

GET SPOOKY WILD AT NORTHWEST TREK'S HOOT 'N' HOWL EVENING EVENT

Wear a costume, play games, explore the forest at night, and see nocturnal animals wide-awake

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EATONVILLE, Wash.—Put on a costume and explore Northwest Trek Wildlife Park at twilight during Hoot 'n' Howl weekends in October. There will be nocturnal animals, games, spookiness, and lots of candy.

Guests can walk Northwest Trek's lit-up animal paths and try to find all eight trick-or-treat stations, play games like pumpkin checkers and tic tac toe, and snap spooky photos. Be sure to listen for nighttime animal noises (did you hear that howl?) and meet the barn owl, raccoons, or beavers and their keepers... you never know who you'll find up and about! Plus, come inside the <u>Cheney Discovery Center</u> and learn about all things creepy and crawly, like a gopher snake, Pacific tree frog, or rough-skinned newt or join naturalists inside the Baker Cabin to learn about the amazing wild bats that roam the night sky near the wildlife park.

Be sure to put your skills to the test: can you identify nocturnal animals by their sound? Would you be able to escape a spider in a large spider web? Is your sense of smell as good as an elk's?

Over at the <u>Kids' Trek</u> nature-inspired playground, climb like a spider, swoop like a bat, and do freaky food science (6:15pm and 7:15pm nightly).

When: Oct. 14, Oct. 15, Oct. 21, Oct. 22 from 5pm-9pm. Last entry at 8pm.

Online-advanced purchase tickets encouraged; members: \$12, general: \$14. Walk-up tickets: \$18 for everyone. Children 2 and under are free.

Costumes are encouraged for everyone (no face masks for adults, please).

For more information, visit nwtrek.org.

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Northwest Trek, accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, is a 723-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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