



LUPINE FEST'26

MAY IS A MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF SPRING AT THE ALBANY PINE BUSH PRESERVE!
PROGRAMS + EXHIBITS FOR ALL AGES • PRIZES
WILDLIFE EXPERIENCES • THE ARTS + NATURE
BE A COMMUNITY SCIENTIST • GUIDED HIKES
VOLUNTEER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE • LUPINES!

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JOIN US THROUGHOUT
THE MONTH OF MAY!

ALBANY PINE BUSH PRESERVE
DISCOVERY CENTER
195 NEW KARNER ROAD
ALBANY, NY

ADMISSION IS FREE!

HOW IT WORKS

Use your passport to explore
Lupine Fest all month long!

Attend hikes, programs,
exhibits, and special events,
and collect a stamp for each
activity you complete.

Earn fun, small prizes
along the way just for
participating—no pressure,
just plenty of chances to try
something new and enjoy
the Pine Bush.

Bring your friends and family
and see how many stamps
you can collect in May.

Start your adventure and
celebrate spring!

VISIT THE DISCOVERY CENTER

- **BOOK SIGNING:** Join author Anita Sanchez for a reading of her new book "A Sky That Sings" on **Sunday, May 17 from 11am–12pm.**
- **WILDLIFE TALES!** **Saturday, May 9, 11am & 1pm.** Tales of animals and magic from around the world. With each story, a live animal will visit to bring a natural history piece to the myth and legends! *Adaptable to all age groups.**
- **SPECIAL EXHIBIT:** Stop by the Discovery Center and explore a new temporary exhibit.
- **NATURE NIGHT OUT:** **Friday May 29 from 4pm–7pm.** Live music, food trucks, meet the Guilderland Library on a StoryWalk adventure along the trail and interactive Discovery Center exhibits. No reservation required.
- **THE GIFT SHOP:** Find something unique and locally made.

BECOME INSPIRED

- **DECORATE A BUTTERFLY!** Drop by the Discovery Center and decorate a butterfly to take home or leave there to display in celebration of Lupine Fest.
- **DROP-IN NATURE JOURNALING:** **Sunday, May 3, 2–3:30pm** Drop-in to the Discovery Center to learn how to keep a nature journal and try your hand at sketching an owl.
- **BOOK CLUB:** **Wednesday, May 20, 7pm** Join Friends of the Pine Bush Community for an online Zoom discussion about the book: *The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness* by Sy Montgomery.*
- **SUBMIT A PHOTO TO PINE BUSH PERSPECTIVES:** Capture the spirit of the preserve and submit your photographs to our juried exhibit by October 1. More info AlbanyLupineFest.org
- **ART CLASSES:** Take a photography or botanical drawing class.*

BRING IT HOME

- **NATIVE PLANT SALE:** On **Saturday May 30th from 10am–12pm** a variety of pine bush native seedlings will be available for sale at the Discovery Center.
- **TAKE-HOME ACTIVITY KITS:** Pick up a "Pine Bush Planter" activity kit! Grow your own wildflowers and transplant them into your home garden.
- **SAY LUPINE!** Use our free photobooth at the Discovery Center to commemorate your visit to the preserve.
- **STAY IN THE LUPE:** Visit AlbanyLupineFest.org to sign up for our monthly newsletter or submit feedback. Tell the Discovery Center docent the code word to get a little prize.
- **PUZZLE PAGES:** Pick up a puzzle book at the Discovery Center and challenge yourself to find the answers!

EXPLORE THE TRAILS

- **SCAVENGER HUNT:** What Pine Bush animals can you find hiding along the Karner Barrens blue trail behind the Discovery Center? Pick up or download a scavenger hunt before your next hike to see if you can spot them all!
- **TRAILHEAD TREK STAMP RALLY:** Visit the trailheads of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve and record each visit with layers of a stamp that together create a colorful picture. Start at the Discovery Center.
- **LUPINE SELFIE:** Look for selfie stations along the trail that hold your phone so you can pose for a picture.
- **STORYWALK®:** Read a book as you walk along the blue trail in the Karner Barrens behind the Discovery Center.
- **WALKS AND HIKES:** Make a reservation for an expert-led Lupine Walk, a guided trip through the Valley of the Dunes or an accessible walk and roll.*

BE CURIOUS

- **COMMUNITY SCIENCE:** Eastern Whip-poor-will Survey Volunteer Training **Thursday, May 7, 7pm** Learn how to help us monitor a bird that moved back after decades of absence and whose incessant song used to keep people awake at night.*
- **SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM:** On **Thursday May 21 at 7pm** local and regional scientists studying everything from birds to archeology will share their discoveries. Meet the scientists while enjoying drinks and light appetizers from Date and Olive.
- **FISHING CLINIC:** **Saturday, May 30 10am–3pm.** All equipment provided. Free. No experience or license needed!
- **BIRD BANDING:** **May 1, 12 and 31 from 6–11am** Come see wild birds up close as scientists carefully fit them with uniquely coded leg-bands, before releasing them back to the wild. Snacks and drinks from the Mighty Sweet Baking Company will be available for purchase.

GET INVOLVED

- **CONSERVATION DAY:** **Saturday, May 2, 9am–12pm.** Participants will work to remove glass and trash from part of our trail system.*
- **SEED COLLECTOR TRAINING:** **Saturday, May 23, 9am–12pm** Get certified to help collect seeds needed for habitat restoration.*
- **THE FRIENDS OF THE PINE BUSH:** A casual walk in the preserve on **May 17 at 1pm.***
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Help with trail maintenance, community outreach, brochure writing, and coordinating social activities. Interested? Contact us at volunteer@albanypinebush.org or 518-456-0655 for more info!

*Reservation required. Visit AlbanyLupineFest.org or call 518-456-0655. All programs listed in this passport are free to attend.