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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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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?



Nature at Home

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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*