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## **FEAST AND FORAGE ARE ON THE MENU DURING FEEDING FRENZY AT NORTHWEST TREK WILDLIFE PARK SEPT. 2-4**

*Visitors can watch animals devour carcasses and other natural food items during Labor Day Weekend*

EATONVILLE, Wash. – Animals will forage for some of the same kinds of meals they would seek in the wild during Feeding Frenzy at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park over the three-day Labor Day Weekend.



It's a wonderful opportunity for visitors to learn more about the natural food-finding behaviors and diets of Northwest Trek's animals. The wildlife park's pack of gray wolves, for example, will feed on a large-animal carcass. There also will be feeding demonstrations and enrichments with river otters, black bears, fishers and other animals.

Here's a schedule of some of the Feeding Frenzy activities scheduled over the long Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-4.

### **Saturday**

- 11:30 a.m.** Cougar receives a whole body carcass
- 2 p.m.** River otter feeding demonstration
- 3:30 p.m.** Fisher feeding and enrichment

### **Sunday**

- 11:30 a.m.** Barn owl feeding demonstration
- 2 p.m.** Wolves chow down on a whole body carcass
- 3:30 p.m.** Fisher feeding and enrichment

### **Monday**

- 11:30 a.m.** Golden eagle feeding demonstration
- 2 p.m.** Black bear feeding demonstration
- 3:30 p.m.** Fisher feeding enrichment

And, of course, every visit to Northwest Trek comes with a 50-minute, naturalist-narrated tour through the 435-acre Free-Roaming Area aboard a comfortable tram with large-window views of the animal action. The Free-Roaming Area is home to Roosevelt elk, American bison, woodland caribou, bighorn sheep, moose, deer and other animals.

Visitors also can get even closer to animals and talk to their keepers during Trailside Encounters at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day. Different animals are featured in each presentation, so it's a surprise every time.

Kids from toddlers to tweens will enjoy the half-acre, nature-inspired Kids' Trek play area, with child-sized cabins to explore, slides to streak down, rope ladders and nets to climb, a stream to splash in, a sand box, and a construction area to stretch the imagination.

Northwest Trek is a wonderful place to spend a part of Labor Day Weekend, bidding goodbye to the long, carefree days of summer at the time of year when school bells are beginning to ring.

The wildlife park's ticket windows will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day during this event. The last tram leaves the station at 6 p.m., and visitors have until 7:30 p.m. for some last-minute animal watching before the gates close for the evening.

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

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Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, 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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