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The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

The latest updates | August 2024

Refuge Open Hours:
5:30 am - 9:00 pm

RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

RIVER 'S' UNIT & CARTY UNIT
 1071 S Hillhurst AVE 28908 NW Main AVE
 Auto Tour Route Admin Office
 Kiwa Trail Walking Trails
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You can enter both RNWR units by paying an Entrance Fee or using an eligible Entrance Pass.

Please note: Bicycles, off-road vehicles, & ATV driving are not permitted on the Refuge.

Entrance Fee:

- **Online:** NEW! Easily pay your entrance fee (or purchase an entrance pass) *before* you visit, by using recreation.gov.
- **In-Person:** \$3.00 daily per vehicle, or up to four adults on foot. Cash or check only (for now!).

Entrance Pass Options:

- **Online:** New! Easily buy an Annual Pass *before* you visit, using recreation.gov.
- **In-person (or by mail):** Purchase An Annual Refuge Pass or eligible Federal Lands Pass.
 - \$15.00 for an Annual Ridgefield NWR pass. Purchase at Ridgefield NWR Admin Office, M-F, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; by mail; or place cash/check in an official fee envelope. Complete details [HERE](#).
- **Become a Friends Member at \$60 or above.**
 - [Join here!](#) Opt-in when joining, and an Annual Refuge Pass will be mailed to you.
- **Use your current Federal Lands Pass.** [Check HERE](#) to see the list of eligible passes. Note: State Passes are *not valid for entry to the Refuge.

The Ridgefield NWR Admin Office is open weekdays, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Office phone number: 360-887-4106.

-To verify staff availability, please call the office before you visit the Refuge.

-For general inquiries, please call the office between 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Complex News & Updates

Kiwa Trail Now

Open...**Friday, August 2, 2024**



MINOR CORRECTION: The Kiwa Trail will open to the public on Friday, August 2, 2024, at 8 AM!

For the fifth year in a row, the Kiwa Trail opening was (happily!) pushed back due to Sandhill Crane Nesting activity. Biologists have finally given the go-ahead to clean up the trail and open it to the public! Hit the trail in August and September, and during BirdFest & Bluegrass, October 5, 2024!

Community Nature Center Construction Continues

When visiting the Carty Unit, plan ahead by checking [the website](#) for closures, bring water, and [pack out what you pack in](#). Temporary restrooms in the parking lot are the only option on weekends. Please follow all signage, for your safety and that of the construction crew.



New Refuge Maps

We discovered a map developed by HOPE Dementia that was both beautiful and user-friendly. We reached out to them and said, "we love your map and would like to make it our official map, but would need to extend some trails. Would you like to partner with us?"

They were thrilled and we ended up using the creative team they hired, to make new maps for Ridgefield, Steigervald Lake, Tualatin River, and Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuges. Now the maps have interactive activities, clear mileage, and neat site features to discover. Beyond that, the Ridgefield team now partner with HOPE Dementia on a "Meet Me at the Refuge" series where we offer special site visits to their participants and caregivers, with nature walks and a beautiful day on the refuge.

-Juliette Fernandez, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Complex Manager

[Download and print ahead of time](#), or pick one up when [the Admin office is open](#). [Learn more about Art | Nature | Place](#) - the creative team behind the new maps.

[Learn More about Visiting](#)

BirdFest & Bluegrass 2024

COMING SOON! The official schedule will be published soon, with links to details to plan your day of festival fun on Saturday

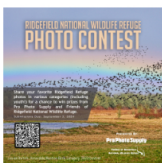


Mark your day on Facebook for on Saturday, October 5th! Join us to celebrate 25 years of appreciation for birds, our Refuge, and our community. Bookmark our pages or follow our social channels to get info right when it comes out.

Some event registrations are already open, head to this page to find all the [links](#), [downloads](#), [parking details](#), and [more](#).



Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest 2024



Share your favorite Ridgefield Refuge photos in various categories (including youth!) for a chance to win prizes from Pro Photo Supply and Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Submissions Due: September 3.

A gallery of the 2023 winners is available in the Ridgefield Refuge Administration building. This is where the 2024 winners will also be hosted, starting on October 5, 2024.

[Photo Contest Info & Submission](#)

From the Friends Join the Board to Shape the Future of Wildlife Conservation

FRIENDS OF RIDGEFIELD
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

We're seeking motivated individuals to join our Board of Directors, to help guide our fundraising efforts, ensure robust board governance, and represent the vibrant community that surrounds our beloved refuge. Your expertise and dedication can make a significant impact on the preservation of this precious habitat for generations to come.



Interested? Let's chat! Email us to explore how your talents can help preserve this natural treasure.

[Contact Us to Get Started](#)

Digital Membership Cards Now Available



Say goodbye to paper overload, waste, and extra expenses - we're switching things up by zapping your digital membership card straight to your email inbox.

We teamed up with Zeffy to dodge those pesky platform fees, making sure every bit of your generosity goes straight to the Refuge!

Team up with us to bring the Community Nature Center vision to life! Help us outfit a space where nature, education, and wildlife party together for generations to come! [Get all the deets HERE](#).

[Join the Friends Today!](#)

If you are already a member, you will receive the new digital card when you renew next!

Birding Enthusiasts



Check out what species are being seen on the Refuge [here](#).

Ridgefield
First
Saturdays
Day of
Festivals
August 3, 2024

RIDGEFIELD
DAY OF
FESTIVALS

Learn about how your City works at City Days, watch Dragon Boat Races at the Paddle For Life Races, shop the Children's Entrepreneur Market along with the Farmers Market and First Saturday Vendors, and attend the Ridgefield Art Association Ridgefield Forest Fair!

[Get the full schedule here](#)

Stay Involved:

Would you like to enjoy a cup of coffee from Ridgefield's Seasons Coffee after a morning hike on the Refuge? Lunch in-between the River 'S' and Carty Units? Dinner and drinks at the Historic Sportsman's Restaurant and Lounge? Or maybe you would like to get some supplies at Shovel & Thumb or Backyard Bird Shop? How about a night out at ilani?

Find out more, 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.

Benefits of Friends Membership



The Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge promote the enjoyment, understanding, and protection of native and endangered birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. We focus on our local community and the Pacific Northwest.

Support While You Shop

Amazon Wishlist is back!



[Friends Amazon Wishlist](#)- support our work and the Refuge's initiatives. Visit for chances to contribute to all our projects. Whether it's habitat restoration or BirdFest & Bluegrass, we'll feature items essential to reaching our objectives. You purchase the item, and Amazon takes care of the rest. [Get started, HERE.](#)



When you link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Friends, you help us earn donations from Fred Meyer Community Rewards. It's easy to sign up. [Just click here.](#) Or search, Friends of Ridgefield NWR #PK822

Friends Online Store



and photo cards!

Check out our online store to find the Chinookan Steller's Jay design, BirdFest & Bluegrass button art, and the 2023 Photo Contest winning images, on tote bags, sweatshirts, t-shirts, different mug styles,

[Start Shopping](#)

Psst...if you love a good jigsaw puzzle...

[Click Here for Puzzles!](#)

Friends Board Meetings

Join the Friends of Ridgefield NWR Board for their monthly meeting. Meetings start at 5:00 PM every second Monday of the month and will be virtual, or in-person with a virtual option. [Contact us](#) to join in!

Board Meeting Dates:

August 12

September 9

October 15*

November 11

December 9

(*moved due to federal holiday or special circumstance)



Become a Business Alliance Member

As a member of the Friends of the RNWR Business Alliance, you invest in one of our urban metropolitan area's most unique and diverse natural and cultural resources. [Find out more](#)

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