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## WHAT'S THE PLAN? PART 3: AGRICULTURAL AND SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL AREAS



Photo: PPA

*Cranberry bogs, Burlington County*

*by Rich Bizub*

As stated in previous installments in this series, the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) is the document that contains the regulations and standards governing development within the Pinelands. The intent of the State Pinelands Protection Act and the Federal Act was to create a plan (the CMP) to guide the orderly development of the area, so as to preserve and protect the significant and unique natural, ecological, agricultural, archaeological, historic, scenic, cultural and recreational resources of the Pinelands.

This article focuses on how the CMP sets out to accomplish this goal in the two agricultural areas of the

Pinelands. These two areas are the Special Agricultural Production Area and the Agricultural Production Area.

When compared to the total land area of more than one million acres of the Pinelands National Reserve (PNR) only about five percent is actually used for agriculture. The vast majority of the PNR is forest or wetlands, and to a lesser extent residential and commercial development. Cranberry and blueberry farming, however, have been an integral part of the Pinelands landscape from a historical perspective and currently are a successful agricultural industry.

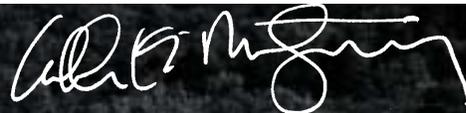
Both cranberries and blueberries are native plants that depend on highly acidic, low-nutrient sandy soils with

groundwater near the land surface. This is precisely what the Pinelands have to offer. Even though the Native Americans of the area used wild berries as a source of food, commercial berry farming did not start in the area until around 1835 with the planting of the first cranberry bog. Since then, the industry has flourished, though production has declined somewhat in recent years.

During the 1980's the Pinelands was third nationwide in the production of cranberries, accounting for 12 percent of the nation's production. Today the cranberry industry has slipped to fourth, producing less than 7 percent of the nation's berries. Cranberry production is primarily located within the Special Agricultural Production Areas, or what we think of as the "core" of the Pinelands, near Chatsworth, Speedwell and Jenkins Neck. Today the Special Agricultural Production Area is approximately 37,584 acres in size. The blueberry industry is more widespread throughout the Pinelands, and is ranked second in the nation, behind only Michigan, in production and harvested acres.

To give the berry industry protection, the Pinelands Commission designated most cranberry growing areas as Special Agricultural Production. The CMP allowed municipalities the ability to designate additional Special Agricultural Production Areas within the Preservation Area. Land uses with-

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Pinelands Preservation Alliance, joined by Save Barnegat Bay and the Sierra Club, continues to work hard on changing the Stafford Business Park development proposal so it meets Pinelands environmental requirements.

You may remember that Stafford Twp. has signed a contract with Walters Homes to sell Walters the public land at the Stafford Business Park, designate the land as a "redevelopment zone," and give local development approvals—all in exchange for Walters funding the excavation and capping of old landfills on the property. Walters proposes to build 565 market-rate houses, about 100 affordable housing units, 650,000 sq. ft. of commercial space, 25,000 sq. ft. of office space and a swimming pool or similar recreation facility.

The fundamental problem is that the current proposal involves stripping critical habitat of the threatened Pine Snake and building houses on it—something the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan expressly forbids. In order to approve building that violates the regulations, the staff at the Pinelands Commission proposes to have the Commission approve this development as if it was "public development"—even though it is private, for profit development by a private, for-profit developer. So the Commission is being asked not just to violate its regulations, but to do so by an improper method. One of the worst things about this approach is that it encourages other developers to believe they can get these special deals, too.

They and their political sponsors will pressure the Commission to make more deals that undermine the Pinelands laws.

We support closing the landfills and, if necessary, developing portions of the tract to pay for it. We simply believe it must be done in accordance with the Pinelands' environmental rules. Since the threatened Pine Snake critical habitats can be saved while closing the landfills, we believe the Pinelands Commission should—indeed must—limit the footprint of the new housing development to avoid those critical habitats.

Several Pinelands Commissioners have expressed grave concerns about the proposed waiver of Pinelands protections for the Pine Snake habitats. We urge Stafford Township, the developer and the Commission to work out a down-scaled development plan that will close the landfills and protect the critical wildlife habitats.

