

EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUMMER BUILDING HOURS:

May-September
Wednesday-Sunday
10am-5pm

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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

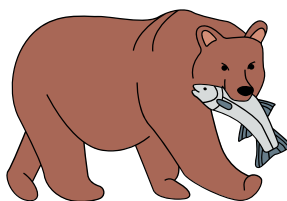


THE EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PRESENTS

SEPTEMBER NIGHTS: 30TH ANNIVERSARY AUCTION FUNDRAISER

9.19.2026
ODD MAN RUSH BREWING
EAGLE RIVER

Join us at Odd Man Rush Brewing on Saturday, 9/19/2026, for bidding wars, delicious bites, tasty drinks, and groovy tunes as we celebrate 30 wild years of the Nature Center! Can't make it in person? Join our online auction 9/13 thru 9/20 from the comfort of your couch! Tickets + juicy details: www.ernc.org. Let's celebrate 30 years of connecting people to nature and 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 for a detailed map of the trail closures (www.ernc.org). Albert Loop usually reopens sometime mid-November.

Field Trips at the Nature Center

Educators! School is back in session, and we have all sorts of programs to offer you and your students. Classes can come for a guided hike, or we can talk all things nature right in your classroom. We also offer custom programs. Homeschool, scouts and other groups welcome as well! Check-out our website to learn more and to request a program!

SCAN ME!



- NATURE CENTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE ON REVERSE -

SEPTEMBER 2026 PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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 5, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST

GREAT MIGRATIONS

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 10AM-5PM

SELF-GUIDED PROGRAM

THE TALE TRAIL TREASURE HUNT

Take advantage of the holiday weekend out at the nature center! Families can come and enjoy a story and a hike along the Rodak Trail. Story pages will be posted along the way, so with each step you dive deeper into the plot! If you are looking for an additional challenge, pick up a scavenger hunt at the front desk and see what you can find out on the trails!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | REGISTRATION | FEE

CRAFTERNOON: LEAFPRINT TOTES

Stop by the Education Yurt for a cozy crafternoon! We will be using a selection of leaves and other natural materials to create stamps to decorate tote bags. *Registration is limited to 20 people. Program fee \$5/person. Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6PM

30TH 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 20

BUILDING HOUR CHANGE

The Main building will open at 12pm. Enjoy the trails!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 12PM-3PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM | REGISTRATION | FEE

FROM MOSS TO MAGIC: CRAFTING FAIRY HOMES

Join us for a nature walk around the Rodak Trail! We will be collecting fallen leaves, old bark, and other natural items as building materials for constructing little houses for the wee folk of the woods. Lean into your creativity and join us in making fairy homes from nature's materials. *Registration is limited to 15 people. Program is free for ERNC members, \$5 for non-members. Register online 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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

THE GREAT SHELTER SHOWDOWN

Ready to test your outdoor skills and creativity? Design and build shelters using natural materials and teamwork. Whether your shelter is a masterpiece or a little... wobbly, you'll learn a ton, laugh even more, and get to show off your wilderness smarts in the great outdoors!

Registration is limited to 15 people. Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2PM

ALL AGES PRESENTATION

SCIENCE DEEP DIVE - FUNGUS FOLKLORE

For as long as humans have roamed the Earth, mushrooms have caught their attention. Whether food, poison, or a path to enlightenment - mushrooms have been a vehicle for human experience. Join us to learn about the folklore around mushrooms that have arisen through thousands of years of foraging!

SAVE
the
DATE

HALLOWEEN HIKE

SATURDAY, 10/31/2026

More info coming sooooooon!



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DID YOU KNOW?

September 22 is the Autumnal Equinox, which will occur at 4:05PM AKDT. The Sun will shine directly on the equator and there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world!

