

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge



Directions: Just 25 minutes north of Portland and 15 minutes north of Vancouver. Take I-5 North to Exit 14. Travel west 3 miles. Follow signs to Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (Carty or River 'S' Unit)

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Established in 1965, the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge was originally created as a habitat for the Dusky Canada Goose. Now, this refuge collaborates with the community to preserve Oregon Oak woodlands, meadows, and wetlands, fostering the well-being of protected species such as Columbian White-tailed Deer and Sandhill Cranes. It is a renowned destination for observing wildlife, and delving into indigenous cultural history at the Cathlapotle Plankhouse, depending on the season.

ABOUT THE FRIENDS

THE FRIENDS OF RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CHAMPION THE PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE AND THEIR HABITATS BY BROADENING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF AND ENGAGEMENT IN THE NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES OF THE RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

We are a group of hardworking, hands-on, enthusiastic staff and volunteers who share a passion for supporting the Refuge. Our work at the Refuge includes:

- Supporting the **Community Nature Center** through fundraising, community engagement, and outreach.
- Funding **environmental and cultural education** for thousands of children, training workshops for their teachers, and **social media** marketing.
- Funding **restoration of habitat** through tree plantings and invasive species removal.



Offering unique events such as the October **BirdFest & Bluegrass**

Festival, guided visits to the Refuge, and the Cathlapotle Plankhouse, among others. Additionally, we host an annual Refuge Photo Contest with **Pro Photo Supply** that includes a special category for youth!

AS A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS, YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Our monthly e-newsletter
 - Includes details about the Ridgefield NWR Complex, like: special events, planned closures, and program news
- Early notice of details about Friend's events like BirdFest & Bluegrass, advocacy opportunities, & more
- A discount code for the Friends online store (excludes puzzles)
- A Sticker w/rotating designs
- A FREE Tote Bag (optional)
- And the opportunity to be a part of conserving a natural and cultural legacy!



Members over \$60 gain access to the Soar into Wellness Program!

Occuring at least 2x a year, options may include:

- Board Member-led hikes
- 'Breathe with the Birds' Yoga in Overlook Park
- Paint Nights with the Ridgefield Art Association
- Coffee Chats
- & More!

& \$1000 level members are highlighted on our website



When you join the Friends you become a supporter of nature and education. Be a **Friend** to creatures great and small who need refuge, and be a part of preserving this legacy for future generations and beyond.

CHECK A MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

- \$30 Gold Finch**
- \$60 Great Blue Heron**
- \$100 Chak Chak ("Eagle" in Chinuk wawa, Native American trade language)**
- \$250 Dusky Canada Goose**
- \$1,000 Sandhill Crane (spotlight level)**

Add'l Donation: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Yes, I want to receive a free tote bag!
- Anonymous (do not use my name in publications)

Donate online or by mail

& checks payable to:

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