



Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center

Fireside Lectures 2015

Friday, January 9 * 6:30pm and 8pm

Cross Admiralty Island Canoe Route

Glide through the heart of Admiralty Island on a water route used today much as it was during ancient times. Pack-rafter John Neary takes you along on his paddling adventures.

Friday, January 16 * 6:30pm and 8pm

Bridges of Mendenhall River

Travel over the river and through the woods with historian Jim Geraghty as he links past and present with a variety of bridges spanning Mendenhall River that bisects the valley.

Friday, January 23 * 6:30pm and 8pm

Adrift! Marine Debris in the Pacific

The Pacific Ocean carries waterborne debris from shore to shore. Peter Murphy, Alaska Coordinator for the NOAA Marine Debris Program, tells us how he and others use everything from satellites to citizen science to track and understand marine debris.

Friday, January 30 * 6:30pm and 8pm

Alexander Archipelago Wolves

Southeast Alaska's unique population of wolves require thoughtful management to integrate science, technology and human culture. Tongass National Forest biologist Brian Logan explains how the Forest Service tries to work it out.

Friday, February 6 * 6:30pm and 8pm

The Wreck of the *Princess Sophia*

In 1918 the elegant steamer *Princess Sophia* sank in a wintry Lynn Canal storm. More than 350 passengers perished. Diver Annette Smith offers underwater photos that reveal the story of the sunken vessel resting on the bottom near Vanderbilt Reef.

Friday, February 13 * 6:30pm and 8pm

Climate Change in a New Light

Climate change science is growing more solid but human behavior is not responding to reduce its effects. *Behind the Curve* author and Reed College professor Joshua Howe explains how a different approach offers convincing solutions.

Friday, February 20 * 6:30pm and 8pm

Chilkoot River Brown Bears

The Chilkoot River in Haines, Alaska draws many brown bears to a pink salmon run in late summer. A narrow road between the water and mountains squeezes bears, anglers and bear viewers into conflict. ADF&G's Anthony Crupi untangles the complexity.

Friday, February 27 * 6:30pm and 8pm

Jokulhlaup! Suicide Basin's 2014 Outburst Flood

On July 11, 2014 Mendenhall Lake flooded over the top of the Photo Point bridge when hidden Suicide Basin released its flood of meltwater. How did we know of when the basin burst? Get the answers from the University of Alaska Southeast's research team who monitored Juneau's new annual big event.

Friday, March 6 * 6:30pm and 8pm

Exquisite Design: Humpback Whale Anatomy

The untimely death of a young humpback whale allowed marine ecologist Michelle Ridgway and marine mammal biologist Kate Wynne to examine the body and glean insights about feeding adaptations and other details of one of Alaska's favorite animals.

Friday, March 13 * 6:30pm and 8pm

Bats! Winged Wonders of the Night

Citizen science and biological research teach us how Juneau's five species of bats survive in SE Alaska's coastal rainforest. ADF&G's Karen Blejwas and Michael Kohan report their findings.

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Antarctic Seals

Research on Antarctic seals sheds light on seal behavior in the Arctic. Rachel Bergardt brings fresh news from the South Pole to show us how it applies to the north.

Friday, March 27 * 6:30pm and 8pm

Seeing the Forest for the Trees

Discovery Southeast naturalist Richard Carstensen uses new technology to map and measure Juneau's wetlands, tallest trees, and ancient shorelines. Get a raven's eye view as it flies over a watershed.

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No charge in winter. Free lectures. www.mendenhallglacier.net