This case raises fundamental concerns about the tendency of government to "regulate by contract" when influential parties come to them with proposals that violate their normal rules. That way of doing business will gradually undermine the credibility, justice and legality of the Pinelands laws. The strength of the Pinelands lies in consistent, even-handed application of environmental rules to all development proposals. This is a case where prudent conservationists must say "Let's not make a deal. Let's do this, but do it the right way."

## EARTH DAY CLEANUP

### Forked River Mountains

**April 23, 8:30am**

Sponsored by the Forked River Mountain Coalition, in cooperation with PPA and the Ocean County Parks Department.

Meet at Wells Mills County Park. Volunteers with 4-wheel drive vehicles are needed. Dress for the weather. An optional hike of the Forked River Mountain area will be conducted after the cleanup. Contact (609) 971-1635 to pre-register.

## PINELANDS COMMISSION MEETINGS

Thursday, April 6, 7:00pm

Friday, May 12, 9:30am

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**CALL (609) 894-7300 FOR DETAILS**

## PINELANDS WATCH

Get involved in our activist network and help make a difference! To receive the Pinelands Watch or alert us to an issue of concern in your community,

**call (609) 859-8860 x22 or e-mail [theresa@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:theresa@pinelandsalliance.org)**

## INSIDE THE PINELANDS

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in these areas are limited primarily to the cultivation of cranberries, blueberries and native plants. Other activities that are allowed in this management area include forestry, fish and wildlife management, and beekeeping. Some residential housing is permitted, provided that the dwelling is associated with agriculture. For example, housing for the children of farm owners is allowed, along with housing for farm employees, provided that the property on which the new housing is to be constructed is at least 40 acres in size. In addition, new housing would have to be located on property which has an active production history or where a farm management plan has been prepared which demonstrates that the property will be farmed as a unit unto itself or as a part of another farm operation in the area.

The CMP also provides for areas to accommodate and encourage farming of crops other than cranberries and blueberries. These include primarily fruits, vegetables, upland row crops and, even sod farms. Blocks of more than 1,000 acres of active farmland are grouped into Agricultural Production Areas where farming and related activities will remain the dominant land use. These areas are located primarily along the western boundary of the Pinelands.

Approximately 66,200 acres of the Pinelands are classified as Agricultural Production Area. Because these areas are contiguous in places with management areas of higher residential development, state laws and local ordinances have been enacted to exempt farms from rules pertaining to dust, odors, noise, hours of operations, and other farming activities that local residents might find objectionable. As

with the Special Agricultural Production Area, housing for farm owners and employees is permitted at a density of one dwelling unit for every 10 acres. New, non-farm related housing is limited to one home for every 40 acres.



*Agricultural areas in the CMP*

Due to the historic significance of farming in the Pinelands, the CMP regulations were designed to allow for the maximum amount of flexibility to the agricultural community. This includes existing and future agricultural operations. The definition of "agriculture" is broad, making it unclear what types of agricultural operations will be present in the future. Will the Agricultural Production Areas in the future be dominated by sod farms to provide the lush green grass for all of the new development in and around the Pinelands? Or will row crops be replaced by landscaping plants and fish farms? These are perhaps the most significant questions facing the future of farming, and the long-term success of the Pinelands in general.

**UPCOMING PPA MEMBER EVENTS**

**April 23, 1pm:** Pinelands Gardening Lecture/Plant Sale with Dan Segal of Pinelands Nursery

**May 16, 7pm:** Threatened & Endangered Species presentation with Russell Juelg of PPA

**June 15, 7pm:** Piney Folklore presentation with Brenda Connor of White Star Country Store

*All events at the Bishop Farmstead. RSVP to (609) 859-8860 x14*

**MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE AND**

**SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS**

**ARE INVITED TO ATTEND...**

**The 7th Annual Pinelands Summer Teacher Institute**

**July 10-14, 2006**

Call (609) 859-8860 x24 or email [mikeh@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:mikeh@pinelandsalliance.org) for more information or to request a registration form.

**THANKS!**

To the students of the Environmental Science Class at Philadelphia University who visited the Bishop Farmstead on March 25 and trimmed invasive vegetation and helped assemble our Pinelands Adventure mailing.

If you or your organization would like to volunteer with PPA, please call Mike at (609) 859-8860 x15



D.R. Horton, Inc., is proposing to build a 587-unit (282 single family and 305 multi-family town house) retirement community in Pemberton Township, Burlington County. The application states the property is 678 acres in size and is located to the south of Lakehurst Road (Route 530), with the westerly border being Wissahickon Trail. To the east of the project site is Country Lake Estates.

