Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

The Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1965 to provide wintering habitat for the Dusky subspecies of the Canada Goose. Today, the Refuge preserves habitat for wildlife and evidence of First Peoples. The Refuge is a unique wildlife mecca for the Vancouver/Portland metropolitan area - a wonderful place to explore, learn about, and photograph the many species that call the Refuge "home". A one-of-a-kind Chinookan-style Plankhouse has brought cultural history to life on the Refuge.

About the Friends

Our mission is to support, protect, and enhance the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and its wildlife habitat and to broaden public awareness and participation in its environmental, cultural, and educational opportunities. 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:

- Delivering environmental and cultural education for thousands of children and training workshops for their teachers.
- Restoring habitat through tree plantings and invasive species removal.
- Providing special events, such as the annual BirdFest & Bluegrass Festival, for visitors to the Refuge and Plankhouse.

As a member of the Friends, you will receive:
- Our monthly e-newsletter
- Discounts at local businesses
- Annual Refuge Pass for contributions of $60.00 or more
- Recognition in our Annual Report for memberships at the $250 level or higher
- The opportunity to conserve a natural and cultural legacy!

When you join the Friends you become a supporter of nature and education. Be a Friend to those creatures great and small who need refuge, and help preserve this unique cultural and ecological legacy for future generations.