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The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

The latest updates & news | May 2026

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

Office phone number: 360-887-4106

Learn More: [Official Refuge Website](#)

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

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Community Nature Center at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

To all of our refuge supporters, we are thrilled to invite you to join us in celebrating a significant milestone—the completion of the Community Nature Center and the start of an exciting new chapter in connecting people to nature and outdoor recreation. Thanks to our dedicated community and partners, this vision is becoming reality, and we are eager to commemorate this achievement together.

Date: Sunday, May 3rd

Time: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Ribbon Cutting ceremony 1:00 - 2:00

Location: 28908 NW Main Avenue, Ridgefield WA



[Learn More](#)

The Friends of Ridgefield NWR want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to [Miller Nash LLP \(Vancouver\)](#) and [Starbucks \(Pioneer & Royle\)](#) for supporting the refreshments for this event!

Friends Annual Membership & Volunteer Appreciation Celebration



Date: Saturday, May 30
Time: 1 PM
Location: Community Nature Center at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

Join us for time in the new building, some snacks, the Friends Annual Report, the 2026 Spirit of the Wild Award, and a special treat. Members who attend will get a chance to vote on the 2026 Birdfest & Bluegrass Bird of the Year!

(click the image to download your invite!)

Please RSVP "Yes" by May 22, 2026

All are welcome, but since we are celebrating members, it would be great if you could join us! **Become a member, or renew your membership today!**

Speaking of BirdFest & Bluegrass...Partner with Us!



We're inviting local businesses to sponsor BirdFest & Bluegrass — our annual community festival celebrating the Refuge, wildlife, and Ridgefield.

Sponsorship levels range from \$250–\$10,000, including venue sponsorship options. Would your business be open to supporting this year? Or, tell us what kind of community involvement you're most excited about this year, and we can suggest the best-fit level.

BirdFest & Bluegrass Sponsorship Options

From the Friends & the Refuge Free Workshop Series!



Join us for the final installment of our FREE Community Workshop Series at the Carty Unit!

🦊 Adapting to Change | May 6, 6:30–7:30 PM

Learn how SW WA wildlife navigates climate and land-use changes with David Zonana, PhD.

For All People in the Community! Enjoy free snacks, dive back into learning, and celebrate this beautiful corner of the earth we live on.

5/6
6:30–7:30pm



Adapting to Change:

How wildlife is responding to a rapidly-changing SW WA

When faced with environmental changes, organisms can either adapt, move, or perish. In this workshop with Clark College's David Zonana, PhD, participants will learn about how land use changes, introduced species, and climate change are presenting new challenges to local wildlife populations, how these animals are adapting to survive, and the Refuge's role in their success. All ages, please join!



Space is limited! Register on the Refuge website, scan the QR code

on the flyer, or click the link below!

These events are provided by the **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service** in collaboration with the **Friends of Ridgefield NWR**. Space is limited, so be sure to scan the QR codes on our flyer, [visit the website](#), or click the links below, to sign up today!

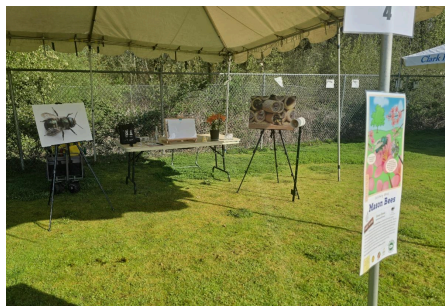
[Adapting to Change Registration Link](#)

Raptor's Baseball Supporting Wildlife!

Support a good cause and enjoy summer baseball as the Ridgefield Raptors take on the NW Star Nighthawks on July 2nd!

50% of all ticket sales through our **LINK ONLY** will be split with the Friends of Ridgefield NWR!

[Get Your Tickets HERE!](#)



Bringing Mason Bees to the Classroom

Just wrapped up the first Agricultural Day at South Ridge Elementary in Ridgefield, WA, on April 15th, and it was a remarkable experience from start to finish. Seven classes of 2nd graders rotated through the tent, one class at a time, each arriving with

curiosity and leaving with a new understanding of the small but essential role native bees play in our world...[keep reading...](#)

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

Birding Enthusiasts



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

A Bee Story: Surveying the Living Landscape

This month, rather than highlighting a single native bee, I found myself drawn to the broader experience of surveying them in the field. As an OSU Master Melittologist and a Washington Bee Atlas volunteer...[keep reading...](#)



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Image of Bee Fly nicoloetto/iNaturalist

Ridgefield First Saturday



Spring Festival May 2, 2026

Celebrate the changing of seasons at the annual Spring Festival in downtown Ridgefield!

[Learn More](#)

Stay Involved:

Join the Friends - Become a Member

Our new membership program means that all members will receive a digital member card, a free optional tote bag, a sticker, and more!

Members over \$60 also gain access to the Soar into Wellness Program, & Members giving over \$1000 are also included in a special website highlight!



[Learn More, Join, or Renew Your Membership Today](#)

Support While You Shop

Friends Online Merch

Get the whole family geared up and support Refuge conservation with every purchase.



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Jigsaw Puzzles

If you're looking for gorgeous nature and wildlife photography on jigsaw puzzles, we have you covered!

[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 2026:](#)

May 11

Annual Member Meeting - May 30

June 8

July 13
 August 10
 September 14
 *October 19
 November 9
 December 14
 *moved due to a federal holiday or Board decision



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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BirdFest & Bluegrass:



Granting Organizations & Partners:



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