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The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

The latest updates & news | November 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

Community Nature Center Hours:
Check the events page for when you can visit the new building.

RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

RIVER 'S' UNIT & CARTY UNIT

1071 S Hillhurst AVE
Auto Tour Route
Photography Blind
Kiwa Trail

28908 NW Main AVE
Administration Office
Community Nature Center
Walking Trails
Cathlapotle Plankhouse

Hours and times for the Community Nature Center and the Office will vary over the next few months as we transition to offering this new experience at the Refuge. The staff of the Refuge and the Friends appreciate your patience.

Learn More: Official Refuge Website

Three Creeks Rotary Kicks off Microscope Purchases for the Community Nature Center



Since the opening of the Community Nature Center in May, the Friends and the USFWS have been working to make this a world-class learning facility. The Friends outfitted the classroom with stools and adjustable height tables, and are now working on gathering equipment necessary for environmental studies.

In August, Friends employee Samantha Zeiner, along with Co-Presidents Jean Stemp and Jim Maul, were invited to spend an awesome afternoon with the Rotary Club of Three Creeks. When we mentioned the need for scientific equipment, club members stepped in to provide funds to purchase seven student microscopes, petri dishes, and lab tweezers!



This October, the Three Creeks Rotary members and their families came to visit, take a special tour around the new building, and check out the new microscopes in action. This amazing contribution kicks off our fundraising efforts towards providing

better environmental education opportunities to students of all ages. We still need more microscopes and other equipment, including a cart to store the microscopes safely, and we're so grateful to Three Creeks for getting us started!

images provided by Rotary Club of Three Creeks

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Get your Photo Contest Winner Calendars online, today!
8.5x11 size is just $20, featuring:

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Storytime at the Refuge



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November 12
10:30-11:00 AM

Put on your adventure boots and join your Ridgefield Community Library pals at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge for Storytime! The shiny new Community Nature Center will welcome curious wanderers from **10AM to 12PM**, with a library-led storytime from **10:30-11:00.**

The trails are also always calling for some daytime exploring fun! No need to sign up, just drop on by!

Free Community Workshop

Mason Bees Unwrapped: The Art & Science of Cocoon Harvesting
November 14, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Discover the world of native Mason bees with Master Gardener and Master Melittologist Anne Bulger! Learn about their unique life cycle, peek inside nesting tubes, and watch a live demo on harvesting and cleaning cocoons to protect these pollinators from winter pests and diseases. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced host, you'll leave with practical tips to help native bees.



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Mason Bees Unwrapped Sign Up

Birding Enthusiasts



Check out what bird species are being seen on the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge - both past and current archives - on our website.

Bird Sightings

A Bee Story

Build a Bee Garden, One Season at a Time *(for real this time)*



(Last month we had link errors, and we apologize. Here is a refreshed version of what you missed)

November may seem like an odd time to think about bees. The buzz of summer is quieting, flowers are fading, and many of the native bees we...**keep reading...**

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

Image of Yellow Monkeyflower

Ridgefield First Saturdays



Make a Difference Month

Get involved in your community to Make a Difference! Connect with non-profits, develop positive community habits, practice kindness and be a part of what makes Ridgefield unique.

Learn More

Stay Involved:

Join the Friends - Become a Member

All members will receive a digital member card, a free optional tote bag, a sticker, and other perks.

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



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Friends Amazon Wishlist- Support our work and the Refuge's initiatives! Whether it's habitat restoration or BirdFest & Bluegrass, we'll feature items essential to efforts toward achieving conservation and community outreach goals.

Get Shopping!

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:

- November 9
- December 14



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