

August 2016

2016 Refuge Photo Contest



Submit your favorite nature images taken within the boundaries of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge to the 10th Annual 2016 photography competition!

ADULT PRIZES:

- Gift Cards from Pro Photo Supply
- 1st Place: \$300 Gift Card
- 2nd Place: \$150 Gift Card
- 3rd Place: \$100 Gift Card
- 9 Honorable Mentions: \$25 Gift Card

YOUTH PRIZES:

- Gift Cards from Pro Photo Supply
- 1st Place: \$100 Gift Card
- 2nd Place: \$75 Gift Card
- 3rd Place: \$50 Gift Card

Submission Requirements

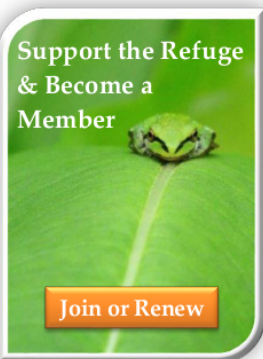
- All entries must be digital uploads only.
- Photos must be submitted in JPG format.
- Each file submission size should be no larger than 5MB in size.
- You may submit up to six (6) digital images total for both the Adult or Youth contest.
- Entries must be submitted by Tuesday, September 6, 2016 to www.ProPhotoSupply.com.
- Contest is open to all photographers both professional or non-professional.
- Photos must have been taken within areas of the Refuge that are open to the public during public accessible hours.
- Any refuge scene whether wildlife, plants, or scenic landscape are eligible. Photos of the Plankhouse and landscapes are especially encouraged.
- Color and/or black & white images are allowed.
- Elements or objects not in original scene should not be added.
- Limited image modifications are allowed: watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices MUST be removed prior to submission.
- Add-on lenses, filters, and scopes are permitted without restriction.

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Support the Refuge
& Become a
Member



[Join or Renew](#)

Joining comes with great benefits including perks like 5% off at the Sportsman's Steakhouse & Saloon in downtown Ridgefield just for being a member of the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge! Check out the Benefits of Membership below to find out more.

Events

Volunteers Wanted!

Wednesday and Saturday volunteer crews are being put together to search out and pull Ricefield Bulrush (*Scirpus mucronatus*, an invasive

- All finalist photographers will be notified and required to resubmit their winning image(s) in a 300 dpi JPEG format no smaller than 8x10/8x12 inches (1500 x 2100 pixels) by Thursday, September 22, 2016.
- This contest is open to everyone except for employees of Pro Photo Supply, contest judges, other participating sponsors and those living in the same household.
- If submission requirements are not followed, the application and images may not be judged

[For more info and to submit click here!](#)

species) from mid-June through early September.

Check out the Habitat Restoration section of this newsletter for more info and who to contact to sign up.

To become an education or naturalist volunteer, and help with school groups, hikes, walks and more, contact

Josie_Finley@FWS.gov or
Plankhouse@gmail.com

BirdFest and Bluegrass Receives Mindful Birding Award



The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge were chosen to be the recipient of a

2016 Mindful Birding Award for our efforts to promote ethical birding guidelines and bird conservation through Birdfest and Bluegrass and all events on the refuge.

In order to receive this award, the Friends have demonstrated a commitment to ethical birdwatching behavior by adopting and adhering to a code of birding ethics marked by clarity, specificity, and restraint. We have created a code of ethics to provide guidance on how birders can achieve safe and gratifying birdwatching experiences without altering the ability of birds to behave naturally. Additionally, we published these ethics online under the "Rules and Regulations" of visiting the refuge.

Birdfest and Bluegrass offers a variety of birdwatching activities that will connect participants to nature through the splendor of birds. By strengthening participants' connections to nature, and by providing guidance on ethical birding and nature conservation, the Friends are serving as a model for other birding festivals and helping attendees become even stronger messengers for and supporters of conservation for birds and people.

Mindful Birding is a charitable project of the Morrissey Family Foundation that presents ethical birding guidelines from around the world, and offers awards to birding festivals that demonstrate improved or superior ethics. The project has three goals: (1) increase awareness among birders of ethical birding guidelines, (2) increase the conservation contributions from America's birdwatchers, and (3) encourage a practice of mindfulness among birders. To learn more, view past award recipients, and browse ethical birding guidelines, visit the website: www.mindfulbirding.org

Rules and Info for Pokémon Go Players

National Night Out



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Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Time: 6-8pm

Where: Abrams Park

National Night Out is a community based event aimed at strengthening neighborhood spirit and heightening anti-crime and drug prevention awareness. Come join us at Abrams Park for some fun!

