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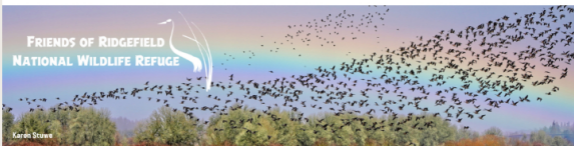


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## The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

The latest updates | March 2024

Refuge Open Hours:  
7:00 am - 6:00 pm

### **RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

#### **RIVER 'S' UNIT & CARTY UNIT**

1071 S Hillhurst AVE  
Auto Tour Route  
Kiwa Trail

28908 NW Main AVE  
Admin Office  
Walking Trails  
Cathlapotle Plankhouse

You can enter either RNWR unit by paying an Entrance Fee or using an eligible Entrance Pass.

Youth 15 and under are always free.

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](https://recreation.gov).
- **In-Person:** \$3.00 daily per vehicle, or up to four adults on foot. Cash or check only (or scan a QR code to [recreation.gov](https://recreation.gov) on-site).

#### Entrance Pass Options:

- **Online: New!** Easily buy an Annual Pass before you visit, using [recreation.gov](https://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, 9:00 am - 3:00 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, 9:00 am - 3:00 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 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

### From the Friends

#### We Stand With the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

##### FRIENDS STAND WITH THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

This administration's mass firing of US Fish & Wildlife Service employees will have devastating impacts on our public lands across the country, including the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Complex. With fewer biologists, natural resources professionals, and park rangers - habitats will degrade, endangered species will go unmonitored, trails will remain unmaintained and become subject to vandalism, and visitors will lose access to environmental education and recreation opportunities. These cuts put communities, ecosystems, and outdoor recreation at risk. Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge stand in solidarity with the US Fish & Wildlife Service, our closest partner, and the reason for our work. We urge all who love our public lands to speak out by contacting your elected representatives. Our lands, waters, and wildlife - and future generations that will learn from and enjoy them - deserve better.



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The Refuge System was already operating with a 30% staffing decline over 15 years, yet they manage 95 million land acres and 750 million marine acres—more than any other federal land agency- with far fewer resources. Now, these dedicated professionals are being pushed out, leaving refuges and wildlife more vulnerable than ever.

We will not stand by and watch. We are Refuge Strong, and we are calling on Congress, Refuge Friends groups, and the public to protect the people who safeguard our nation's wild places.

To write instantly to your reps, or just to find their info, enter your details:

[Take Action Now](#)

Next, [Join us as a member](#) to amplify your voice along with those supporting our public lands, wildlife, and the people who rely on them.

### Thank You Costco!

A BIG thank you to Costco Wholesale in Ridgefield, WA, for their recent \$50 warehouse donation to our Community Nature Center project! This kind of support can help us create a beautiful accessible space for the community to enjoy nature. Every contribution, no matter the size, significantly impacts our mission. With federal staffing reductions and diminishing government funding sources, donations like this are more important than ever. We are immensely grateful for Costco's generosity and see this as the start of a promising partnership. If everyone in Ridgefield gave \$50 too, we would be well on our way to accomplishing our goals. Thank you for helping us soar to new heights!





## From the Contact Station Butter-butts and other winter birds

Setophaga coronata, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and fondly called the Butter-butt for its obvious rump plumage, can often be found on the River S in winter. This wide-spread warbler winters farther north than any other

warbler species. In some areas, they may be the only warbler present in winter. In SW Washington, we may also find an occasional...[Keep Reading...](#)

-Susan Setterberg, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Contact Station Volunteer

all text: Yellow-rumped Warbler photos by Margaret Waddell

## Birding Enthusiasts



See what bird species are being seen on the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge - both past and current archives - on our website, [here](#).

## Ridgefield First Saturday Arts Month Kick-Off & Color Run

Head to Overlook Park on Saturday, March 1, 2025, for Color Run festivities 9 AM - 11:30 AM.



Spring Wine Walk - Ridgefield Main Street, March 1, 2025, 3 PM - 6 PM

Ridgefield Craft Brewing - Live Music, The Low Keys, March 1, 6 PM - 9 PM

[Arts Month Details](#)

## Stay Involved:



## Join the Friends & Become a Member

Join the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge in their mission to 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've teamed up with Zeffy to dodge those pesky platform fees, making sure every bit of your generosity goes straight to the Refuge. Become a member online today, and get a new digital membership card to use around town for discounts, special offers, and more!

[Learn More & Join the Friends Today!](#)

## Support While You Shop



We have photo contest mugs, tote bags, t-shirts, and jigsaw puzzles for cold wintery nights, gifts for loved ones, or a treat for yourself!

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[Friends Amazon Wishlist](#)- You can directly support our work and the Refuge's initiatives! Whether it's habitat restoration or BirdFest & Bluegrass, we'll feature items essential to our many efforts toward achieving conservation and community outreach goals. Purchase from our list, 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 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 either virtual or in-person with a virtual option. Please [contact us](#) to find out how to join in!

### Board Meeting Dates 2025:

March 10  
April 14  
May 12  
June 9  
July 14  
August 11  
September 8  
\*October 20  
November 10  
December 8

\*moved due to a federal holiday or special circumstance



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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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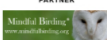
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