



REQUIRED FIELD TRIP INFORMATION



Program Cost: All program fees are waived at this time. If you would like to make a donation to support education programming, please visit the Friends of the Pine Bush webpage at:

<https://albanypinebush.org/friends-landing>.

Group Logistics: Upon arrival, please have your entire group separated into groups of 15 or fewer. Please make sure each participant is given the Field Trip Checklist.

How to Prepare for your Visit to the Albany Pine Bush Preserve: It is important to read through the following information and share it with students, as well as chaperones and other teachers or staff attending the program.

1. **FIELD TRIP CHECKLIST:** Please give one to each student. *(attached)*
2. **CHAPERONE GUIDELINES:** Read this guide and share it with your chaperones. *(attached)*
3. **TICK INFORMATION:** <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/lyme/>

Please note our tick information has recently been updated to include new information.

Ticks, including deer ticks (also known as black-legged ticks), are present in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve as well as other natural areas in our region. As stated on the NYS Department of Health's website: *Ticks can spread disease. Not all ticks can cause disease and not all bites will make you sick, but as these diseases become more common it's important to learn how to prevent a bite, how to remove a tick and what to do if you think you could have a tick-borne disease.*

Lyme disease is the most common disease spread by ticks in New York. However, there are other serious diseases spread by ticks including Powassan virus disease, a rare but often serious disease caused by a virus that is spread by the bite of infected ticks and was recently detected in ticks sampled in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve.

It is recommended that all visitors to the Albany Pine Bush Preserve wear pants with long socks that can be pulled up over their pant legs and shirts that are tucked into the waistband.



Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information. We look forward to seeing you soon!
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