

## The Nature Discovery Center

(June 18 - September 3, 2012)

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### Nature Discovery Center

**Daily 10:00am - 6:00 pm, Fridays 10am - 8pm**

Walking Mountains Science Center naturalists will help you explore an array of natural history exhibits and artifacts related to Vail Mountain life and ecology. The mountain top nature center is open during the summer season and is accessible via the Eagle Bahn Gondola from Lionshead. All Ages, FREE.



### Nature Hikes

**Daily 11am and 2pm**

Join a Walking Mountains naturalist for an educational hike through the forest atop Vail Mountain. Learn about summer ecology and animal adaptations as you gaze at majestic mountain views. Please come prepared with appropriate clothing, hiking boots and water. Suitable for most ages and abilities, FREE.

## Campground Programs

(June 16 - September 3, 2012)

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### Nature at Night Campground Programs

**Saturdays, 7 - 8pm**

Visit your public lands for an evening of fireside nature programs. Trained naturalists will present interpretive educational programs about a variety of topics at amphitheaters at Gore Creek, Yeoman Park, and Sylvan Lake Campgrounds. Programs are presented in partnership with USFS White River National Forest and Sylvan Lake State Park. All Ages, FREE.



There is something for everyone at Walking Mountains - state-of-the-art exhibits, interpretive trails, a boardwalk, creek, pond, outdoor classrooms, nature nook, learning lab and more! Come and explore your curious nature today - admission is FREE to the public.

**Walking Mountains Science Center** is open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 6pm. The Science Center is located in Avon, CO just off of I-70, exit 167. Head West onto Nottingham Road from main rotary, turn right onto Buck Creek Road, and another immediate right onto Walking Mountains Lane.

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## Walking Mountains Science Center

(June 18 - September 8, 2012) | 970.827.9725

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### Nature Walks

#### **Monday - Saturday, 2-3pm**

Join a Walking Mountains Naturalist for a gentle educational hike through aspen and riparian communities. Learn about the ecology and animal adaptations of this mountain environment. All Ages, FREE.

### \* Lunch Loop Hike

#### **Wednesdays, Noon - 1:30pm**

Travel from Walking Mountains Science Center uphill to a ridge overlooking the Eagle River valley. Stop along the way to examine signs of flora and fauna. Please come prepared to spend time outside in the dry summer environment with appropriate clothing, hiking boots and water. Adults, heavy cardio, FREE.



### \* Après Ascent

#### **Thursdays, 5-6pm**

Wind down the day with a scenic hike along Buck Creek. Learn about summer ecology and animal adaptations as you explore mountain meadows and babbling brooks. This hike follows a trail with steep and narrow sections. Please come prepared to spend time outside in the dry summer environment with appropriate clothing, hiking boots and water. Adults, FREE.



### \* EarthKeepers Pre-school Program

#### **Fridays, 10am - Noon**

With the help of an adult in their lives, each child will use senses to explore the natural world and have fun with others while participating in activities such as songs, stories, and games. Topics and activities vary weekly. 2-5 years with adult.

\$10/ pair, \$5/additional child.

### \* Family Naturalists

#### **Saturdays, 10am -**

#### **Noon**

Children and their adults will work together to develop naturalist skills. Explore the forests around Buck Creek as you learn to observe, identify, and understand the unique aspects of the plants and animals in our ecological community. K-6 with an adult, \$10/ pair, \$5/additional child.



### Eagle Valley Astronomical Society

#### **Second Thursday of each Month, 7:30 - 9pm**

This group of amateur astronomers is made up of adults and children alike. Anyone with an interest in astronomy at any level is invited attend and learn about features in space, using telescopes, and interpreting the night sky. All Ages, elementary children should be accompanied, FREE.

### Vail Valley Hikes

#### **Saturdays, 10am**

#### **Full Day**

Join a Walking Mountains Science Center naturalist on an educational hiking adventure into the wilderness surrounding the Eagle Valley. Program participants meet at the Walking Mountains campus in Avon where transportation to the trail head is provided. Participants are required to bring snacks, lunch and water along with appropriate outdoor equipment. Hike locations and times will vary from week to week so please call for details. Adults, Cost \$45.



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## Vail Nature Center

(May 28 - September 3, 2012) | 970.479.2291

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### Wildflower Walks

#### **M, W 11:30am - 12:30 pm | Thurs 2-3pm**

Go for a leisurely one-hour walk through the woods and meadows and learn about the flowers that carpet the mountains and the conditions they need to thrive. All Ages, \$3 or \$2 for Town of Vail residents.

### Morning Bird Walks

#### **Tues, Thurs 8:30 - 9:30am**

Join us for a morning walk through the meadows and woods along Gore Creek to learn about a great variety of birds, their needs and how you can attract birds to your own backyard. All Ages, \$3 or \$2 for Town of Vail residents.

### \* Beaver Pond Tours

#### **M, Thurs 7:00 - 8:30pm**

Begin at the Nature Center with a brief presentation about beavers, followed by a drive to a beaver pond where there is an active lodge. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight. All Ages, \$5/child, \$10/adult, \$30/family of 5.

### \* Stories in the Sky: Stargazing

#### **Tu 8:45 - 10:00pm 6/21 - 7/31,**

#### **8:15 - 9:30pm 8/7 - 8/28**

From endless constellations, cascading shooting stars and full moons almost as bright as the sun, these are the realities in the mountains of Vail that should be experienced by all. All Ages, \$5/child, \$10/adult, \$30/family of 5.

### \* S'mores & More: Family Campfire Program

#### **Fridays, 7:00 - 8:30pm**

A warm campfire, exciting stories of woodland adventures and the sweet smell of burning marshmallows fill this family program at the Vail Nature Center. All ages, \$5/child, \$10/adult, \$30/family of 5.

### Creekside Nature Tours

#### **Sundays, 11:30am and 1:30pm**

Join the Nature Center for a casual stroll along Vail's streamside paths. Tours depart from the Vail Nature Center booth at the Vail Farmers' Market Sundays throughout the summer. All Ages, FREE.