



**Northwest Trek**  
Wildlife Park

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**NORTHWEST TREK WILDLIFE PARK'S POPULAR KIDS 'N' CRITTERS EVENT  
RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 9-10 DUE TO UNCERTAIN WEATHER CONDITIONS**

*Annual opportunity for families to enjoy wildlife at bargain prices  
had been slated for President's Day Weekend*

EATONVILLE, Wash. – Kid's 'n' Critters, one of the most popular events of the year at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, has been rescheduled to March 9 and 10 due to this week's weather conditions. The annual family bargain days were originally set for President's Day Weekend.



During Kids 'n' Critters, up to four children ages 12 and younger are admitted for free with each paying adult to the wildlife park near Eatonville.

It's a wonderful bargain for families and youth organizations.

Northwest Trek will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on each of the weekend discount days,

March 9 and 10.

With two adorable growing grizzly bear cubs, four fluffy mountain goat kids, a raft of other native Northwest animals, heated tram rides and the nature-based Kids' Trek playground, Northwest Trek makes the perfect outing.

"We're always excited to offer Kids 'n' Critters," said Education Curator Jessica Moore.

“Our staff is eager to welcome hundreds of families with children and get them acquainted with our awesome animals and the ways in which they inspire us to protect wild species and conserve natural resources.”



All tram tours through the Free-Roaming Area will be 30 minutes long during Kids ‘n’ Critters Weekend. This allows Northwest Trek to accommodate as many people as possible – and shortens the tour time a bit for those sometimes-fidgety youngsters. During this special event, the tours will be available to the first 1,500 visitors each day on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Free-Roaming Area is home to American bison, Roosevelt elk, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, moose, deer and other animals, all wandering at will through meadows, wetlands and forest. Many are easily spotted from the slow-moving – and comfortably heated – trams as they roll through these animals’ pastoral homes.

In addition to the tram tour, visitors to Northwest Trek can walk forested pathways to see wolves, foxes, bobcats, Canada lynx, river otters, beavers, fishers, raccoons and other animals in natural habitats.

Also, children from tots to tweens will enjoy expending a bit of energy at Kids’ Trek, the half-acre, nature-inspired play area. Here, parents can unwind while children play in tot-sized log cabins, scramble up and down ladder nets, balance on an “eagles’ nest” constructed of taut strands of rope, create forts from logs and participate in other activities.

The tram tour, Kids’ Trek and exploring exhibits and trails are all free with admission or membership to Northwest Trek.

For more information, visit [www.nwtrek.org](http://www.nwtrek.org).

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*Northwest Trek, accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, is a 725-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.*

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