

EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

JANUARY 2026

BUILDING HOURS:

October thru April:
Friday-Sunday
10am to 5pm
Trails are always open!

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Find out more about us @
www.ernc.org

Location:
32750 Eagle River Rd.
Eagle River, AK 99577



Happy New Year!
A **HUGE** thank you to all of
our members, donors and
sponsors. We look forward
to seeing you all at the
Nature Center in 2026!

ERNC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER

Dick Griffith CHALLENGE & PACKRAFTLE

TAKE THE CHALLENGE

December 2, 2025 - March 31, 2026

Donate today and double your impact!

ENTER TO WIN!

It's that time of year. . . . the Dick Griffith Challenge is on until March 31, 2026. Help us honor Dick and raise funds for the Nature Center - a place he loved and supported for years. We are also teaming up again with **Alpacka Raft** and will be raffling off a super-sweet packraft package! Visit www.ernc.org or scan the QR code for more information. All proceeds will go towards our mission of connecting people to nature in Alaska, thank you!!

TREK WINTER FAT BIKE SERIES
RIDE THE WINTER, RULE THE SERIES

MERRY MASHER - FRI 12/26/25 - 7 PM
ICY RIVER RAMPAGE - SAT 2/7/26 - 11 AM
BLUE BOOTY BLITZ - WED 3/4/26 - 7 PM

www.trekstorealaska.com



The Trek Bicycle Store of Anchorage is excited to announce the Trek Winter Fat Bike Series, a fundraiser for two awesome non-profits: the Eagle River Nature Center and Chugach Mountain Bike Riders.

Register for all 3 races or just sign-up for the Icy River Rampage fundraiser for the Nature Center 2/7/2026!

Visit www.ernc.org for more info and registration!

- NATURE CENTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE ON REVERSE -

JANUARY 2026 PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | REGISTRATION REQUIRED ABOVE AND BELOW THE SNOW

Join us for a guided hike (suitable for elementary aged kiddos) around the Rodak Trail and discover the secret network of tunnels and burrows beneath your feet! *Registration is limited to 15 Junior Naturalists. Register online at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 11AM

ALL AGES PROGRAM STITCH & SHARE

Cozy up by the fire in the main Nature Center space with fellow crafters. Work on your own project or crochet a free National Parks Service pattern! All skill levels are welcome.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 6PM-7:30PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM SECOND SATURDAY ASTRONOMY NIGHT WITH SAAS

A fun evening for the whole family, Astronomy Nights are back! Doors open at 6pm for a lecture led by members of the Southcentral Alaska Astronomical Society. Hang out after the lecture for a STEM activity targeted for elementary age students and stargazing supported by the Anchorage Museum (conditions permitting)!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 11AM

FAMILY PROGRAM

SUNDAY STORY TIME: SNOWFLAKES

Families with preschoolers and early elementary students are invited to join us in the main Nature Center space for a few seasonal stories and activities. Catch story time every month throughout the winter!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 5PM- 7PM

TEEN PROGRAM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

VENTURE VIBES: NEW YEAR. NEW TEEN

Come create personalized nature-inspired vision boards using trail maps, wildlife images, outdoor goals and adventure prompts! From hiking dreams to conservation passions, participants will imagine their best year yet! *Register online at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE

AURORA NIGHTS

Become an expert in heliophysics (the study of the sun and its influences)! Learn the science behind the northern lights, why they are important to different cultures, and create your own to take home. *Open house means feel free to arrive for the program anytime between 1pm and 3pm.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 9:30AM

GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SUNRISE HIKE WITH GO HIKE ALASKA

Crepuscular animals are those who prefer early mornings and late evenings. Rise and shine with the sun and explore the quiet wonder of the trails before the sun peeks over the mountains with help from ERNC naturalists and Go Hike Alaska. *Registration is limited to 15 participants. Register online at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED LIVE PEREGRINE FALCON AMBASSADOR W/ BIRD TLC

Come to the Education Yurt and learn from ambassador bird Breland, the Peregrine Falcon, from Bird TLC. Discover what remarkable adaptations help birds survive in diverse environments. **PLEASE NOTE* Registration is required due to limited space! Registration is open to the first 35 individuals. Please register in advance and list all members of your party so we have an accurate head count. Register online at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE

DRESS FOR SUCCESS: JUNIOR NATURALIST EDITION!

Learn how to properly layer clothing, gather gear, and prepare for all your winter adventures! We will look at different animal adaptations and how human clothing can give you the same advantage. *Open house means feel free to arrive for the program anytime between 1pm and 3pm.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED ROOTING FOR SURVIVAL

Many trees might look lifeless in winter, but they're far from it! Join an ERNC naturalist for a walk through the woods and discover the adaptations that help Alaska's native trees survive months of darkness, ice, and cold. *Registration is limited to 20 participants. Register online at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 5PM-7PM

TEEN PROGRAM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

VENTURE VIBES: THE ICE AND EASY ADVENTURE

Join a hands-on discovery station where teens will use microscopes and magnifiers to examine snowflakes, ice layers, and winter textures. From crystal patterns to frozen formations, participants get an up-close look at the hidden secrets of winter! *Register online at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE

SNOWFLAKE SAFARI

Take a close look at snowflakes and learn about how snow is formed in the atmosphere. Learn about some of the challenges humans and animals face living in snowy environments. Weather permitting, we will go on a frosty foray of our own. *Open house means feel free to arrive for the program anytime between 1pm and 3pm.*



Scan the QR code & it will take you to our online program schedule where you can view more info and register for programs.

