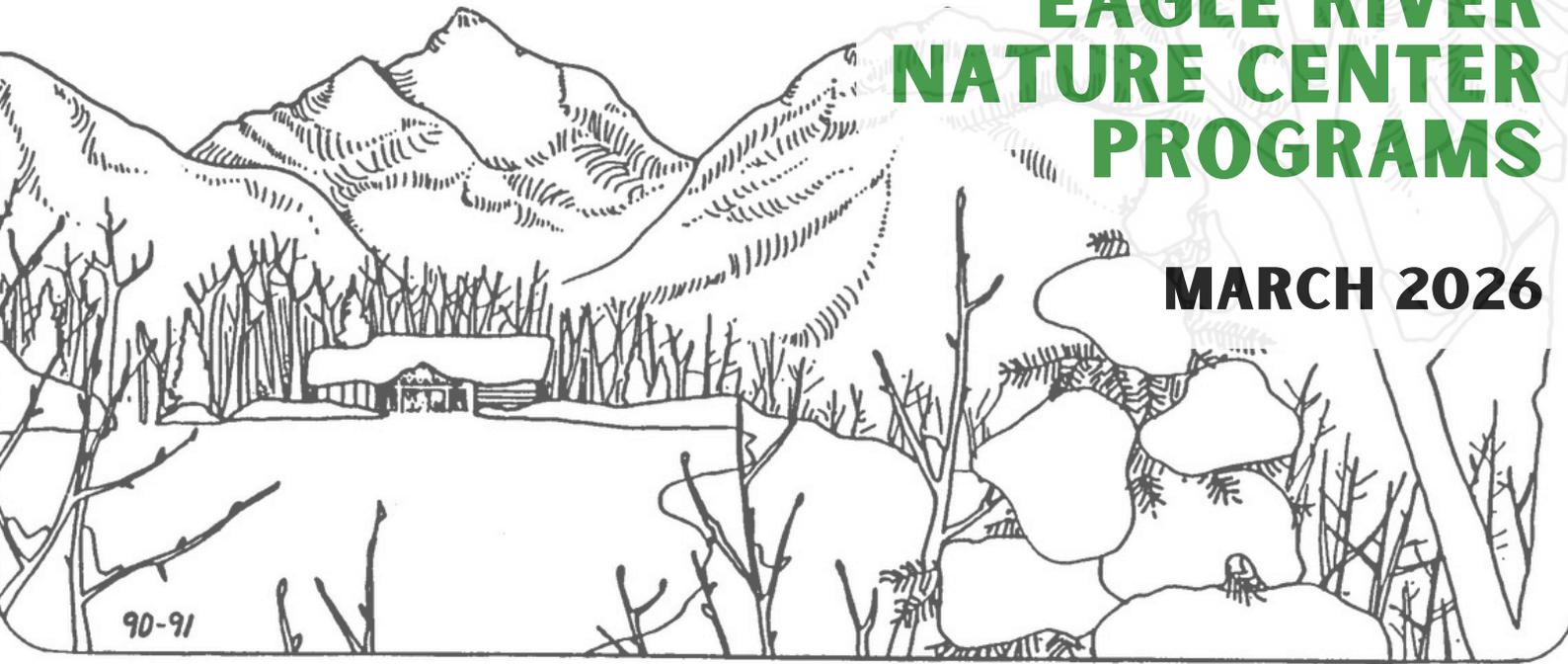


# EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

MARCH 2026



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## BUILDING HOURS:

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

Contact us at:  
907-694-2108 or  
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Find out more about us  
@ [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org)

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

Don't forget to spring  
the clocks forward on  
March 8th.



## ERNC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

March has arrived! Are you prepared to try your luck? Participate in our PackRaffle for a chance to WIN a packraft package from Alpaca Raft. Raffle ends March 31st. Purchase raffle tickets and find out more info at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org) or scan the QR code to the right.



### Dick Griffith Challenge ends March 31st

We need a few more "lucky charms" to help support the Nature Center with a donation to the Dick Griffith Challenge. Donate today at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org) or scan the QR code above. Thank you to all those who have donated, we truly appreciate your support of our mission!

