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## The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

The latest updates | August 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

[Official Refuge Website](#)

### RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

#### RIVER 'S' UNIT & CARY UNIT

10715 Hillhurst AVE  
Auto Tour Route  
Kiva Trail

28908 NW Main AVE  
Admin Office  
Walking Trails  
Cathapotle Plankhouse

### More Thoughts from a Refuge Visitor



Phew, at the last minute, our public lands were saved from being sold under the BBB passed by Congress. (I will leave it as BBB because the letters mean different things to different people.) There was a huge public outcry about the sale of our public lands and our Congressional Representatives paid attention and removed the provisions from the BBB before voting. So, finally...keep reading...

-Susan Setterberg, Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Member

### Bridging the Gap: Friends, Community, and the Future of Our Refuges

These are extraordinary and challenging times. Cuts to federal budgets have taken lean and mean US Fish and Wildlife Service budgets and stripped them to the bone. Already hard-working federal Service workers now have even greater workloads. Cuts to federal budgets and staff directly impact the wildlife that depend upon wildlife refuges across the county and specifically the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Thank goodness for Friends groups and their support for refuges...keep reading...



-Jim Maul, Board President, Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

[Learn about the CNC project, and order a brick today!](#)

Please note: ONLY NAMES will be engraved on the bricks.

### 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.

[Start Submitting!](#)

### Stop by the new Ridgefield iQ Credit Union Branch

It's easy to help the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge win \$3,000! Simply visit [iQ Credit Union's new Ridgefield branch](#) (think less 'tree branch,' more 'financial branch!').

Before August 30, pop in for any reason, and you can drop a vote for us in their jar. Every vote helps!



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

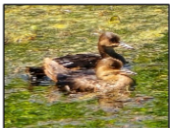
### Save-the-Dates:

[GiveMore24! - September 25, 2025](#)

[BirdFest & Bluegrass - October 4, 2025](#)

### From the Contact Station Bits and Pieces of Summer

Summer is always a seemingly "slow" season. Grasses are high through July, hiding many of the nesting waterfowl and emerging chicks. Of note this year was a clutch of Redhead ducklings spotted from the blind mid-July. This is a big treat as they have not been sighted nesting here very often in the past. A few visitors have been able to spot Virginia Rail babies on water edges when they can find them. American White Pelicans have been seen flying by now and again...keep reading...



-Susan Setterberg, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Contact Station Volunteer (and Roger Windemuth)

Image description: This year's growing Hooded Merganser young, 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: Leafcutter Bees - Summer's Quiet Garden Architects

If you've ever noticed perfectly cut semicircles missing from your rose, lilac, or hosta leaves during summer, you may have had a visit from a leafcutter bee. They need 70-degree weather to emerge and are active from late June through August, silently working behind the scenes in your garden...keep reading...

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

### Ridgefield First Saturday Day of Festivals Saturday, August 2, 2025



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! Check out each location's information with the link below.

## 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](#)

[Puzzle Shopping](#)



**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:**

August 11

September 8

\*October 20

November 10

December 8

\*moved due to a 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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