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### **RIP, CHEW, DEVOUR: IT'S FEEDING FRENZY TIME AT NORTHWEST TREK**

*Visitors can watch animals devour carcasses and other natural food items, closing out the summer with bald eagles, grizzly cubs and more at the wildlife park on Labor Day Weekend, Aug. 31 – Sept. 2.*

EATONVILLE, Wash. – Animals will forage for some of the same kinds of meals they would find in the wild during Feeding Frenzy at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park during 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 will feed on a large-animal carcass, while the grizzly cubs will chow down on salmon and the porcupine gets leafy browse.

Animals throughout Northwest Trek will find some special treats on the menu, with keepers talking about how they care for them. Here's the daily schedule:

#### **Saturday, Aug. 31**

- 11:30 a.m.** Wolverines get a carcass
- 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Food prep tours
- 1:00 p.m.** Grizzly cubs get salmon
- 2:00 p.m.** Black bears get papier-mache bee hives

#### **Sunday, Sept. 1**

- 11:30 a.m.** Badgers get whole prey
- 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Food prep tours
- 2:00 p.m.** Cougar gets a carcass

#### **Monday, Sept. 2**

- 11:30 a.m.** Porcupine gets leafy browse
- 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Food prep tours
- 2:00 p.m.** Wolves get a carcass

Majestic bald eagles will perch above and around the walkway through the brand-new Eagle Passage exhibit. Visitors can immerse themselves in a forested habitat and dive into the eagle conservation story through a life-size nest, interactive kiosk and more.

And, of course, every visit to the wildlife parks comes with a 45-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.

Kids from toddlers to tweens also 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 and a welcome to the new school year.

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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