Ridgefield First Saturday: Picnic in the Park

Date: August 6th, 2016

All day



LOCATION: Downtown Ridgefield
All activities are free! No tickets or registration is required!

The sultry days of summer are upon us. So saunter downtown for food, friendship and fun. Pack or purchase a picnic lunch and cool down with water games, frozen dairy treats, a

If you plan to come down to Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge in order to get your egg hatching steps or hunt Pokémon, please keep these things in mind:

1. Please stay on all marked paths and follow all closure and private property signs
2. Turn the volume down to zero
3. Watch where you are going, be aware of your surroundings, other people, and the wildlife you may come upon.
4. Pay your entrance fee- please don't park in the lot to play without paying.



The Refuge is designed as a place for wildlife to feel safe and protected, where birds, deer, and more can build homes without fear of harassment or of being startled. Loud noises such as music and sound effects from a phone, inattentive hikers, or accidental habitat destruction from leaving a designated path, can cause lasting damage to animals, plants, and their environment-- some which might never recover. So please keep these guidelines in mind, and click the map link below for printable refuge trail maps.

With all that in mind, we also wanted to let you know there are at least 5 gyms located on the refuge, and a variety of PokéStops all over, so the refuge is a great place to play if you can do it quietly and safely.

[For rules, entrance fee info, and more click here!](#)
Remember to follow refuge rules and restrictions at all times, thank you!

Tips for Summer Refuge Visits



The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge want to share some tips for a successful and fun visit to the refuge this summer:

1. **Water:** Make sure to bring water with you whether you are planning a long or a short visit, it is going to be a hot summer and there is no access to drinking water on the refuge.
2. **Restroom facilities:** There are restrooms at the trailheads of both the Carty and River 'S' Units, and one stop right before the Kiwa Trail on the River 'S' Auto Tour Route, but there are no other facilities available to the public.
3. **Bring a Snack:** Just like with water, we want you to stay healthy and happy, plan to bring a snack on longer walks, but keep in mind there are no picnic areas on the refuge.
4. **Trash Receptacles:** There are no trash cans available so please pack out anything you bring in with you, we really appreciate it, and the wildlife does too!
5. **Appropriate Shoes:** If you plan to walk anywhere on the

refreshing beer or glass of wine, and some soul-nuturing music.

9:00AM @ Overlook Park

- Farmer's Market
- Water fun - Misting Tower & Water Balloon games
- Discover the Outdoors scavenger hunt
- Ridgefield Art Association - interactive art projects and photo opportunity
- Vote on the "my favorite pet photo" contest

11:00AM @ Overlook Park

- Picnic lunches available for sale - picnic tables and areas for picnic blankets in the shade.
- LIVE MUSIC begins.

NOON @ Overlook Park
Beer garden opens.

NOON @ Koi Pond Cellars
Sip N'Shop - food, variety of local vendors from skincare to jewelry to art, award winning wines.

7:30PM @ Old Liberty Theater
Terry Robb Concert - acoustic and contemporary finger-picking goodness. Tickets \$15.

ALL DAY - Ice Cream served at Old Liberty Theater

Check out the [City of Ridgefield Page](#) for more info

Species Spotlight

American Goldfinch
Carduelis tristis



When you see puffs of thistle down and dandelion floating by, you'll know it's time for the American goldfinch pairs to start setting up house. One of the latest nesters in our region,

refuge, we recommend wearing shoes that protect your feet. While refuge staff strive to keep grasses, poison oak and stinging nettle back from the trails, they are always around, as well as fallen branches, rocks and more.

6. Fire: Fireworks and burning are strictly prohibited on the refuge, please protect our wildlife.

7. Ticks: Ticks are crafty, even on open trails they can find their way onto humans, so make sure to check yourself after a visit to the refuge.

Fun Facts:

From now until September 30th, you can walk along the River 'S' Unit Auto Tour Route. So now you can get out of your car and see more wildlife up close!

Dragonflies are out in abundance this time of year and can be seen everywhere on the refuge!

The Purple Martins are nesting in the hanging gourd shaped houses provided for them near the head of the Auto Tour Route and can be seen during the day.

