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**Northwest Trek plants educational roots with a new forest-themed activity area for families**  
*New area opens for special weekend when children under 12 are free with paying adult*

Eatonville, Wash. – Northwest Trek Wildlife Park will grow its educational offerings with the opening of a new, hands-on activity area for families Presidents Day Weekend. The forest-themed space, Korum Korner, is deeply rooted in wildlife education with the goal of connecting families with nature and their environment.

Korum Korner, housed in the Cheney Discover Center at Northwest Trek, was funded by a \$16,000 donation from The Korum for Kids Foundation.

“Collaborating with the Korum for Kids Foundation was a perfect fit for us,” said Northwest Trek’s Fund Development & Membership Manager Keriann Cockrell. “Our complementing priorities of creating a bond between families and nature grew seamlessly into the inspiration for Korum Korner.”

The vibrant indoor area will spur children's imaginations through naturalistic, kid-friendly displays and activities for the whole family. Children will be able to crawl through a hollow log, watch a busy hive of real-life bees or discover hands-on learning activities to do at home.

The official opening of Korum Korner on Saturday, Feb. 14 corresponds with Trek’s annual Kids ‘n’ Critters Naturefest. Up to four children, ages 12 and under, can enter the park for free with a paying adult during Kids ‘n’ Critters weekend. This year, Kids ‘n’ Critters runs from Saturday, Feb. 14 through Monday, Feb. 16.

Please check [www.nwtrek.org](http://www.nwtrek.org) or call (360) 832-6117 in case of weather-related closures due to wind, ice or snow.

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*Northwest Trek, accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, is a 723-acre zoological park dedicated to conservation, education and recreation by displaying, interpreting and researching native Northwest wildlife and their natural habitats. The wildlife park is a facility of Metro Parks Tacoma and is located 35 miles southeast of Tacoma off State Highway 161. For more information, call (360) 832-6117 or visit [www.nwtrek.org](http://www.nwtrek.org)*