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## **RUNNERS TAKE YOUR MARKS: GET READY TO RUN WILD AT NORTHWEST TREK WILDLIFE PARK**

*Early registration discount for popular 8K and 5K runs and a 5K walk ends on Aug. 31, but participants may sign up for a spot as late as race day, Sept. 16*

EATONVILLE, Wash. – Leave city streets and sidewalks behind as a runner or walker at Run Wild, which steps off along the verdant trails at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16.



The 18th annual event will take participants through the wildlife park's forested pathways on a 5K or 8K run or a 5K walk.

The registration fee includes a specially designed T-shirt as long as supplies last, park admission for the day and entry in a post-race raffle.

Early birds get the best deal.

Those who register by Aug. 31 pay only a \$40 per entry fee and are guaranteed a T-shirt.

Registration jumps to \$50 per person on Sept. 1, with shirts available only on a first-come, first-served basis.

Runners may register online at [www.nwtrek.org/runwild](http://www.nwtrek.org/runwild) through Sept. 13.

Northwest Trek members can receive a discount code by e-mailing [gabby.huffman@nwtrek.org](mailto:gabby.huffman@nwtrek.org).

A \$5 per person discount is available to groups of 25 or more. E-mail [gabby.huffman@nwtrek.org](mailto:gabby.huffman@nwtrek.org) to receive a discount code.

Runners and walkers will be timed with chips in their bibs. The 5K course is certified by USA Track & Field.

Participants of all ages are welcome, but strollers and pets are not permitted. Runners or walkers may carry their babies in a body backpack or baby sling.

Race-day registration opens at 7 a.m., but plan to arrive early. Northwest Trek's gates will close at 7:50 a.m. Races start at 8:30 a.m.

The wildlife park will open for visitors at 10 a.m., and the first tram tour through the Free-Roaming Area is scheduled for 11 a.m. On the tour, visitors might spot Roosevelt elk, American bison, woodland caribou, bighorn sheep, moose and other animals.

Paved walking paths, meanwhile, lead visitors to natural habitats that are home to black bears, wolves, foxes, bobcats, Canada lynx, beavers, river otters and other animals.

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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