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

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska State Parks has closed the Albert Loop Trail and its vicinity effective today, Friday, August 1st as bears have returned to the area around Eagle River Nature Center to feed on spawning salmon.

Park managers have closed the trail seasonally since 1997 to reduce the potential for conflict and to protect the safety and well-being of both humans and bears. The Albert Loop trail will be re-opened at freeze-up when most bears go into hibernation.

The closure does *not* affect the Iditarod/Crow Pass trail, the Rodak Loop and its viewing platforms, or the Dew Mound Trail, all accessible from the Eagle River Nature Center trailhead.

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

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