

Eagle River Nature Center

Guided Program Offerings Effective August 2025

School Year (August-May)

Life Around the Pond (3/4 miles, 90-120 mins)

Explore the flora, fauna, and natural history of the Eagle River Valley while hiking around the Rodak Nature Trail.

Glaciers & Geology (3/4 miles, 90-120 mins)

Take a walk around the Rodak Nature Trail and travel back in geologic time to uncover how the Eagle River Valley came to be.

Albert Loop Hike (~ 3 miles, 3.5-4 hours)

Explore flora, fauna, and natural history of the Eagle River Valley while hiking around the Albert Loop Trail. *Program only available when Albert Loop is open (generally November-July)*

Alaskan Tales (1/2-3/4 mile, 60-90 mins)

Enjoy a short hike with a stop in our Education Yurt for a story-time. You pick the topic! *Program intended for PreK students but can be adapted for all ages.*

Custom Program

Custom program requests are always welcome! We will do our best to accommodate requests based on staff availability. Contact naturalist@ernc.org to request a custom program.

Summer & Weekends

Life Around the Pond

See above for the full program description.

Albert Loop Hike

See above for the full program description.

Custom Programs

We are happy to host custom programs for scout groups, summer school classes, and other private groups. Contact naturalist@ernc.org to request a custom program.

Outreach Tables

We would love to come to your STEM night, community fair, or other public event! Topics offered include:

Wildlife Safety

Animal Adaptations

Birding 101

Glaciers & Geology

Outreach Presentations

Wildlife Safety (60-90 mins)

Discuss safety around Alaska's biggest wildlife. Practice your bear ID skills and put your knowledge to the test with skits.

Alaska Animals (60-90 mins)

Explore furs, tracks, bones and scat of Alaskan animals and learn the special adaptations that help these animals survive the north.

School Yard Safari (60-90 mins)

Discover a natural space within walking distance of your school with the help of one of our naturalists!

Alaskan Tales (30-60 mins)

Host a naturalist for story time in your classroom—you pick the topic!

Public Programs

Our public programs make great opportunities for extra credit! Check out astronomy night, junior naturalist, or our guided hikes at ernc.org/public-programs. **If you are interested in bringing a full classroom to a public program, please coordinate with our naturalist.**

Guided Program Costs

MSBSD & ASD Schools- \$8/student

Private groups (homeschool, scouts, university, other groups)- \$12/student

Outreach Program Costs

MSBSD & ASD Schools- \$80

Private groups (homeschool, scouts, university, other groups)- \$120

Please note program costs may vary based on group size, program length, etc. Our naturalist will discuss final cost with you on confirmation of your reservation.