### Nature Center Membership

#### Love the trails? Make it official!

Become a member of the Eagle River Nature Center and help keep trails maintained, programs thriving, and the Center open year-round.

Members enjoy year-round parking, special event perks, and discounted cabin and yurt rentals – adventure included!

Join or renew at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org) or in person on your next visit. Thanks for being part of the ERNC community!

- NATURE CENTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE ON REVERSE -

# MARCH 2026 PROGRAMS

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 11AM**

**ALL AGES PROGRAM  
STITCH & SHARE**

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 6PM**

**ALL AGES PROGRAM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED | \$5 FEE  
NIGHT OWLS**

It's "owl" about owls tonight! Join experts Andrew Fisher & Enric Fernandez for a short presentation about the owls of the Eagle River Nature Center before going out on a hike to listen for owls on our trails! *This program is open to all ages, but participants must be able to remain still and quiet for extended periods and be comfortable navigating trails in the dark. Registration is limited to 60 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](http://www.ernc.org/public-programs).*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 10AM-2PM**

**IDITAROD CEREMONIAL START CELEBRATION  
@ THE CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER**

The Bureau of Land Management and partners (hey, that's us) invite the public to join us for the finish of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Ceremonial Start on Saturday, March 7 at the BLM's Campbell Tract Special Recreation Management Area. This year's event will be a special celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and Freedom 250, highlighting Alaska's mushing heritage, the power of public lands, and the Iditarod National Historic Trail. *Join us at the Campbell Creek Science Center in Anchorage!* More info here: <https://www.blm.gov/announcement/freedom-250-iditarod-ceremonial-start-blm-campbell-tract>.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 6PM-7:30PM**

**ALL AGES PROGRAM  
SATURDAY ASTRONOMY NIGHT WITH SAAS: JOURNEY  
TO THE GAS GIANTS**

*Rescheduled from January's snowstorm cancellation. You don't want to miss this astronomy night! 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, MARCH 8, 11AM**

**FAMILY PROGRAM | NO REGISTRATION  
STORY TIME: HEROES OF THE IDITAROD**

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



**FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 20, & 27, 11AM**

**GUIDED HIKE | NO REGISTRATION  
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 & children up to age 6 accompanied by an adult. Older siblings are welcome to join in. Please leave furry friends at home.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 6PM-7:30PM**

**ALL AGES PROGRAM  
SECOND SATURDAY ASTRONOMY NIGHT WITH  
SAAS: SEASON FINALE!**

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)! *This will be the last Astronomy night for the season.*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2PM**

**ALL AGES PROGRAM  
MEET A GREAT HORNED OWL**

Whooooo's there? Join Ginamaria Smith and great horned owl Archimedes to discover some of the fascinating habits of owls, followed by a discussion of favorite places to go owling around Southcentral.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1PM-3PM  
JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE  
HOOT-ENNANY**

Become a "know-it-owl" about these incredible birds! Discover what makes these birds such a hoot & dissect the leftovers from an owl's lunch.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 11AM**

**ALL AGES PROGRAM  
IN SEARCH OF THE WATER OUZEL**

The only truly aquatic songbird, the American dipper, or water ouzel, often visits the viewing decks on the Rodak Trail during the winter. Join naturalist Samantha Blumenkonig to celebrate World Water Day with an investigation of these intrepid birds. After a 30-minute presentation, join us on an expedition (up to 2 miles) in search of this amazing bird.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1PM-3PM  
JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE  
WILDLIFE SAFETY**

As temperatures warm up, everyone gets out on the trail—moose, bears, and people included! Join us for a hands-on workshop on wildlife safety. Come away with an introductory understanding of animal behavior and actions you can practice to stay safe on the trails.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 10AM-5PM**

**SELF-GUIDED PROGRAM  
SIGNS OF SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT**

With longer days and warmer temperatures, we know spring is just around the corner! Get the whole family out on the trail and discover signs of spring at your own pace. Stop by the front desk anytime the building is open (10am-5pm) to borrow a scavenger hunt kit.