And once again, don't forget to bring water! Thank you and we hope you have a great summer at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge!

From the River 'S' Contact Station



Summer time always feels like the slow time on the refuge. There is still plenty of activity but the pace slows with the end of Spring migration and settling in to nest season. After singing boldly to attract mates, some birds go completely quiet. They don't want to attract attention to their nest sites. And then you hear the begging of chicks in the nest.

Frustration sets in when the leaves are so thick and the grasses are so high. "Why haven't they cut the grass?" is a frequent question we get at the contact station. Well, many birds nest in the grass, so mowing takes away their shelter, and could take their lives. The Columbia White-tailed Deer fawns shelter in the grass, freezing in place to avoid being seen by predators. Our biologist decides when is the safest and best time to cut the high grasses, keeping the wildlife in mind. By the time you read this newsletter, all the grasses will be mowed and hay baling will have been done. That is the time to look for Northern Harriers using the bales as look-out perches.

But even with the challenge of dense foliage and high grass, there is plenty to enjoy. What is fun is to see the ducklings following their mothers. The dads don't stick around; raising ducklings is left to the moms. On one drive around late on a

American goldfinches use the fluff to make a cozy lining in which to lay their eggs. They also have bills designed to pluck the tiny seeds out of the puffs for the rich diet necessary to raise healthy young. Unlike most of their relatives, they do not supplement their diet with insects, getting all of their protein from seeds.

The American goldfinch, our official Washington state bird, is an excellent choice for getting young people interested in birding. The male's brilliant yellow body, set off by a deep black forehead cap and black-barred wings with a touch of white, is easy to see and identify. Females and immature goldfinches are a more demure greenish-yellow with black bars. Goldfinches have a distinctive swooping flying pattern, during which they make their piercing "per-chic-er-ee" call.

American goldfinches are small, reaching about 5" in length, and have acrobatic abilities that enable them to perch on delicate dandelion stems or thistles as they pick out seeds. They generally prefer open habitats where the table is spread with their favorite plants. Nests are meticulously built by the female, who weaves a cup of plant material so densely it can actually hold water. Her creation, which takes about 6 days to complete, is lined with fluff and tied onto the supporting branches with strong spider silk. On completion, she will lay 2-7 eggs which will hatch after a couple of weeks.

Did you know: The American goldfinch is unique in being able to pluck seeds out of spiky teasel tubes (and you know how nasty teasels can be!). Their nests are also inhospitable to cowbirds, who are notorious for laying eggs in other birds' nests. If a cowbird egg is laid in an American goldfinch nest, the baby won't survive more than 2-3 days on the all-seed diet.

Photos by Chelsi Hornbaker, courtesy of USFWS

recent Sunday afternoon, I saw Mallard, Shoveler, Gadwall, Cinnamon Teal and Wood Duck families on the open ponds and sloughs. The ducks can be a little challenging to tell apart at this time of year with the colorful males absent. Size helps if you have several species in one place, but is not always reliable when you are looking at one duck family. Look carefully at the ducklings and you can see each species is different. Unfortunately, none of the field guides have pictures of ducklings to help identify them. But note the head patterns, spots and color variations. The females are not always easy either, but I find one good clue is to look at head shape and bill. Shovelers have that very long, shovel like bill. Have you noticed that the Cinnamon Teal also has a shovel shaped bill which is a bit smaller? Teals are very small in comparison to Shovelers; though they are all in the same genus, *Anas*.

One of my favorites, as it is for many of our visitors, is the Wood Duck. They are often spotted in the sloughs opposite the walk to the blind or further down beyond the Kiwa Trail head. Their head shape is distinctive. They all look like they are wearing a little helmet. As the ducklings mature, you can see an echo of the male's patterning on the head.

If you have questions about what you are seeing or where to find some of the animals, do stop by the contact station and ask. We love talking to our visitors.

Reporting from the River 'S' Contact Station- Susan Setterberg, Volunteer
Photo By: Samantha Zeiner

Ridgefield Refuge Complex News & Events



Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

The US Fish & Wildlife Service and Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge want to know "What can you imagine?" We invite you to join us for the first of three community meetings to provide input on what you imagine the future Community & Nature Center could look like.

Thursday, August 11th, 2016
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Water Resources Education Center
Anyone with ideas is invited to come.