The Pemberton Township Planning Board deemed the application complete for review at its January 12, 2006 meeting and began hearing the application on March 9. The applicant indicated that it will take at least three meetings to present the entire development proposal.

This is a very large project. If it goes forward it will encompass forested uplands, wetlands and wetlands buffers, large amounts of stormwater to be managed, threatened and endangered species habitats to be protected, township land that has to be sold and Green Acres Open Space that has to be diverted (which requires a public process), extension of sewer lines, a new public water well drilled, and roadways that need to be built or improved.

Applicants building in the Pinelands Protection area are required to submit their application to the Pinelands Commission prior to the local planning board review. D.R. Horton, Inc. received an **Inconsistent Certificate of Filing** from the Pinelands Commission. This means that the application, as submitted to the Pinelands Commission, does not meet the requirements of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) regulations. An applicant can

proceed to the local planning board after receiving their certificate of filing to see if the inconsistencies can be resolved.

Some of the items that the developer has to address to meet both Pinelands Commission CMP regulations and Pemberton Township Land Use regulations are:

- The development standards require a 200-foot perimeter fuel break, which is a permanent buffer area where trees are selectively removed, mowed or pruned on an annual basis, between all proposed structures and the forest. In the application none has been provided.
- The development standards require that no development shall be carried out unless it is designed to avoid irreversible adverse impacts to habitat that is critical to the survival of any local populations of threatened or endangered animal species. The developers Threatened and Endangered Species surveys and habitat delineations have not been accepted by the Pinelands Commission. The species of concern are the Barred Owl and the Northern Pine Snake.
- The development standards require all stormwater generated as a result of the development must be retained and infiltrated onsite. Larger stormwater basins may need to be provided.
- The developer also needs to purchase Pemberton Township (public) owned land. One parcel that is on the developers site location map is Block 854, Lot 16.05. On the tax records this lot is listed as 450 acres in size and owned by Pemberton Township Municipal Utilities Authority.

The second parcel is Block 874 , Lots 1, 2 & 3, which is the site of Pole Bridge Park. The developer needs these lots for an entrance roadway. This parksite is listed on Pemberton Township's Green Acres Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI). In order for the Township to sell this property it will have to go through a public diversion process.

All of these items and more will be discussed before the planning board in the months ahead. Pemberton Township residents need to get involved in the process early!

**What you can do:**

- Attend a Meeting.
- Read the newspaper and watch for other public hearings involving the sale of Township-owned land. Also, write letters to the newspapers which will educate others about this development.
- Attend the Pemberton Township Council meetings and let them know how you feel about "the selling of your public property." Meetings are held 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 pm.

*For further information, contact PPA at 609-859-8860 x22, or e-mail Theresa at [theresa@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:theresa@pinelandsalliance.org).*



Photo: PPA

*Pole Branch Park in Pemberton Twp.*

by Jaclyn Rhoads



Water is essential to farming, yet our precious water resources often are degraded by farming practices. In an effort to promote better protection of New Jersey's water resources, PPA organized an event on February 17th that brought together individuals from watershed associations, the farming industry and other environmental organizations to learn about incentive programs (grant money and technical assistance) available to farmers and farmland owners, and how non-profits, such as New Jersey Audubon Society and New Jersey Conservation Foundation, have implemented these programs.

Representatives from several state agencies, including Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), US Department of Agriculture (USDA), US Environmental Protection Agency Region II (EPA), and New Jersey's Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP), presented a variety of programs available to farmers and farmland owners. Although a laundry list of acronyms exist for these programs (such as LIP, WHIP, etc.) help is available through these agencies to determine which programs are applicable to the landowner's needs. Below is a short summary of how these agencies can help:

- ENSP has biologists that will visit a landowner's site to evaluate the land and determine what programs would best suit their needs. ENSP will then coordinate with the other agencies.

- NRCS, an outlet of the USDA, provides most of the programs available to farmers and farmland owners, such as the Wetland Reserve Program, Land Incentive Program, Conservation Security Program, and many more. The agency's website provides additional details regarding these various farmbill programs. Check out <http://www.nj.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ci/g/StateFundingOpportunities.html>.

- EPA Region II provides federal assistance to farmland owners and farmers in the state through the non-point source program and pesticide program. The funds through the non-point source program are to complement funds received through the USDA, and the agency's Strategic Agriculture Initiative funds projects with agricultural management practices that offer risk reductions to human health and the environment by reducing the use of high-risk pesticides.

