

RM OF PINEY

Forest Tours with Bob

New Dates for Tours:

• July 26 • August 14 • September 18

~~Monday, June 15th, 2026 from 9:30am – 4:30pm~~

POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2026 **WEST FRASER MILL TOUR IN BARWICK, ONTARIO**

This full day tour will take participants behind the scenes to see how our local poplar trees are processed into sheets of particle board known as “OSB”. A significant amount of poplar harvested in the RM of Piney is eventually processed at the West Fraser mill in Barwick, ON for distribution right across North America.

Round-trip transportation will be provided from the RM office from 9:30am – 4:30pm. The tour will stop for a short picnic lunch at the Lighthouse Park in Barwick prior to the tour. If you have any of your own safety gear, please bring it with you. The RM and the mill will provide hard hats, high visibility vests, and hearing/eye protection. **Only participants with a valid passport will be able to attend as we will be crossing the Warroad, MN customs and the Ontario crossing at the Rainy River customs. Due to crossing the US border, please do not pack any fresh fruit in your lunch. As per mill regulations, only participants with steel-toed footwear may attend this tour. 10 spots are available for this tour.**

~~Sunday, July 26th, 2026 from 1:00 – 3:30pm~~

TIME CHANGE, NOW 1:00 – 4:30pm

GOODS FROM THE WOODS: NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS

Participants will spend the first part of the tour harvesting blueberries and saskatoons. They will also learn how to grow mushrooms on oak logs, and how to tap and process maple syrup. Various other products from the forest will be demonstrated, including forest edibles. After the forest tour, we will make our way back to the Council Chambers in Vassar for an informative PowerPoint Presentation on all non-timber forest products. **15 spots available.**

~~Saturday, September 19th, 2026 from 1:00 – 4:30pm~~

MOVED TO FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2026

TIME CHANGE, NOW 9:30am – 3:30pm

FORESTS & PEATLAND: FPM TOUR & ST. LABRE SAWMILL TOUR

From forestry operations to peat moss farming, these resources are an important driver of the economy of south-eastern Manitoba. This tour will show participants how peat land was formed over thousands of years, alongside the boreal forest. We will see how forest products are processed at FPM in Vassar. From there, we will proceed to St. Labre to visit the local sawmill for an in-depth tour. Make sure to pack a bag lunch as we will break between tours for lunch. **15 spots available.**

**All participants are to meet at the RM office in Vassar (6092 Boundary St.) for all 3 tours.
Transportation will be provided from the RM office to and from each touring site.**

For Ages 12 & Up; To reserve your spot, call 204-437-2284 or email: carrie@rmofpiney.mb.ca

This is a Free Event!