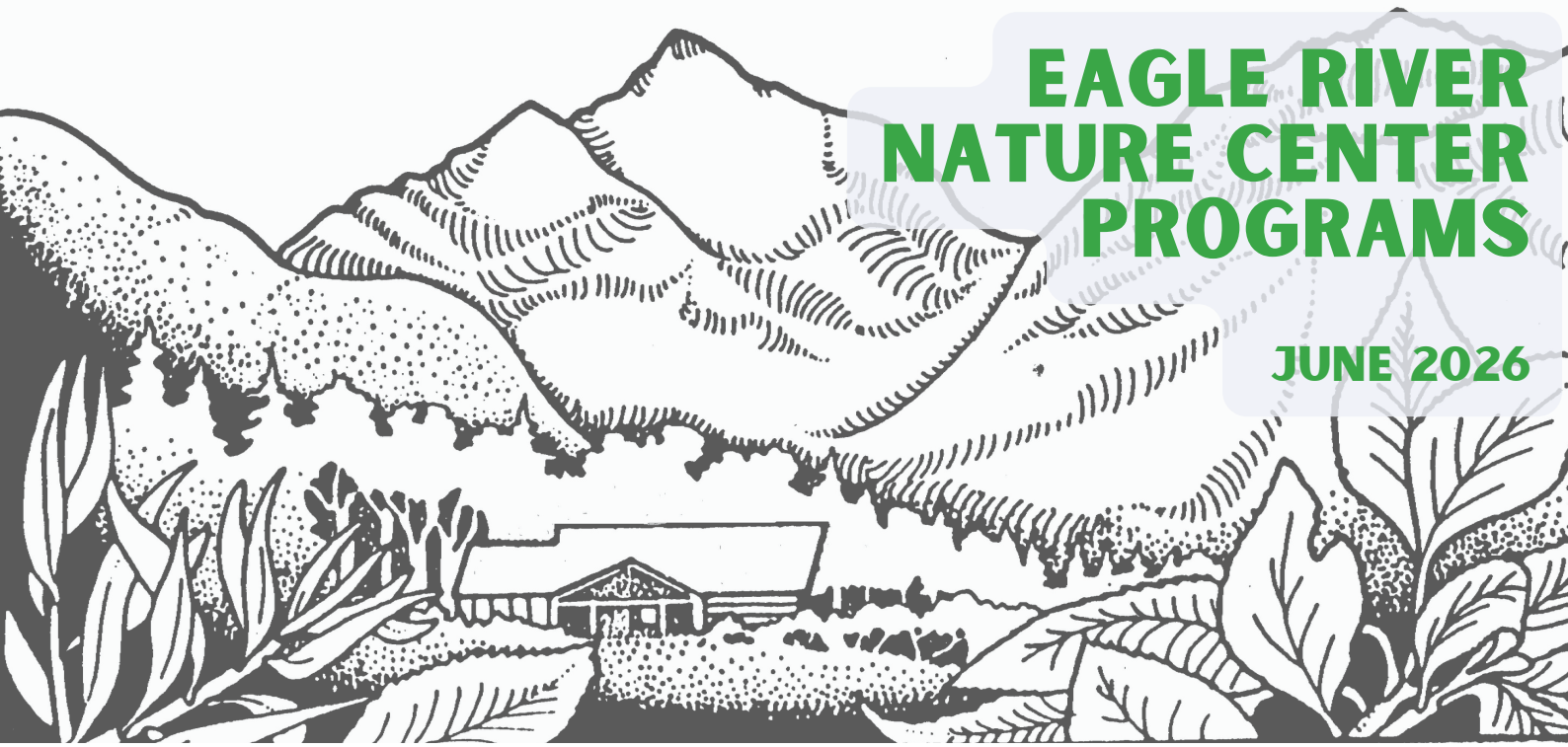


EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

JUNE 2026



SUMMER BUILDING HOURS:

May thru September
Wednesday-Sunday
10am to 5pm

Find out more about us @ www.ernc.org

Contact us at:
907-694-2108 or
info@ernc.org

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

Please note:

The Nature Center building will be CLOSED Saturday 6/6/26 for a special event & will reopen Sunday 6/7/2026 @ 12pm.

Trails are always open!

Be "Bear Aware"

hiking on Nature Center Trails.

For more info and tips:

<https://www.ernc.org/outdoor-safety>

ERNC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music in the Mountains featuring the Casey Smith Project!

Saturday, June 6, 6pm-10pm

Music, beer, and food from El Senor Moose, all in the surrounding beauty of the mountains. Join us for an unforgettable evening! *This is a 21 and older only event; IDs will be checked at the entrance, and your hand will be stamped. There will be non-alcoholic options as well.*

More info and tickets at www.ernc.org.



