

EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUMMER BUILDING HOURS:

May-September
Wednesday-Sunday
10am-5pm

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@ www.ernc.org

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

Please note: our main building hours change next month!

October-April Hours:
Friday-Sunday, 10am-5pm.

Trails are always open!

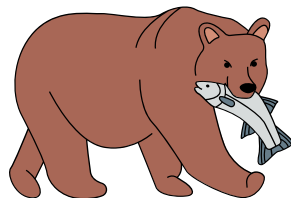
ERNC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us at **Odd Man Rush Brewing on Saturday, 9/13/2025**, for a night filled with bidding wars, delicious bites, tasty drinks, and groovy tunes! It's the Nature Center's ultimate shindig to raise funds for our mission of connecting people to nature in Alaska. Can't make it in person? No worries! Join our online auction from 9/7 to 9/14, bidding away from your cozy couch! For tickets and juicy details, check out our website at www.ernc.org. Let's make some wild memories together!

Albert Loop CLOSED until further notice

It's that time of year! Chugach State Park has closed the Albert Loop due to the salmon run and bear activity. This closure is strictly enforced! Trail usually reopens in November. There is also a partial closure of the Rodak Trail. All other trails remain open. See our website (www.ernc.org) for a detailed map of the trail closures.



Thank You, Coach Mac Foundation!

We are thrilled to announce a generous \$2,000 donation from the Coach Mac Foundation in support of the Eagle River Nature Center's programming for our local youth and beyond! This gift helps us connect kids to nature through hands-on experiences, outdoor adventures, and lifelong memories in Alaska's incredible wild spaces. Thank you, Coach Mac Foundation, for believing in the power of nature!



- NATURE CENTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE ON REVERSE -

SEPTEMBER 2025 PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 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 at the main ERNC building.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | REGISTRATION

UN-BE-LEAF-ABLE

We know that leaves are an important part of a tree, and we know that they turn pretty colors, but what does a leaf really do? Meet at the main building for a short, guided hike to practice identifying trees, learn the science of leaf color change, and make a craft to take home. You won't be-LEAF how much fun you'll have!

Register at www.ernc.org/public-programs.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2PM

GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION

DAM GOOD ENGINEERS

Join volunteer Naturalist on Deck Pete Panarese (and his assistant Castor!) for a deep dive into the world of beavers. See the incredible engineering this keystone species has done around nature center trails. Register at www.ernc.org/public-programs.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 6PM

29TH ANNUAL SEPTEMBER NIGHTS AUCTION

FUNDRAISER

See more info on reverse side! **Please note: The main building WILL CLOSE AT 2PM today so staff can prepare for the auction fundraiser!**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: BUILDING HOUR CHANGE

the MAIn building will open at noon. enjoy the trails!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE

GREAT MIGRATIONS

Meet in the main space to explore the challenges of different animals' migration journeys by playing games and investigating adaptations.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2PM

GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION

TREE-T YOURSELF

Branch out your year-round tree ID skills on this tree-mendous guided hike! Will start in the main building to learn about the science of seasonal color change before getting out on the trails to practice identifying using branches and bark. *Program participation is limited to the first 15 registrants. Register at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 5PM-7PM

VENTURE VIBES (TEEN PROGRAM) | REGISTRATION

OUTDOOR ART LAB "TEXTURES OF NATURE"

Join us for an evening nature walk around the Rodak Trail! We will be collecting fallen leaves, old bark, and other outdoor items for our canvases. Register at www.ernc.org/public-programs.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE

MIGHTY METEOROLOGISTS

Weather we want it or not, here winter comes! Look to the skies to observe, discover, and predict what the season will bring. Meet at the main building.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 10AM-12PM

ART WORKSHOP | REGISTRATION + FEE

COLOR TREK: MIXED MEDIA IN THE WILD WORKSHOP

Join us for an immersive fall art experience at the Eagle River Nature Center. We'll begin in the main building before heading into the field to create art inspired by the season. Guided by both an artist and a naturalist, you'll learn how to assemble a portable mixed media kit you can take into nature anytime.

We'll explore color studies and ways to capture the mood of the landscape, rather than striving for exact replicas. You'll also work on smaller studies inspired by the details and color around us; colorful leaves, bright berries, delicate lichen, and other autumn treasures.

All materials are provided, and all experience levels are welcome. This workshop is best suited for ages 12 and up. Weather permitting, portions of the class will be held outdoors, so please dress accordingly. *Limited to 15 participants. Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs. Member fee: \$40/Non-member fee: \$45.*

Save the date!

Friday Night Astronomy Programs Return

Our popular Friday Night Astronomy returns for the season in October. We look forward to hosting more out-of-this-world astronomy programs each month!

HALLOWEEN HIKE

SATURDAY, 11/1/2025

More info coming sooooooon!



**THANK YOU to the
Coach Mac Foundation
for their support of our educational programming!**