

RM OF PINEY

Forest Tours with Bob

Save the Date

● June 15 ● July 26 ● September 19

The RM will once again be hosting three FREE forest tours with our knowledgeable tour guide, Bob Austman. Tours will be provided rain or shine, and we ask that you come dressed for the weather. This is an interactive immersive event so be prepared for some light hiking.

Monday, June 15th, 2026 from 9:30am – 4:30pm **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 safety gear, please bring it with you, but the RM and the mill will provide hard hats, high visibility vests, and hearing and eye protection as well.

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 **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.

15 spots available for this tour.

Saturday, September 19th, 2026 from 1:00 – 4:30pm **FORESTS AND PEATLAND: FPM TOUR AND 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.

15 spots available for this tour.

New tours this year, be sure to book early to reserve your spot!

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, please call 204-437-2284 or email: carrie@rmofpiney.mb.ca

(RSVP by the prior Monday of each tour)

This is a Free Event!