To help capture all of this information, PPA in conjunction with the presenters at this event, will be developing a brochure for environmental groups and farmers briefly describing the programs and the projects supported, as well as contact information for the agencies. The brochure will be posted on our website, [www.pinelandsalliance.org](http://www.pinelandsalliance.org), in the Spring. *If you would like more information about the February 17th event, please call our offices at (609) 859-8860.*



Photo: PPA

PPA's Rich Bizub speaks at the meeting

## FAIRS & FESTIVALS

**APRIL 22, 10 AM - 4 PM**  
**MERCER COUNTY EARTH DAY**  
 ICE RINK, MERCER PARK, TRENTON

**APRIL 23, 10 AM - 4 PM**  
**ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES**  
**AUTHORITY EARTH DAY 2004**  
 HANNEMAN ENVIRONMENTAL PARK  
 EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP

**APRIL 23 12 - 4 PM**  
**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**  
 WHARTON STATE FOREST  
 BATSTO VILLAGE

**APRIL 30 12 - 4 PM**  
**BURLINGTON COUNTY COLLEGE**  
**FUN FEST**  
 PEMBERTON CAMPUS, PEMBERTON

**MAY 21, 10 AM - 4 PM**  
**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EXPO**  
 TURKEY SWAMP PARK, FREEHOLD

**JUNE 3 & 4, 10AM - 5 PM**  
**DELAWARE BAY DAYS**  
 HIGH STREET, BIVALVE (PORT  
 NORRIS)

**JUNE 11, 10AM - 4 PM**  
**BURLINGTON COUNTY EARTH FAIR**  
 SMITHVILLE PARK, EASTAMPTON

**Stop by the PPA exhibit and check out our broad selection of Pinelands resources and information!**

### “RATTLED” READING AND BOOK SIGNING

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

**7:00-8:30PM**

**Join us as we host Debra Galant, author of the new satirical novel *Rattled*, about a McMansion development on timber rattlesnake habitat in the Pinelands.**

Ms. Galant will read from her book and sign copies afterwards.

USA Today: "...a clever plot that builds to a screamingly funny climax."

NY Times: "an intricate Tom Wolfe-lite portrait of suburbia..."

Light refreshments. Doors open 6pm.

Contact Mike at x15 or [mike@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:mike@pinelandsalliance.org) for details

by Traci Connaughton



Pinelands Preservation Alliance is a proud founding member of Earth Share of New Jersey (ESNJ). In 1994, 18 of New Jersey's leading environmental organizations came together to found ESNJ. The organization's mission is to work with employers across the state to offer employees an environmental giving option. Through ESNJ, employees are able to make payroll contributions to ESNJ or any of its 21 New Jersey based members or 65 national members.

"Our organization has grown tremendously since its inception in 1994," says ESNJ Executive Director Paula Aldarelli. "People in our state have a growing resolve to protect and preserve our beautiful state and their voices are being heard. With legislators rallying around environmental issues — such as preservation of the Pinelands and Highlands and continued efforts to improve the quality of our lakes, streams, rivers and oceans — New Jerseyans need to continue supporting the organizations that ensure our best interests are met."

ESNJ, a coalition of local and national environmental nonprofits, partners with businesses, communities and individuals to provide opportunities for employees to help preserve NJ's natural heritage with financial support and volunteerism.

Founded in 1994 as the Environmental Fund for New Jersey, ESNJ has dramatically increased its fundraising capacity. We've gone from raising \$48,000 in year one to more than \$223,000 in pledges during 2003 to

protect our state's natural resources. A growing number of New Jerseyans have taken advantage of the convenience of ESNJ's workplace giving programs, raising over \$1.2 million statewide since the organization was founded.

According to Paula, the workplace-giving environment is changing dramatically as more and more corporations expand their choice. In fact, a 2002 survey of 100 companies representing more than 5 million employees, 40 percent said they had broadened their campaigns beyond United Way-affiliated charities.

ESNJ organizations range from local chapters of national organizations, such as the Clean Water Fund for New Jersey, Nature Conservancy and Surfriders Association, to homegrown organizations, such as the American Littoral Society, Monmouth Conservation Foundation and Wetlands Institute.

