



Northwest Trek
Wildlife Park

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WALK ON THE 'WILD' SIDE

Kids' Trek offers Wild Days of Play on the first Saturday of every month from April through September

What: A series of hour-long programs using stories and games to explore the similarities and differences between playful human and animal actions. Wild Days of Play are designed for kids from 5 to 12. Each session includes a take-home craft and an activity children can use to continue learning as they explore the rest of Northwest Trek.

When: 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month from April through September.

Where: Kids' Trek at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, 11160 Trek Drive E., Eatonville, Wash.

Cost: Every visit to the Kids' Trek playground, including each Wild Day of Play, is free with paid admission or membership to Northwest Trek.

The schedule:

- **Saturday, April 2, Wild Cooperation:** Kids will explore the concept of cooperation through parachute play, a story and a relay race. How, for example, do animals work and live together? Can humans cooperate with wildlife? Come and find out.
- **Saturday, May 7, Wild Play:** All kids know that playtime is fun, but do animals play too? This hour will use a story and games to help children explore the differences between playful human and animal actions.
- **Saturday, June 4, Wild Living:** Storytime and other activities encourage kids to think about their own homes and what habitats animals need to survive. Do they live in apartments? Condos? Is their house a shell they carry on their back? Kids will venture into wild living and create a habitat they can take home.
- **Saturday, July 2, Wild Communication:** Humans talk, smile, frown, cross their arms over their chests, turn their backs and more as ways of communicating. Animals can't pick up a cell phone and dial, or write a post to Facebook, so how do they get their messages across? Kids will explore animal sounds and their meanings during this fun program.
- **Saturday, Aug. 6, Wild Eating:** Forks, spoons, knives. Each has a special purpose for humans. Animals are specially made for eating their food, too. What they eat – and who eats them – determines where they are on the food chain. This program uses games and stories to let kids see if they can catch prey like an eagle, a spider or even a cougar. Wild Eating! Yum!
- **Saturday, Sept. 3, Wild Calls:** Howling wolves, bugling elk, bellowing bison. What is the noise all about? Join Northwest Trek for a quacking, ribbiting, meowing, giggling good time during a story and series of games to learn about the wild calls all around us.

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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.