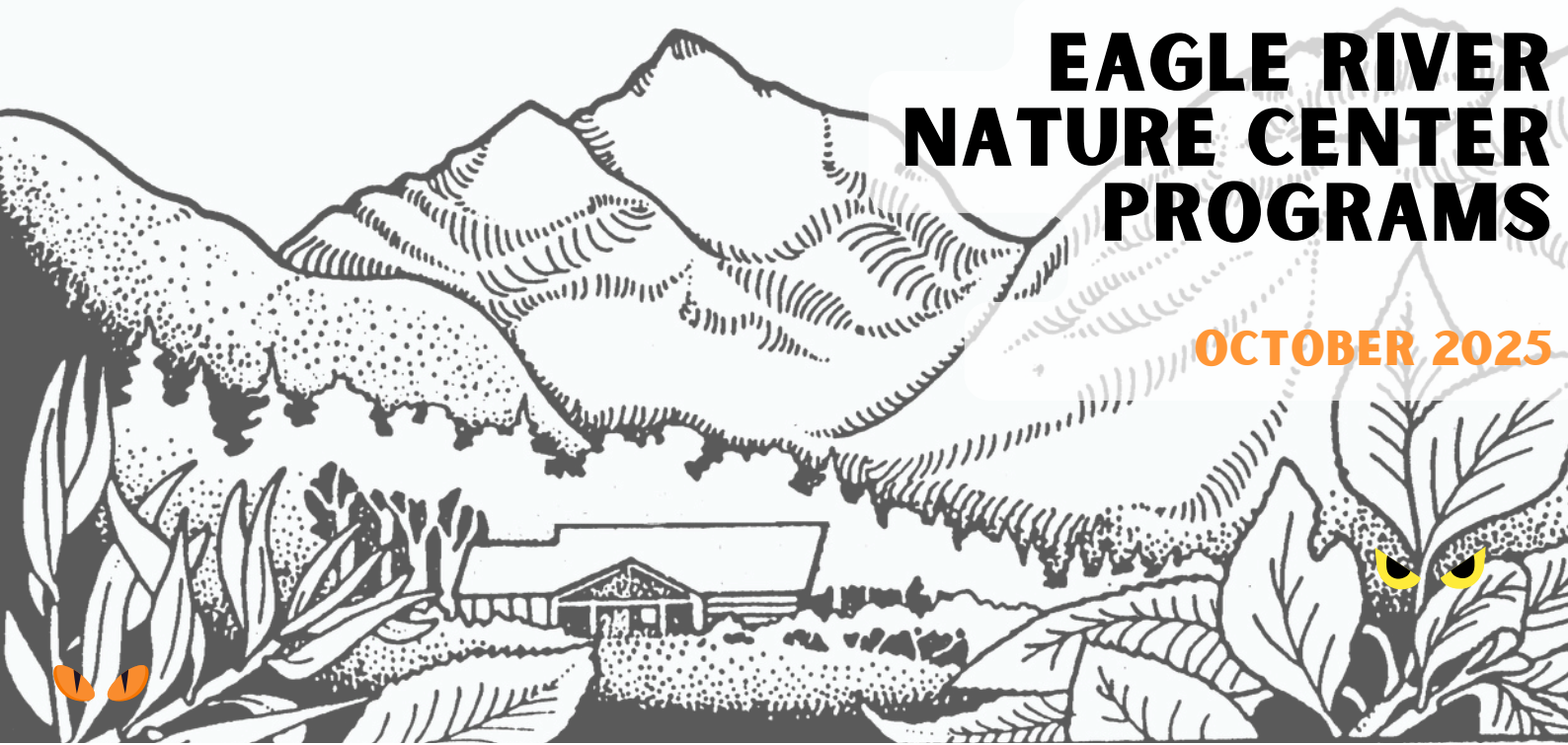


EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 2025



WINTER BUILDING HOURS:

October thru April:
Friday-Sunday
10am-5pm

Trails are always open!

Find out more about us @
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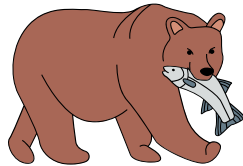
Contact us at:
907-694-2108 or
info@ernc.org

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



First Saturday Night Astronomy:
Starts in November! Doors open @ 6pm, join us for an all ages astronomy focused program followed by a Mission to Mars kids activity & star gazing (if the weather cooperates)

ERNC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Albert Loop remains CLOSED until further notice!

