



Northwest Trek
Wildlife Park

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GET WILD TO SUPPORT WILDLIFE AT TREK TO THE WILD SIDE DINNER & AUCTION

Annual fundraiser for Northwest Trek Foundation scheduled May 4 at Tacoma Sportsmen's Club to support conservation and raise funds to buy crucial veterinary equipment for the wildlife park

EATONVILLE, Wash. – Imagine spending an evening surrounded by the sights and scents of the forest, enjoying a gourmet dinner – and helping wildlife conservation at the same time.



That's the recipe for "Trek to the Wild Side," a dinner and auction scheduled at 5 p.m. May 4 to raise money for conservation efforts and critical veterinary equipment at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park.

The event, to be held at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in Puyallup, is sponsored by the Northwest Trek Foundation, which supports the mission of the wildlife park near Eatonville.

Northwest Trek veterinarian Dr. Allison Case uses an ultrasound machine borrowed from Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium during a physical on a grizzly bear cub at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park.

"Trek to the Wild Side" admission is \$65 per person and includes dinner and two drinks. Tables for eight are available for \$520. Tickets and additional information are available at www.nwtrekfoundation.org.

A silent auction, raffle and live auction will help support Northwest Trek through the David E. Ellis Conservation Fund, benefitting animal care and wildlife conservation.

In addition, guests will be invited to raise their auction paddles for direct donations to a fund that will purchase two pieces of critical veterinary equipment – a digital radiography system and an ultrasound machine.

"Digital radiography will improve the quality of care for our animals with enhanced X-ray images and processing speeds," said Northwest Trek veterinarian Dr. Allison Case.

"Ultrasound offers a non-invasive and quick technique for evaluating organ function and diagnosing

What: Trek to the Wild Side
When: Doors open at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 4
Where: Tacoma Sportsmen's Club, 16409 Canyon Road E., Puyallup
Admission: \$65 per person (includes dinner, two drink tickets, and entertainment)
Attire: Casual
Ages: 21 and up
Reservations: 360-832-7165 or www.nwtrekfoundation.org

many medical conditions," she added. "The equipment will allow for increased flexibility and accuracy, and help us give even better care to our animals."

For "Trek to the Wild Side," the Sportsmen's Club at 16409 Canyon Road E. will be transformed into an indoor forest-like setting, with green linens, candles flickering among evergreens and spring flowers in mason jars.

The menu includes chicken cordon bleu, beef short ribs, garlic mashed potatoes, pepper jack mac 'n' cheese, rolls and Caesar salad, all catered by Angela's Restaurant.

A dessert dash will ramp up both fun and fundraising.

Beer and wine will be available at the no-host bar, and casual attire is the order of the evening, as befits a wildlife park loved for its trams and trails, animals, forests, meadows and lake.

"We're delighted that we can provide a fun evening to members of our community and give them the opportunity to be champions for wildlife at the same time," said Northwest Trek Foundation President Debi Gregory. 'Trek to the Wild Side' is an important event for us, and we're certain that it will be a memorable experience for those who attend."

For more information, visit www.nwtrek.org/trek-to-the-wild-side

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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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