Special Community Events

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 12PM-4PM POTTER MARSH DISCOVERY DAY

Join us at Potter Marsh and discover some of Alaska's wildlife at Anchorage's most popular wildlife viewing area. This family-friendly event includes nature-related games, birding stations along the boardwalk, educational animals from the Alaska Zoo, kid-friendly archery range, fishing practice area, fish from the marsh, artist tables by Plein Aire, and more. Event sponsored by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and other partners. Potter Marsh is located just past the Rabbit Creek exit and across from the Rabbit Creek Rifle Range entrance



LEARN MORE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 12PM-4PM REFLECTIONS LAKE DISCOVERY DAY

Join us at Reflections Lake in Palmer to celebrate one of Palmer's popular wildlife viewing areas at this free annual event. At this family-friendly event you can engage with birding stations along the trail, assist ADF&G staff with a fish release, learn how to deploy bear spray, participate in hands-on nature activities, and more!



LEARN MORE

- NATURE CENTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE ON REVERSE -

JUNE 2026 PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 12PM-3PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM

TRAILSIDE TALK: MOSQUITOS

Stop by the back deck of the nature center and chat with one of our volunteer naturalists about a different topic (almost) every Thursday! This week: the mosquito!

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11AM

GUIDED HIKE

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Join in for an hour(ish) long hike on or near the Rodak trail at a toddler's pace! No registration necessary, just check in by 11am in the main ERNC building. *The target audience for this program is babies and children up to age 6 accompanied by an adult. Older siblings are welcome to join. Please leave furry friends at home.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 6PM-10PM

SPECIAL EVENT | ADMISSION FEE

MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

See reverse side for more info! ***Please note that the main building will be closed today. Trails are always open, but parking will be limited. Main building will be open 12pm-5pm, Sunday, June 7.***

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CREEK CRITTERS

Bring your rainboots and join volunteer Sandy Halstead to discover what critters are lurking in our creeks. Learn to identify macro-invertebrates and the key role they play in indicating the health of the stream. *Registration limited to 15 participants. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the main building. Register at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST

SOIL SAFARI

Join us at the Nature Playscape (area by the forts) to dig soil pits, talk about soil layers, and how fungi, minerals, plants, and water work together to create soil! Be prepared to get dirty!

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 10AM

GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED | \$5 FEE

ALASKA NATIVE PLANT MONTH: DEW MOUND HIKE

Missed our Native Plant Month celebrations? The fun continues! Join us for a hike on Dew Mound Trail to spot early blooms and enjoy the fresh spring greenery. Bring water and lunch, and plan for a 4-5 hour adventure including a lunch break. *There is a \$2 cancellation fee for all cancellations; no refunds with less than 48 hours notice. Registration is free for ERNC members and children under the age of 5. Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2PM-4PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM

SOLAR SUNDAY

Join members of the Southcentral Alaska Astronomical Society to learn about solar astronomy! Conditions allowing, we will practice solar observation skills with support from the Anchorage Museum.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 12PM-3PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM

TRAILSIDE TALK: FOUR-SPOTTED SKIMMER

Stop by the back deck of the nature center and chat with one of our volunteer naturalists about a different topic (almost) every Thursday! This week: Alaska's state insect- the Four-Spotted Skimmer.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 11AM-3PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM

IS THIS TRAIL RIGHT FOR ME?

Ever wondered if a trail is wide or level enough for a wheelchair, baby jogger, or visiting grandparent? Alaska State Parks is introducing new Trail Access Information (TAI) signs showing trail grade, width, tilt, and surface type so visitors can better choose trails that fit their needs. Come share your thoughts on the draft signs and help nominate which trails should be assessed first!

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2PM-4PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED | \$5 FEE

FATHER'S DAY GUIDED HIKE

Fathers and families, celebrate your outdoorsy dad with us this year! Join us for a 3-mile hike on the Albert Loop where we will share some natural history facts about the Eagle River Valley and enjoy getting out on the trails. *There is a \$2 cancellation fee for all cancellations; no refunds with less than 48 hours notice. Registration is free for ERNC members and children under the age of 5. Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 6PM-10PM

ALL AGES HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED | \$5 FEE

NATIVE PLANT TEA PARTY

Join us for a hike and tea party to celebrate solstice! This guided hike will take you to Dew Lake, where tea will be provided for you by one of our naturalists. Enjoy the long daylight hours while you sip by the lake and then head back to the nature center. The Dew Mound trail is 3 miles to the lake (6 miles round-trip) with moderate elevation gain (491 ft). *Registration is limited to the first 15 participants. There is a \$2 cancellation fee for all cancellations; no refunds with less than 48 hours notice. Registration is free for ERNC members and children under the age of 5. Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 12PM-3PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM

TRAILSIDE TALK: POLLINATORS

Stop by the back deck of the nature center and chat with one of our volunteer naturalists about a different topic (almost) every Thursday! This week: a spotlight on some of Alaska's pollinators.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST

CREEK CRITTERS

Bring your rainboots and discover what critters are lurking in our creeks. Learn to identify macro-invertebrates and the key role they play in indicating the health of the stream.



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