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The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

The latest updates | July 2024

The Ridgefield NWR Admin Office is open weekdays, as staff availability allows: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Office phone number: 360-887-4106

RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

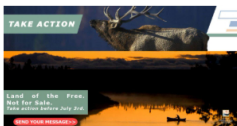
RIVER 'S' UNIT & CARTY UNIT

1071 S Hillhurst AVE
Auto Tour Route
Kiwa Trail

28908 NW Main AVE
Admin Office
Walking Trails
Cathlapotle Plankhouse

[Official Refuge Website](#)

More Thoughts from a Refuge Visitor



Paying attention to the budget development in Congress when it comes to stewardship of Public Lands and the support of credible science can be very disappointing and hard to understand with all the chaos surrounding the multitude of issues. A big problem emerging for Public Lands, which includes our refuges, national parks, national forests, and BLM managed properties, is the administration's attempt to sell them to balance the budget... [keep reading...](#)

-Susan Setterberg, Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Member

From the Refuge

River S Unit Temp Closure, July 3

The River 'S' Unit of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, including the Auto Tour Route and any pedestrian access will be closed on Thursday, July 3. Refuge staff need to close the unit to conduct habitat work that requires the use of a helicopter. Please, for their safety and yours, respect the closure.

During the brief closure of the River 'S' Unit, access to the Carty Unit, off Main Ave, will remain open and accessible to the public.



[Learn More About Visiting](#)

iQ Credit Union

New Branch Ribbon Cutting Fundraiser for Nonprofits



Friends of Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge at iQ Credit Union's new branch location! (a different kind of branch than we usually mean). When you stop by to do your banking, drop a vote for us in the bucket!

Also, join us at the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Celebration event for this location, July 18!

[Visit the new Ridgefield iQ Credit Union location](#)

From the Friends

Pro Photo Supply Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest

The 19th Annual Pro Photo Supply Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest 2025, where you can share your favorite Ridgefield Refuge photos in various categories (including youth!) for a chance to win prizes from Pro Photo Supply, is now open! Submissions due Sept 2, 2025.



[Learn More & Submit, today!](#)

From the Contact Station Beautiful Slitherers

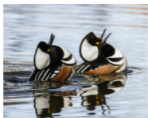
I was very young, maybe ten years old, and we were returning to the Bay Area from a visit with my grandmother in Mt Shasta, CA. It was old Highway 99 back then, a two-lane road that moved through vast landscapes I didn't have the knowledge to understand or appreciate. Along that road somewhere north of Corning was a wayside stop called The Snake Pit. No, not a biker bar. My dad and I went in to find a big collection of slitherers... [keep reading...](#)



-Susan Setterberg, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Contact Station Volunteer

Image description: a deer's tail, by Susan Setterberg

Birding Enthusiasts



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



A Bee Story: Tiny Bees, Big Impact - Meet the Small Carpenter Bee (Ceratina)

If you've ever spotted what looked like a tiny ant on a flower, you may have been looking at a Small Carpenter Bee—also known by its genus name, Ceratina. These native bees are often overlooked due to their tiny size (less than 8 mm long), but they play a big role in pollination and are fascinating little creatures worth getting to know... [keep reading...](#)

-Anne Bulger, Friends of Ridgefield NWR Board Member, & OSU Master Melittology Lead Instructor for the RNWR

Ridgefield First Saturday The Weekend Continues Saturday, July 5, 2025

The Weekend Continues in Ridgefield! 4th of July festivities are not just limited to one day in downtown. There is a Classic Car Show and Farmer's Market scheduled for a fun day in downtown Ridgefield on Saturday, along with downtown business specials and activities! [Learn more:](#)



[July First Saturday Details](#)

Stay Involved:

Join the Friends - Become a Member

Our new membership program means that all members will now receive a digital member card, a free optional tote bag, a sticker, a webstore discount code, and our monthly newsletter!

Members over \$60 also gain access to the Soar into Wellness Program! Soar into Wellness Program could include, at least twice throughout the year:

- Board Member-led hikes
- Friends 'Breathe with the Birds' Yoga in Overlook Park
- Paint Nights with the Ridgefield Art Association
- Coffee Chats, and more



Members giving over \$1000 are also included in a special website highlight!

[Join or Renew Your Membership Today](#)

Support While You Shop

Whether you're looking for gorgeous nature and wildlife photography on mugs, tote bags, t-shirts, or jigsaw puzzles, gifts for loved ones, or a treat for yourself, we have you covered!

[Main Webstore](#)

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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:

- 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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