(click poster below for larger pdf version)

Ridgefield "Rocks"!



A Facebook group has been created to start a fun new activity for the residents of Ridgefield (and hopefully beyond), and they are calling it "Ridgefield 'Rocks'." To start it all off, the creators of the group painted some rocks and placed them around town, with clues on their page to the rock's location. Now they want you to join in!

Here is what they have to say: "This is a community involved group meant to inspire creativity for all ages and energize people to get out and explore the beautiful town that we live in. The intention of this site and this fun community activity is very simple: SPREAD JOY!!

All you have to do is find some rocks and painting supplies, and a good sealer, then just get creative. It is very fun for all ages. Need inspiration? Just search Pinterest or Google images and find a lot of fun ideas. Please keep artwork PG since the kiddos love to hunt and find rocks. On the back of your work of art we would love if you referenced our facebook group, Ridgefield "Rocks". You can also hashtag your city if hiding in surrounding areas to trace the journey of your rock. We love when you post pictures of your painted rocks before you hide them, when you are hiding them and/or when you find them but it is not a requirement, you can participate in this activity anonymously if you prefer. If you find a rock, you can either keep it, hide it somewhere else, or swap it out with one of your own creations if you prefer.

The goal is to get a lot of people in our communities and across Clark and Cowlitz Counties involved in painting and hiding rocks so there are lots to hunt down out there. At the same time this gets you out and about; discovering parts of our



A COMMUNITY & NATURE CENTER

at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
in Ridgefield, Washington

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge want to know "What can you imagine?"

The diverse landscape at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge not only sustains thriving populations of wildlife, it also invites people of all abilities to connect with nature and share their outdoor experience with others.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Friends invite you to envision and help inform the design and future use of a new community building located at the refuge. This new asset, a Community & Nature Center, will help us all explore connections among community, our daily lives, and nature.

We invite you to join us for the first of three community meetings to provide input on what you imagine the Community & Nature Center could look like...

WHO:
Anyone interested in contributing their ideas

WHEN:
Thursday, August 11th, 2016
7:00PM - 9:00PM

WHERE:
Water Resources
Education Center
4600 SE Columbia Way
Vancouver, WA 98661



Thank you for visiting the refuge and supporting conservation. If you have any questions regarding activities and regulations on the refuge, call the office Monday through Friday 7:30am to 3:30 pm at 360-887-4106.

Cathlapotle Plankhouse Update & Events



CATHLAPOTLE PLANKHOUSE

Celebrating Ten Years ▶ 2005 - 2015

Second Sunday Event:

August 14th, 12-4pm

Located at the Cathlapotle Plankhouse:
28908 NW Main Ave.
Ridgefield, WA 98642

12 pm: Guided Hike- Bird Language for Beginners
2pm: Guided Hike: A Walk Through the Oaks

Demonstrations & Hands-On Activities:

- Carving, weaving, and Native Art Design demonstrations with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Lifeways Students
- Natural Paints & Pigments
- Chinuk Wawa Language

town that may have been forgotten or are just now being discovered, the adventures are limitless.

When you paint and hide a rock consider it a gift to the community and let it go. You may never see it again and that is okay. You may see photos of it pop up here and there and be able to track it's journey from time to time as well.

*Please be careful where you hide your rocks. We do not want to cause property damage (i.e. don't hide them in the grass where it can damage someone's lawn mower or hurt someone).

*No Trespassing (don't steal rocks from someone's landscaping or steal them from private property)."

For more information on the project, or to join the group and start painting, check out the [Facebook Group here!](#)

(You do not need to have a Facebook page to view pictures and comments)

Help Represent the Friends & the Refuge at Community Outreach events!

We are looking for a few dedicated volunteers who love the refuge and would like to help others discover what makes this place special. Outreach volunteers are needed to help staff Friends and Refuge booths at events in our community from Ridgefield to Portland. Outreach volunteers work alongside Refuge and Friends staff to answer questions about the Refuge, provide information about what visitors can do at this Refuge, and act as ambassadors for one of our region's best kept secrets. Interested in learning how to get involved? Contact Park Ranger Josie Finley at Josie_Finley@fws.gov or call (360) 887-4106.



