

Application for Membership

I/We hereby apply for membership in
The Pine River Association in accordance with the Articles of Association.

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City/State/Zip

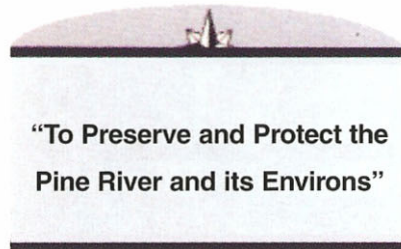
Phone

E-mail

ANNUAL DUES \$15.00

Please make your check payable to
"The Pine River Association" and send with
application to:

**The Pine River Association
Secretary/Treasurer
P.O. Box 184
Tustin, MI 49688**



The Pine River Association

The Pine River Association was founded in 1970 for the purpose of preserving and protecting the Pine River and its environs. Since that time our members have actively worked to keep the river, its tributaries, and surrounding lands wholesome and healthy.

If you have an interest in being an advocate of river conservation and part of a group dedicated to protecting and preserving the ecosystem of the Pine River Watershed, join The Pine River Association today.

The Pine River Association Supports:

Pine River National Scenic River Management Plan
(US Forest Service)

Manistee Pine River Natural River Plan
(Michigan Department of Natural Resources)

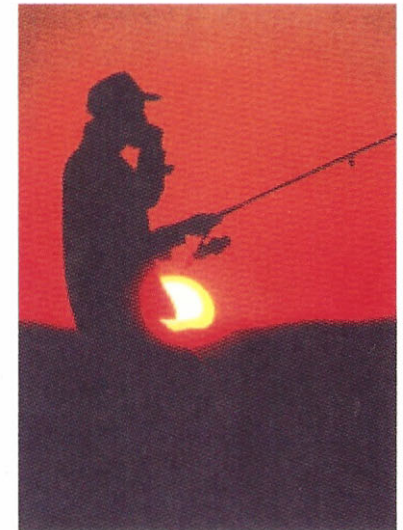
River Care
(Conservation Resource Alliance)

Pine River Watershed Restoration Committee

Pine River Watershed Coalition

Michigan United Conservation Clubs

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*"To Preserve and Protect the
Pine River and its Environs"*

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The Pine River, a “Natural Scenic River” and “Blue Ribbon Trout Stream,” was initially called the South Branch of the Manistee. It was formed 16,000 years ago from the advance and retreat of glaciers. Meltwaters carved the Pine and Manistee River channels.



Early Native American inhabitants of the Pine River Watershed included the Huron, Ottawa, and Chippewa

tribes of the Algonquin Nation. The presence of French explorers and fur traders began in the 1600s; they were followed by the English in the late 1700s.

Development of the Pine River area did not begin until the mid-1800s. Documents show that the Manistee and Pine Rivers were not navigable due to huge amounts of woody debris throughout the river system. In the 1870s lumber companies began to clear the river channel of logjams so they could float timber to the sawmills

located downstream. Stronach Dam, the first hydroelectric dam in the Manistee River Watershed, was completed in 1913. This dam is currently being removed.

The Pine River is a federally designated National Scenic River under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Program. It has approximately 50 miles of mainstream and hundreds of miles of tributaries within a mostly forested watershed encompassing almost 170,000 acres. The river flows through Osceola, Lake, Wexford, and Manistee counties before its confluence with the Manistee River.

Today, the cold running waters of the Pine River support self-sustaining populations of brook trout, brown trout, and a unique strain of non-migratory rainbow trout. Its watershed also supports a variety of wildlife including bobcat, black bear, otter, pine martins, wood turtles, and bald eagles. Over 100,000 hunters, fishers, canoers, hikers, campers, bird watchers, and others enjoy the natural pristine beauty of the Pine each year. Protection of the watershed’s thousands of acres of wetlands, lowland forests, and other sensitive areas contributes to the river’s water quality and the biological diversity within the watershed. In addition, by protecting the watershed’s scenic and aesthetic qualities, the more intangible spiritual value of the river is maintained.

The River Needs Your Help!

Since its beginning in 1970, The Pine River Association has been working to protect and to preserve the Pine River and its environs. The Association is actively involved in stream bank restoration, aquatic habitat preservation, watershed protection, and the pursuit of social harmony among various river users. We take upon ourselves the stewardship of enhancing the quality of life for all those who might visit and enjoy the Pine River.

The Pine River Association has also taken a leading role in the Pine River Watershed Restoration project, a partnership formed in 1990 between private organizations and local, state, and federal agencies with a mutual concern for the conservation and improvement of the water quality, fisheries, wildlife, forestry, recreational potential, and scenic and free-flowing characteristics of the Pine River and its watershed. The primary objective of this project is to reduce sediment delivery to the Pine River system in order to restore the aquatic ecosystem, including fish spawning and rearing habitat, on a watershed scale.

