



Northwest Trek
Wildlife Park

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TIME TO SCARE UP YOUR TICKETS FOR NORTHWEST TREK'S ANNUAL HOOT 'N' HOWL EVENT – NOW FOUR NIGHTS

Tickets now on sale for the annual fall festival at the wildlife park near Eatonville, Oct. 11-12 & 18-19

EATONVILLE, Wash. - Getting wild this fall is just a click away – and twice as much fun as ever. The popular Hoot 'n' Howl event at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park has expanded from two to four nights, with online tickets on sale now until five days before each event.



The wildest nights of the year at Northwest Trek are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 11, 12, 18 and 19 – twice as many dates as in previous years.

Each ticket purchased in advance includes a once-a-year nighttime tram ride through the wildlife park's Free-Roaming Area. It's a singular adventure in which guests can try to spot animals in the dark – and look for the long rumored ghost tram and its hapless driver.

Prices are \$12 when purchased online at www.nwtrek.org/hoot. Tram rides are guaranteed with online tickets. Online tickets close Oct. 6 for the first weekend; Oct. 13 for the second. They are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Tickets also will be available at the gate on the nights of the event, but they will be \$16 each, with no guarantee of a tram ride. Last-minute purchases will get seats only on a first-come, first-served basis if there is still room.

These are also the only nights of the year where guests may wear costumes to Northwest Trek. (No scary masks or full-face masks for adults, please.) The wildlife park will come alive with colorful lights, fun games, activities, candy stations and nighttime nature walks.

Hoot 'n' Howlers can learn all about bats in the Baker Cabin Oct. 18-19 with the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, do Freaky Food Science activities every night in the Kids' Trek Pavilion and vote on their favorite "scare-critter" (think scarecrows, but animal-shaped). The winning "scare-critters" will be given to Northwest Trek animals as enrichment during the ever-popular Pumpkin Chomp 'n' Stomp event Oct. 26-27.

Keeper Chats happen every evening of the event. Here's the line-up:

- 5:30 p.m. Barn Owl
- 6:30 p.m. Snakes & Slugs (inside Cheney Discovery Center)
- 7:30 p.m. Raccoon

Guests who listen closely may even hear the howling of wolves – perfect for a spooky fall evening.

For more information, visit www.nwtrek.org/hoot.

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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, a facility of Metro Parks Tacoma, is 35 miles southeast of Tacoma off Highway 161.

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