The generosity of ESNJ donors has helped this diverse group of conservation organizations preserve NJ's natural beauty and ensure its environmental heritage for future generations. ESNJ groups work to protect, preserve and restore valuable land, watersheds, river corridors, coastlines and wildlife habitat. The impact of their work directly affects the cleanliness of the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land we enjoy.

*To learn more about what ESNJ does or how you can add an environmental giving option to your workplace giving campaign, contact them at (609) 989-1160.*

## RANCOCAS WATERSHED FESTIVAL

June 3

Burlington County College,  
Pemberton Campus

12:00pm-4:00pm

**Teachers:** Learn how to bring the environment into your classroom

**Residents:** Learn how to care for your watershed & discover volunteer opportunities in the area

### Workshops on:

- Making an Environmental Difference in Your Town
- How to Create a Watershed Friendly Home and Garden
- NJ WATERS Training for Teachers (limited to 20 teachers).

**Contact:** (609) 859-8860 x17  
or [rancocas@bigfoot.com](mailto:rancocas@bigfoot.com)

## GRAND OPENING! PINELANDS VISITOR CENTER AT PPA

**Sunday, May 7 — 1 to 5 pm**  
Come see our new interpretive center. Plus, tours of the house and gardens, Mike Hogan photography exhibit, food and music.

**Contact:** (609) 859-8860 or  
[mike@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:mike@pinelandsalliance.org)



Photo: PPA

Red-tailed Hawk at Bishop Farmstead

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## PINELANDS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April & May 2006

**NOTE:** Names, addresses, and phone numbers are provided here for frequently mentioned event sponsors. Please contact the sponsor of the event for full information and details of the event.

**Bayshore Discovery Project (BDP),**  
(800) 485-3072 .

**Outdoor Club of South Jersey (OCSJ).**  
Call leaders to confirm trip.  
[www.ocsj.org](http://www.ocsj.org)

**Pinelands Institute for Natural & Environmental Studies (PINES).** A program of Burlington County College. (609) 893-1765, <http://staff.bcc.edu/pines/>

**Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA).** 17 Pemberton Rd., Southampton. (609) 859-8860. [www.pinelandsalliance.org](http://www.pinelandsalliance.org). 10% discount on Pinelands Adventures programs to PPA members. Pre-registration required for all PPA programs.

**Wells Mills County Park (WMCP).** Rt. 532, Waretown, (609) 971-3085.

**Whitesbog (W).** All events meet at the Whitesbog General Store. Historic Whitesbog, mile marker 13, Rt. 530, Pemberton Township. (609) 893-4646, [www.whitesbog.org](http://www.whitesbog.org).

#### Friday, April 14

##### Jersey Devil Hunt

Wharton State Forest, 7-10 p.m. We search the woods for the most infamous denizen of the Pine Barrens, gather 'round a campfire (bring hot dogs & marshmallows), and enjoy old-time music. Reservation required. \$10/person. Call (609) 859-8860, for information. **PPA.**

#### Saturday, April 15

##### East of Evans Hike

10 miles, moderate pace. We will see many different kinds of water: bogs, rivers, lakes, and swamps, without going into any of them. We will be on the Batona trail for part, and on various kinds of trails for the rest. Meet at Evans, 10am, at the Batona Trail sign. NP/NC. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, [georgegalcik@comcast.net](mailto:georgegalcik@comcast.net). **OCSJ.**

##### Moonlight Walk (Fish Moon)

1-2 or 3-5 mile walk around the village and bogs, a great opportunity to learn about Whitesbog and discover the seasonal changes of the Pinelands. 7pm. Led by experienced guides. \$5 per person. **W.**

#### Sunday, April 23

##### Earth Day Clean Up.

The Forked River Mountain

Coalition, in cooperation with the Ocean County parks Department and PPA, will conduct a spring cleanup of the area surrounding the Forked River Mountains for Earth Day. Meet at Wells Mills County Park, 8:30am. Call 609 971-1635 to pre-register.

#### Friday, April 28

##### Jersey Devil Hunt

See April 14 for details.

