

Speaker Topics

Choose from:

- PI Updates: A short overview of what's happening on Presque Isle.
- Plants & Animals: Learn all about what lives at Presque Isle.
- Beach Ecology: Discover how the beaches were formed, what forces are interacting to continually shape them and the plants and animals that call their sandy shorelines home.
- <u>Shipwrecks</u>: Lake Erie's shipping industry is greatly influenced by many ships that met sudden disaster while traversing the waters of the shallowest Great Lake.
- <u>Language of Flowers</u>: Discover the beauty of our native flowering species and the mystery behind them.
- <u>PI Lighthouse</u>: Listen to the stories behind its construction, discover the history of its keepers and how the lighthouse was coined the "loneliest place on earth."
- Biomimicry: Learn about nature's influence on modern inventions and discover how nature inspires us to be more efficient & "green".
- The Construction of Perry's Fleet: Presque Isle played a vital
 role in the construction of Commodore Perry's fleet to defeat the
 British during the War of 1812. Hear the story of how Erie was
 selected as the construction site, how materials were acquired, and
 the novel techniques used to build a fleet of battle ships in 6
 months in the frontier.
- Joe Root: Stories of Presque Isle during early 1900's fishing era.*
- <u>Life of a Sailor</u>: Imagine what it was like to be a crewmember aboard an early 19th century warship.*
- <u>Life of a Frontiersman</u>: Imagine what it was like to be a frontiersman in the 18th century, living off of the land by hunting and fishing and learning to survive. Frontiersmen were one of the first explorers of Presque Isle.*
- *PLEASE NOTE: Joe Root, Life of a Sailor, and Life of a
 Frontiersman programs can be a first-person interpretive program
 or a general talk depending on group preference and availability of
 educators.

- All outreach talks are presented by one of our Presque Isle State Park Naturalists.
- ✓ Talks can take place at Presque Isle State Park or the Tom Ridge Environmental Center. They can also be done as outreach at your group's location year round.
- ✓ Talks last approximately 45 minutes.
- ☑ Contact Presque Isle State Park Office at 814-833-7424 presqueislesp@pa.gov or Anne DeSarro, at 814-833-7424 or adesarro@pa.gov to check availability and to schedule your talk.
- ✓ Dates must be scheduled at least four weeks in advance.



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