cooperatively with the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission to further conservation, science, land protection and education within the preserve – especially through organized activities and programs of the Discovery Center.

What is the Albany Pine Bush Preserve?

Characterized by rolling sand dunes and miles of trails, the Albany Pine Bush Preserve (APBP) offers visitors many recreational opportunities. This fire-dependent pine barrens provides habitat for more than 1,500 plant and animal species, including the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly. The Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission protects and manages the APBP and provides the public with educational and recreational opportunities. For more information visit AlbanyPineBush.org.



Globally Rare – A 3,300 acre preserve protects one of the best remaining inland pitch pine-scrub oak barrens in the world.

Nationally Significant – A National Natural Landmark, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Site, NYS Unique Area, Bird Conservation Area and a National Audubon Society Important Bird Area.

Locally Distinct – The Discovery Center is a state-of-the-art interpretive center where visitors come to understand why the Albany Pine Bush is rare and special.



Friends participate in activities that contribute to stewardship and appreciation of the natural communities found in the preserve. Volunteers help maintain more than 18 miles of multiple-use trails.



This Prairie warbler, an important species in the Pine Bush, is part of the Commission's bird research program that the Friends helps support.



The opening reception of the annual Pine Bush Perspectives: Juried Photo Exhibit that is cosponsored by the Friends



Farnsworth Middle School students download temperature data for a climate research study. The scientific equipment was acquired by the Friends with funds from a 3M Corporation Grant.

Support Your Friends

- Protect property through a partnership with Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy. The Land Protection Fund makes this possible.
- Help children from schools and community organizations travel to educational programs at the Discovery Center through the Ticket to Ride bus transportation project.
- Make funding possible for specialized projects in the preserve that include acquiring bird banding equipment, and sponsoring internships and training.



Students arrive at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center with the help of the Friends that reimburse their bus transportation costs.



Prescribed fires rejuvenate the natural Pine Bush communities, drive out non-native plants and increase food and habitat for native species. Fire is a popular Science Lecture Series topic.

Meet New Friends

- Be a part of a local scientific community through our monthly Lecture Series and Citizen Science opportunities.
- Join us for social events like the Pine Bush Perspectives Photo Exhibit Opening, Smokey Bear Day, Lupine Festival and our annual meeting.
- Take part in fascinating programs designed to inform and delight year-round. AlbanyPineBush.org/events.

Help Your Friends

Volunteer with us! No experience required!

- Friends are needed to assist with information tables throughout the Capital District.
- Assist with a variety of special events.
- Help our Friends with conservation projects including trail maintenance, Earth Day and National Trails Day.
- You could even help us write a grant proposal to fund a unique project.



Friends staff the visitor welcome table during the annual Lupine Festival.

Become a Friend Today

- 1) **Join/renew***
- 2) **Donate****
- 3) **Or Join/renew* and Donate****

* Because of the benefits that you will receive, the join/renew fees are not tax-deductible.

** Charitable donation is fully tax-deductible.

1) Join/renew:

- \$15 SPOTTED SALAMANDER:** Receive the monthly Friends of the Pine Bush Community Newsletter, 10% off in the Discovery Center Gift Shop, 1 Discovery Center program coupon (up to a \$5 value) per year, and a Pine Bush bumper sticker.
- \$25 BOX TURTLE:** Receive the monthly Friends of the Pine Bush Community Newsletter, 10% off in the Discovery Center Gift Shop, 2 Discovery Center program coupons (up to \$10 value) per year, a Pine Bush bumper sticker and a Pine Bush patch.
- \$50 LUPINE:** Receive the monthly Friends of the Pine Bush Community Newsletter, 10% off in the Discovery Center Gift Shop, 4 Discovery Center program coupons (up to \$20 value) per year, Pine Bush bumper sticker, and a Pine Bush pint glass or mug.

2) Donate:

Donations can be designated for one or more of the following categories: (Please indicate amount.)

_____ **TICKET TO RIDE PROGRAM:** Grants for buses to bring youth to Pine Bush Educational Programs.

_____ **LAND PROTECTION FUND:** To protect property for addition to the Preserve.

_____ **GENERAL DONATION:** To be used where most needed.

Check total: _____

DUES AND DONATIONS MAY BE PAID BY CHECK TO:

Friends of the Pine Bush Community, Inc.

195 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205

You can also join/renew and/or donate on our website at: www.PineBushFriends.org

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