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Risk of human-bear conflicts closes Eagle River's Albert Loop Trail

(Eagle River, AK) – Albert Loop Trail and nearby areas in the Chugach State Park will close on Thursday, August 11 at 9 p.m. due to bears' annual return to feed on salmon near the Eagle River Nature Center.

The popular trail features several bridges across Eagle River and associated side channels, and winds past a few beaver dams. "Black and brown bears use the bridges and dams as fishing platforms, increasing the risk of human-bear conflict," said Ben Corwin, Chugach State Park Superintendent.

Park managers have closed the trail during salmon feeding each season since 1997 to protect the safety and well-being of both humans and bears.

The closure does not affect the Iditarod Crow Pass trail, the Rodak Loop or its viewing platforms, or the Dew Mound Trail which are all accessible from the Eagle River Nature Center trailhead. The Albert Loop trail will likely be reopened at freeze-up when most bears go into hibernation.

Those recreating in Chugach State Park are encouraged to take appropriate [bear-aware precautions](#) and be prepared to encounter bears and other wild animals on all trails.

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