



**Northwest Trek**  
Wildlife Park

**METRO PARKS TACOMA**

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## **SKULLS, SPIDERS AND OWLS – LAST CHANCE TO BUY ONLINE TICKETS FOR HOOT ‘N’ HOWL AT NORTHWEST TREK**

*Online ticket sales close Oct. 15 for one of the wildest fall events around:  
Hoot ‘n’ Howl, Oct. 20-21 at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park.*

Getting wild this fall is just a click away – but don’t miss out. Online ticket sales for the popular Hoot ‘n’ Howl even Oct. 20-21 at Northwest Trek close Oct. 15.



Every year, Hoot ‘n’ Howl at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park gives a shiver of delight to thousands of visitors.

From starlit tram rides through the free-roaming area to spooky skulls (animal, that is), trick-or-treat stations and plenty of real owls, wolves and snakes, there’s plenty to howl about.

Kids love the costumes, decorations, freaky food science, carnival games and candy. And this year, with the event starting at 5 p.m., there’s a whole extra hour to devour.

But there’s something adults will love too: online tickets with guaranteed tram rides and no lines. Through Oct. 15 tickets are available online at the discounted price of \$10 for members and \$12 for general. These date-specific tickets guarantee visitors a spot on the night-time tram ride, with no waiting – find them at [nwtrek.org/hootnhowl](http://nwtrek.org/hootnhowl).

Day-of tickets are available at the gate for \$16. A tram ride is not guaranteed.

Hoot 'n' Howl runs Oct. 20-21, 2017. On those days, Northwest Trek is open during regular hours – 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gates reopen at 5 p.m. for Hoot 'n' Howl. Gates close for entry at 9 p.m.

Guests are encouraged to come in costume (but adults should leave masks and scary face paint at home).

### Here's the Hoot 'n' Howl line-up.

#### Ongoing activities:



- Take the once-in-a-year chance to ride the free-roaming area tram at night. Look for bison, elk, moose and more under the stars, or deep in the shadows. Walk lit and decorated paths to discover cats, canines, woodland and wetland animals, plus trick-or-treat stations.
- Play carnival games under the picnic pavilion to win prizes and candy: ski ball, Plinko, mini golf, duck pond, ring toss, ball toss and bean bag toss.
- Visit the Baker Research Cabin – decorated Edgar Allen Poe-style – to learn about ravens and bats, and make a creepy craft.
- Find animal skulls and learn how to survive a zombie apocalypse in the Cheney Discovery Center.
- Vote for your favorite pumpkin carved by Northwest Trek staff.
- Watch and do Freaky Food Science at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. each night under the white tent.

#### Animal Encounters (all 20-30 minutes):

- 6 p.m.** Banana Slug (Cheney Discovery Center)
- 6:30 p.m.** Snakes (Cheney Discovery Center)
- 7 p.m.** Barn Owl (Barn Owl Habitat)
- 7:40 p.m.** American beaver (Forest Stage)
- 8 p.m.** Opossum (Forest Stage)
- 8:20 p.m.** Skunk (Forest Stage)
- 8:40 p.m.** Snowy Owl (Snowy Owl Habitat)
- 9 p.m.** Turkey Vulture (Turkey Vulture Habitat)



For more information about Hoot 'n' Howl, visit [www.nwtrek.org](http://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 is a facility of Metro Parks Tacoma and is located 35 miles southeast of Tacoma off State Highway 161.*

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