- Atlatl Throwing and Archery
- Friction Fire & Flintknapping
- Cordage Making & Ethnobotany

Event is free after \$3 Refuge admission

Traditional Technologies Day at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

WHEN:
August 14, 12pm - 4pm

WHERE:
Cathlapole Plankhouse
28908 NW Main Ave
Ridgefield WA 98642

Refuge entrance \$3 per
vehicle OR free with
valid federal lands pass.

Join Us



Demonstrations & Hands-on Activities

- Carving, Weaving, and Native Art Design demonstrations with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Lifeways students
- Natural Paints & Pigments
- Chinuk Wawa Language
- Atlatl Throwing & Archery
- Friction Fire & Flintknapping
- Cordage Making & Ethnobotany

Guided Hikes

12PM - Bird Language for Beginners
Open up your eyes to the world of Bird Language and learn how you can use what the birds are saying to connect to the environment around you.

2PM - A Walk Through The Oaks
Hike down the Oaks to Wetlands trail and learn about ways Chinookan Peoples have been taking care of oak and other Refuge ecosystems since time immemorial.



For more info about the Plankhouse visit: <http://ridgefieldfriends.org>

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to this event for all participants. Please direct all requests for sign language interpreting services, closed captioning, or other accommodations needs to Sarah Hill, 360-887-4106, Sarah_Hill@fws.gov, TTY 800-877-8339 with your request by close of business one week before the event.



(Click this poster for a link to our website)

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Plankhouse Clean-Up Day Recap

The Plankhouse Clean-Up Day was a great success and we had an amazing crew that worked diligently all day. Every single thing that wasn't bolted down was moved! The Plankhouse was swept, dusted, vacuumed, repaired and raked- everything from rafters to floor.

Over 90 work hours were accounted for, and while more was done than could possibly be listed, we wanted to showcase a few highlights of individual projects:

We would like to offer personal thanks to individual volunteer clean-up crew members Terri, Kate, Jane, Ralph, and Randy. Terri thoroughly cleaned and organized all of the signage and interpretive items in the house, Kate cleaned and repaired all of our mats. Working together Kate and Terri managed to tame the cordage bin which was no small task. Jane dismantled, cleaned, and reorganized the Volunteer Station. Ralph worked on assorted repairs and displays. He also generously brought along his ShopVac so that the sweeping and dusting was made much easier. Last but not least, Randy was up on the ladder making sure that all of the cobwebs came down.

The Youth Conservation Corps was also on hand, and Caitly's team of Cielo, Elena, Aiden, Gabe, and Trey busted out project after project; including, but not limited to, washing the benches, sweeping/vacuuming/dusting the entire house, bird feces removal, and cleaning out and re-sanding the hearths.

Thank you to everyone who participated! We hope to see you all around at other Plankhouse volunteer opportunities!

To become one of our fabulous volunteers, email Juliet McGraw at plankhouse@gmail.com or Josie Finley at Josie_finley@fws.gov!

Birding Enthusiasts



See what is being seen at the refuge this week at our [Weekly Sightings](#) page, or get a summary of the year's sightings so far on the [2016 Sightings](#) page.

The Benefits of Membership

In addition to receiving the monthly E-News with Refuge updates, upcoming events and wildlife news, members enjoy member- and volunteer-only events. Also, with any \$50 membership, you will receive an annual Refuge Pass, which covers entrance fees.

Don't forget to glance at the [Refuge calendar](#), your one-stop shop for fun activities and volunteer opportunities!

Discounts at Local Businesses for New and Renewing Members:



Would you like to enjoy a cup of coffee from Ridgefield's Seasons after a morning hike on the Refuge? Or perhaps breakfast before you head out on the auto tour route at Pioneer Street Cafe? Lunch at Vinnie's Pizza in-between the River 'S' and Carty Units? Dinner and drinks at the Historic Sportsman's Restaurant and Lounge after a busy day of wildlife viewing? Or maybe you would like to get a discount on some supplies at Shorty's or Backyard Bird Shop?

[Become a Friend or renew your membership today](#), and receive a member card with great discounts at these wonderful local businesses! Feel free to [contact us](#) for any questions or inquiries.

Upcoming Events and Exhibitions:

Intro to Chinuk Wawa

Where: Cathlapotle Plankhouse

When: August 6, 13, 20, 27

10am-12pm

Cost: FREE

In this 4 part class, participants will gain basic knowledge of chinuk wawa, the contemporary Native language of Chinookan peoples of the Lower Columbia. This class will cover the history of the language, how language and culture go hand in hand, and will learn pronunciation, sentence structure, and useful phrases.

