OUTDOOR TREK
Scavenger Hunt pg.1

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

Fishers, 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!

Badgers 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?

We 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!

Raccoons 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.

Nature at Home

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium
Northwest Trek Wildlife Park
Metro Parks Tacoma
**Moose love to eat aquatic plants!**

*Find some water with plants growing in it.*

**Bison naturally help till the meadow’s soil with their heavy footsteps, encouraging new plants to grow.**

*Make a muddy footprint.*

**Cougars 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.*

**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!**

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

**The 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?*
Many 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!**

Bullfrogs 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!**

Mountain 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.**

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!

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

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