



Northwest Trek Wildlife Park

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR POST-HOLIDAY FUN DURING WINTER *WILDLAND* AT NORTHWEST TREK

On Dec. 29-30, animals throughout the wildlife park will get wintry holiday treats and enrichments

EATONVILLE, Wash. – It's the season of giving, and animals need treats and interesting items like evergreen trees, wreaths and ice piles to enrich their lives.



Yes, it might be a bit early to be thinking about outings to take with the family in the last week of December.

But with the holidays nearly upon us, this is a good time to get those must-dos written in ink on everyone's calendar.

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park's annual Winter *Wildland* event is set for Dec. 29-30.

This Winter Break event is an annual favorite for visitors and animals alike at the wildlife park.

Animals get natural treats and enrichments designed to stimulate natural behaviors; visitors have the joy of watching.

Look there! A raccoon shimmies up a tree branch to get to pieces of fruit in a treat-stuffed evergreen wreath.

Over there, a Canada lynx pokes his nose in, under and around a similarly decorated tree, fresh with scents and goodies especially for him.

Keepers put their imaginations to work to find materials and create enrichments that interest and engage animals large and small, including omnivores and carnivores.

In addition to watching raccoons, Canada lynx, wolves and other native Northwest animals enjoy these treats, visitors can hop aboard heated trams for a naturalist-narrated tour of the wildlife park's 435-acre Free-Roaming Area.

It is home to herds of American bison, Roosevelt elk and bighorn sheep, plus six moose: 16-month-old Willow; 6-month-old moose calves Spruce and Aspen; and three adult moose, Connie, Ellis and Nancy. Deer, trumpeter swans and other animals also inhabit the Free-Roaming Area. There is nowhere else like it in the Northwest; it's a cozy outing of animal watching.

Northwest Trek is conveniently located off Highway 161 near Eatonville and is only about an hour's drive from just about anywhere in the Puget Sound area.

For more information, visit 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, a facility of Metro Parks Tacoma, is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2015. It's located 35 miles southeast of Tacoma off State Highway 161.

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