

# THIS WEEK

<b>Monday, Tuesday July 26, 27</b>	Drop by the Visitor Centre between 1-4 p.m. See the Ratsnake up close and personal at 2 p.m.	
<b>Wednesday, July 28</b>	<b>10am Silver Queen Mine Hike</b> *See bottom for description.* LIMITED CAPACITY – PRE-REGISTER AT THE GATEHOUSE.	
<b>Thursday, July 29</b>	<b>11am Kids Program</b> <i>“Thieves, Sneaks &amp; Tricksters”</i> A firefly that tricks other fireflies; the delinquent parents of the bird world; and a flower that wants you to think it’s rotten meat. Plus, dazzling moths and sneaker fish (no, they don’t wear running shoes). Meet Alida and Morgan (who do wear running shoes) at the <b>main beach</b> for this interactive program for supervised kids 7-12.	
<b>Friday, July 30</b>	<b>10am Silver Queen Mine Hike</b> *See bottom for description.* LIMITED CAPACITY – PRE-REGISTER AT THE GATEHOUSE.	<b>9pm Night Senses Hike</b> Meet Alida and Dan at the <b>registration gatehouse</b> for this short hike down the Loon Lake Loop trail. Get a sense of what critters come out when the lights go out and how they go about their business in the dark.
<b>Saturday, July 31</b>	<b>11am Kids Program</b> <i>“Brilliant Bird Adaptations”</i> Learn how to hunt like a Great Blue Heron and vomit like a Turkey Vulture. Also, why do hummingbirds hover and woodpeckers not get concussions? Meet Alida and Morgan at the <b>main beach</b> for this fun and interactive program on birds and the things they do to do their thing. 45 minutes for supervised children.	<b>8pm Evening Show</b> <i>Back by popular demand, special guest musician and entertainer, David Archibald, kicks off the Friends’ Mica Festival with an evening of songs at the amphitheatre.</i>
<b>Sunday, August 1</b>	<b>10am – 4pm at the Lally Homestead and Silver Queen Mine</b> <i>“North Burgess Heritage Mica Festival”</i> The Friends of Murphys Point Park, together with park staff, celebrate the 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of mica mining in Ontario. Musical entertainment, children’s games, blacksmithing demonstrations and more at the Homestead. Visit the Silver Queen Mine and have a miner’s lunch of corn on the cob and maple baked beans at the bunkhouse (donations appreciated).	
<b>Monday, August 2</b>	<b>10am – 11am Drop-In Prop Talk</b> <i>“Mushroom Lab”</i> Drop by the Park Store sometime between 10-11 a.m. to meet our resident fungirl, Alida. Bring your mushroom queries, watch spore prints in the making or learn some helpful identification techniques to use on your next fungal foray into the forest.	

**SILVER QUEEN MINE HIKES:** Meet at the Lally Homestead parking lot for this 1 – 1 ½ hour guided tour down the trail and into an abandoned mica mine. Hardhats supplied! LIMITED CAPACITY – PRE-REGISTER AT THE GATEHOUSE.

**VISITOR CENTRE open everyday 1-4 p.m.!**  
Drop by the Visitor Centre, across from the Park Store, any day between 1-4 p.m. Check out our **live Ratsnake** display (the snake comes out everyday at 2 p.m.) and find out how you can become a certified Murphys Point Junior Naturalist!