OUTDOOR TREK Scavenger Hunt
EXPLORE NATURE NEAR YOU!

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

Find a standing dead tree. Bonus points if it’s hollow!
Fishers, a type of woodland weasel, make their dens in old hollow trees called snags.

Find some water with plants growing in it.
Moose love to eat aquatic plants!

Find a hole in the ground. Who do you think made it?
Badgers have long claws to help them dig holes to find prey and to make their dens.

Make a muddy footprint.
Bison help naturally till the soil in a meadow with their heavy footsteps, encouraging new plants to grow.

Find a dog on a walk.
Dogs are like wolves! The 3 wolves at Northwest Trek are all siblings. Their names are Cannigan, Darcy, and Tala.

Take a stick and feel around while you have it dunked under water.
Raccoons have a great sense of touch. They feel things while dunking them in water which helps them figure out if it’s food, or not.

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

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

Walk in the same footprints as someone else.
Cougars will put their back foot in the same exact place as they stepped with their front foot as they’re walking. This allows them to sneak up even better on their prey.
Find a decomposing log on the ground and gently flip it over to see who’s underneath. Many creatures like slugs, salamanders, and bugs find fallen logs on the forest floor to use as shelter. Be respectful of these animals’ home and gently flip the log back over when you’re done exploring!

Do a quick round of hide and seek! Black tailed deer are some of the best at camouflage. They have a red-brown coat in summer and a grey-brown coat in winter! Where could you blend in?

Find something white! Mountain goats are white. They blend in when they’re way up high in the snowy mountains, but in the dark, green forest, they can be easy to spot!

Jump as far forward as you can without taking a running start! Bullfrogs can jump 6 feet in one leap! Bullfrogs are an invasive species, meaning they compete with our native wetland creatures for food and habitat.

See what these animals look like: nwtrek.org/animals/