

# OUTDOOR TREK

## Scavenger Hunt pg.1



Go on a nature exploration and experience the wild like an animal at Northwest Trek...

- F**ishers, a type of woodland weasel, make their dens in old hollow trees called snags.

*Find a standing dead tree.  
Bonus points if it's hollow!*

- W**e have two species of skunks in Washington – spotted skunks and striped skunks. Spotted skunks will sometimes do a handstand to intimidate a would-be predator!

*Try to do a handstand!*

- R**accoons have a great sense of touch. They feel things while dunking them in water to figure out if they're food, or not.

*Dunk a stick into a puddle and see what you can feel with it.*

- B**adgers have long claws that help them dig holes to find prey and to make their dens.

*Find a hole in the ground. Who do you think made it?*



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**M**oose love to eat aquatic plants!

*Find some water with plants growing in it.*



**B**ison naturally help till the meadow's soil with their heavy footsteps, encouraging new plants to grow.

*Make a muddy footprint.*



**C**ougars will put their back foot in the same exact place as they stepped with their front foot. This allows them to sneak up even better on their prey.

*Walk in the same footprints as someone else.*



**B**ears have a sense of smell 2,100 times better than a human's. Just imagine the things you'd be able to smell if you were a bear!

*Smell the air, find a scent, and follow it to the source.*



**T**he three wolves at Northwest Trek are all siblings. Their names are Cannigan, Darcy, and Tala. Dogs are close relatives of wolves...

*How many dogs can you count out on a walk?*



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- M**any creatures like slugs, salamanders, and bugs use fallen logs on the forest floor as shelter.

*Gently peek under a decomposing log to see who's underneath. Be respectful of these animals' home and gently flip the log back over when you're done!*

- B**ullfrogs can jump six feet in one leap! They are an invasive species, meaning they compete with our native wetland creatures for food and habitat.

*Jump as far forward as you can without taking a running start!*

- M**ountain goats are white. They blend in when they're high up in the snowy mountains, but in the dark, green forest, they can be easy to spot!

*Find something white.*

- B**lack tailed deer are some of the best at camouflage. They have a red-brown coat in summer and a grey-brown coat in winter!

*Do a quick round of hide and seek. Where could you blend in?*

*See what these animals look like:  
[nwtrek.org/animals](http://nwtrek.org/animals)*



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