Class will occur in the Cathlapotle Plankhouse at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge four Saturdays in August. Participants must attend all four sessions. **RSVP to plankhouse@gmail.com**

Questions? Contact Sarah at Sarah_Hill@fws.gov or call (360) 887-4106

Habitat Restoration Updates & Events

The annual ricefield bulrush (*Schoenoplectus mucronatus*) search is in full swing! We have pulled 21,026 bulrush plants this summer, thanks to the help of many volunteers who have put in 296 hours searching for bulrush. We really couldn't do it without you... Thank you! We still have a lot more to pull, so come join us as we protect wildlife habitat! We meet every Wednesday and Saturday, 9am - 12:30 through September 3rd.

Aside from bulrush, we have been targeting a few other high priority noxious weeds: purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), milk thistle (*Silybum marianum*) and tansy ragwort (*Jacobaea vulgaris*). A relatively new invasive plant has found its way to one of the Refuge wetlands- water primrose (*Ludwigia hexapetala*). While this plant is very bright and beautiful, it is also a very aggressive non-native wetland plant that can form dense mats. We have been working diligently to keep it under control, as it is well known to take over and degrade the quality of a wetland.

To join a bulrush work party, contact Lindsey at Ridgefieldbulrush@gmail.com

For other habitat information, contact Keith at keith_rutz@fws.gov

(click this poster to go to our website for more info)

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Lucy's Garden
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Ridgefield, Washington

Get Outdoors and Gain Experience at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

WHEN:
July - Sept, Wed & Saturdays
9am - 12:30pm

WHERE:
1071 Hillhurst Rd
Ridgefield, WA 98642

To register e-mail:
ridgefieldbulrush@gmail.com



Work alongside your fellow conservationists in this beautiful location while learning about native wildlife management. Volunteers are key to helping biological staff keep wetlands healthy by searching for and removing invasive plants. Be active, make a difference, and gain real world experience.

Volunteer Opportunities (9:00AM - 12:30PM)

July
Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27
Saturdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
August
Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Saturdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27
September
Saturday, September 3

All work days are rain or shine. Wear waterproof boots (some available on-site) and dress for the weather. Gloves, snacks, and drinks will be provided to keep you fueled up.

We will meet at the visitor kiosk on the River 'S' Unit of the Refuge (see address above). Please arrive prior to 9:00AM. If you are a first time volunteer to fill out needed paperwork. Youth under the age of 18 must have their volunteer paperwork signed by a parent/guardian in order to volunteer. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required.

To learn more visit: www.fws.gov/refuges/Ridgefield or <http://ridgefieldfriends.org>

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The Habitat Restoration Program is a collaborative effort between USFWS and the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.



To volunteer contact: ridgefieldbulrush@gmail.com

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Foundation
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Portland Audubon

Online Store Now Open!

The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge are proud to announce the opening of a new webstore! Now you can order our 50th Anniversary Gear- including the Pelican Brewing Company 50th Anniversary T-shirt and Pint Glass, as well as our Chinookan Steller's Jay T-shirt, all online!



Check out our [Shop](#) for links to the store and more info, or click [HERE](#) to go directly to the store!

Proceeds help support our unique education and restoration programs at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge!

Follow the Friends on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Want regular updates on Refuge events and happenings? Follow the Friends on your favorite social media by clicking the logos below to stay connected even when you are off the Refuge.



Help the Friends and the Refuge When You Shop Online



When you link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Friends, you help us earn donations from Fred Meyer Community Rewards. It doesn't change your regular personal shopping and fuel rewards, but it does make a meaningful contribution to our work on the

Refuge.

It's easy to sign up. Just go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name, **Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge**, or by our non-profit number, **89824**. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping the Friends earn a donation to support the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

You Can Also Shop and Give Online at AmazonSmile.com

Log on to smile.amazon.com, shop as you usually would and .5% of your purchase will be donated directly to the Friends. Use the special link, smile.amazon.com, with your existing user name and password.

To set up your AmazonSmile account, click this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-2018749>. When prompted to select a charity, choose the **Friends of Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge**. Begin shopping as you normally would and the Friends will receive 0.5% of eligible purchases.

Thanks for being an EcoShopper and helping the Refuge!

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