#### Sunday, April 30

##### Paddle the Mullica

A great spring time trip, Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 miles No rentals. Must call to confirm trip. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Leader Vicki S. call (856) 256-9568, or [ravingwriter@netzero.com](mailto:ravingwriter@netzero.com) **OCSJ.**

##### Whitesbog Canoe Trip

Explore the areas of bogs and reservoirs that are connected by man-made channels. Traveling to Browns Mills.meet: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown. 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 if bringing own boat. Call to register. **WMCP.**

#### Saturday, May 6

##### Volunteer Workday at Whitesbog

10am to 3pm. If you are interested in helping the Trust with repairs, maintenance, garden or office work, please call to register. Free. Lunch provided. **W.**

#### Sunday, May 7

##### Canoe the Great Egg Harbor River

The scenery along the Great Egg is especially pretty in the spring. Dissolved iron and tannin, a product of fallen leaves and cedar roots, produce the Great Egg's tea-colored "cedar water" along much of its length. We'll enjoy a leisurely 7-mile trip from Weymouth Furnace to Lake Lenape in Mays Landing and look for nesting bald eagles at the lake. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner, Black Horse Pike/Route 322. Please contact leader to confirm trip. Leader: John K. 609-412-2617 or [mrjnk347@msn.com](mailto:mrjnk347@msn.com). **OCSJ.**

#### Friday, May 12

##### Jersey Devil Hunt

See April 14 for details.

#### Saturday, May 13

##### Cloverdale Farm Nature Walk

Get a look at Ocean County Natural Lands Trust's newest acquisition! Traveling to Barnegat. Pick-up: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown. 9:00 a.m. - Noon. \$4.00 per person. 9 years - Adult. **WMCP.**

#### Sunday, May 14

##### Hike Shamong

8-10 miles, moderate pace. Along the Skit Branch looking for sandy ground covers that may be in bloom. Plenty of time after the hike to take "Mum" out for dinner. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. **OCSJ.**

##### Mother's Day Sail & Continental Breakfast

Treat Mom to a leisurely sail and light breakfast, sailing by the historic East Point Lighthouse and out to the beauty of the Delaware Bay. \$15 for children (12 years and under) and \$30 for adults \$25 for Seniors call (800) 485-3072 for tickets. **BDP.**

#### Saturday, May 20

##### Big Swamp Cougar Hunt

Be prepared for rugged trekking, as we'll be going into places few others go. Dress wisely and pack a lunch and drinks. We'll get acquainted with the flora and examine surroundings for signs of cougar and other wildlife as we pass through some of the most remote parts of the Pines. 9am-4pm. \$35. Call (609) 859-8860 to pre-register. **PPA.**

#### Tuesday, May 23

##### Pine Barrens Ecology Car Caravan Tour

Take a guided tour featuring swamps, pine & oak forests, cedar water, mudflats & more. Along the way, your feet will stay dry as the "Nature in a Bag" kits bring the pine barrens right to your vehicle. 2-4pm, \$7/person. Must pre-register. 609-893-1765. Meet at Whitesbog Village. **PINES.**

#### Friday, May 26

##### Jersey Devil Hunt

See April 14 for details.

**Canoeing Piney Rivers.** A day-long naturalist tour of one of the beautiful and historic Pinelands rivers. Foliage and wildlife make this an exhilarating and memorable experience. A great introduction to the history and ecology of the Pine Barrens. \$15 pre-registration, plus \$35 per canoe. Call 609 894-8000. **PPA.**

If your organization is having an activity you would like to see listed, contact *Inside the Pinelands*, 17 Pemberton Road, Southampton, NJ 08088; ph: (609) 859-8860; e-mail [mikeh@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:mikeh@pinelandsalliance.org). Next deadline: May 5, 2006.

THE PINELANDS NEEDS YOUR HELP...AND SO DO WE!  
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MISSION & BECOME A MEMBER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check enclosed payable to PPA

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- Sponsor  \$100
- Patron  \$250
- Benefactor  \$500
- Chairman's Circle  \$1,000
- Other  \_\_\_\_\_

*All members receive:*

- A PPA membership card
- A year's subscription to *Inside the Pinelands*
- A Free *Pinelands Adventure* (new members)
- A PPA window sticker
- Discounts on PPA merchandise and events

**GRAND OPENING!**  
**PINELANDS VISITOR CENTER**  
**AT PPA**  
**Sunday, May 7 — 1 to 5 pm**

- A Sponsor will receive an *Exploring the Pine Barrens of New Jersey* map
- A Patron will receive a copy of *Exploring the Pine Barrens of New Jersey* book
- A Benefactor will receive a Pinelands Botanical Print by Robin Jess
- A member of the Chairman's Circle will receive a personalized tour of the Pinelands



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