



OPEN FOR THE SEASON!

WE ARE NOW OPEN Tues – Sat, 9am – 3:30 pm

The centre is now open for the season and we welcome our guests back to visit us once again to discover, learn and play in nature! Take a walk down our [Grasslands Trail](#) and learn more about our local natural world through the interpretive trail signs. Or stop at marmot city and watch Okanagan Okie's cousins for a while. Find a bench or bring up a snack and set snack and set up at the picnic shelter and enjoy the view.

OPENING DAY

Opening day was a wonderful success! We once again opened the centre doors for the season on Saturday, April 23rd. To start the season off, our guests enjoyed guided trail tours and the children put their minds to work with a fun STEM build-a-nest challenge. Our visitor also received nature-themed colouring pages and a complimentary flowering primrose courtesy of our local friends at [Nicolas Alexander Home & Garden Centre](#).



The **marmot** is the largest ground squirrel in the world and consists of 15 different species. Three of these species reside here in BC, one of which we frequently see within the Okanagan region and are residents of ABNC's grasslands - the **yellow-bellied marmot**.

HOW TO SPOT THE MARMOT!

Our local marmot resident is the yellow-bellied marmot that we are quite familiar with. Although, there are two more species that reside in BC. Which are they, and how you can identify them?

Learn more with [Science World's: How to Spot the Marvelous Marmot in BC!](#)

ANNUAL PLANT SALE



Our annual [Plant Sale](#) is back again on **Saturday, May 21st!** A wide variety of perennials will be available for you to choose from that are ready to plant in your garden. Pick up local growing pollinators to attract the bees or butterflies, deer-resistant plants, or low maintenance drought-tolerant plants.

All plants are grown from seed and cared for by attentive volunteers in order to raise funds for ABNC.

Sale starts at 9 am until *3 pm (or until we sell out).

FLOWER SPOT GARDEN WORKBENCH RAFFLE

Head down and visit the [Flower Spot](#) in Vernon to purchase your raffle tickets for a beautiful wooden garden workbench and buy your spring flowers! The Flower Spot has generously offered to donate all the proceeds from the raffle to ABNC.



Thank you to our friends at the Flower Spot!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE NATURE CENTRE

Book a birthday party at Allan Brooks Nature Centre today! Give your child a fun-filled day outside that will make their birthday unforgettable! Birthday parties run for 2 hours, with 1 hour of guided exploration and 1 hour of "party" time. Our outdoor picnic gazebo will be reserved for your group and decorated for the party.



Four unique Party Themes for you to choose from, including: reptiles, bird, pond life and marmots!

Learn more about our Birthday Parties or fill out a booking form [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

- [Annual Plant Sale](#) | May 21st @ 9am - *3pm
- [Guided Trail Tours](#) | Saturdays @ 10am - 10:30am
- [Nature Talk: Butterflies and Milkweed](#) | June 4th @ 11:30

Keep an eye on our online [events calendar](#) for more upcoming events!

NATURE SUMMER CAMPS

Get your kids outdoors this summer!

Allan Brooks Nature Centre offers a hands-on, fun-filled learning experience in our nature [Summer Camps](#) program! Children will learn about our local ecosystems and wildlife through fun outdoor lessons, play, crafts, games, activities and more!

Spaces are still available!

Don't miss out, we still have spaces available for our [Growing Up Wild](#) camps for children ages 4 and 5.

Learn more about our nature summer camps or book online [here](#).



EARTH DAY

Fun Earth Day Educational Activity

In celebration of Earth Day our education team has created a free online learning module as a fun way for children to learn about the world of waste and how they can do their part to take care of the planet. Children can explore and discover the answers to these questions through engaging slides, videos, activities, experiments and worksheets!

Access it on our [Online Nature Education](#) page and check out our other fun resources!