Yep, the Albert Loop is still closed! Chugach State Park closes the Albert Loop due to the salmon run and bear activity. This seasonal closure is strictly enforced! Trail usually reopens sometime in November. All other trails remain open.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our auction fundraiser! Your bids and generous donations make a real difference, helping us protect Chugach State Park, connect people with nature, and support our outdoor education programs. Whether you're a longtime supporter or joined us for the first time, your contributions help keep the trails wild, the programs inspiring, and the adventures accessible for all. We couldn't do it without you!

Auction

THANK YOU!



HALLOWEEN HIKE

Join us on Saturday, 11/1, 1pm-3pm and visit a series of fun, creepy, gross and educational stations along the Rodak Trail! More info on the reverse side.



- NATURE CENTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE ON REVERSE -

OCTOBER 2025 PROGRAMS



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11AM

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. Note: 10/31 Little Explorers will be the last for the season!*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6PM

ALL AGES LECTURE

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Join cold weather enthusiast Mike King to learn what it takes to stay warm in the winter months. Explore tried and tested cold weather gear, discover tips and tricks to keep you comfortable, and get all your winter preparation questions answered before the snow flies!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST

BATTY ABOUT BATS

Did you know Alaska is home to seven different species of bat? Stop by the Education Yurt to learn more about these elusive creatures, bust common bat myths and discover what challenges they face.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 5PM-7PM

VENTURE VIBES (AGES 12+) | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

A WHOLE BUNCH OF HOCUS POCUS!

Get cozy and crafty with a night of pumpkin painting and Halloween fun! We'll supply the pumpkins, paint and spooky vibes – then settle in with snacks to watch Disney's "Hocus Pocus" in the cozy Education Yurt. *Register online at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE

HIDDEN HABITATS

Did you know that your body hosts a whole bunch of critters, even when you're healthy? Meet in the Education Yurt to discover a few of the habitats on and inside of you and create your very own parasite. *Open house means feel free to arrive for the program anytime between 1pm-3pm.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2PM

GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

Go out on a limb and take your tree ID skills to the next level! We'll start in the main space to build our botanical tool kits before getting out on the trails to practice identifying using branches and bark. *Program participation is limited to 15 registrants. Register online at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1PM-3PM

HALLOWEEN NATURE WALK

Families with pre-k to elementary age children are invited to hike the Rodak Trail at their own pace. Visit animals, insects, and plants stationed along the trail to learn about the fun, creepy, gross, and incredible creatures Alaska is home to. Costumes encouraged but remember to dress for the weather! This event is all outdoors.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6PM

GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CREEPY CRYPTID NIGHT HIKE

Suspend your scientific mind and explore the creepy world of cryptids. What creatures lurk in the woods on a dark night and what significance do these legendary creatures hold for cultures around the world? Join naturalist Samantha Blumenkonig to find these answers and discover what else might be prowling the woods. *Participation is limited to 15 registrants, 12 years and up. Come prepared to hike in low light and cold conditions while listening to spooky stories! Register online at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Have you ever seen something in the woods you just couldn't explain? A mysterious shape, an unusual sound or an unexpected experience could be a cryptid legend in the making. Stop by the Education Yurt to dive deep into the significance of these legends and create your own legend for the ages.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2PM

GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

HIKIN' AMONG LICHEN

Old Man's Beard, Spotted Freckle Pelt, and Pixie Cups are just some of the whimsical lichens that are found on ERNC's trails. Grab your family and discover the secrets to encountering lichens year-round! *Register online at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 5PM-7PM

VENTURE VIBES (AGES 12+) | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

LOST WORDS OF THE RODAK

Search the shadows, solve creepy clues, and collect haunted words hidden throughout our Rodak Loop. Each word will bring you closer to solving our haunted tale! Keep your eyes peeled- some words may be guarded by tricks, traps, or giggles! *Register online at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE

HOOT-ENANY

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. Meet in the Education Yurt.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM

THE WITCH AND HER OWL

Why are owls associated with Halloween? Find out all about owls from volunteer Ginamaria Smith, who will bring her education bird, a great-horned owl, to visit the Nature Center. Costumes are encouraged!



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