

# Schedule of Events for BirdFest & Bluegrass - 3 locations

## Special Events and Tours, by reservation only - Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> — Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016

Pre-Registration *Required* on ALL tours/workshops. RSVP early — these fill quickly.

### Sandhill Crane Tours

(5 tours available) \$25 per person  
Friday 5:00 pm,  
Saturday 6:00 am and 5:00 pm,  
Sunday 6:00 am and 5:00 pm.

The most unique wildlife viewing experience BirdFest has to offer, this is a once in a lifetime chance to hear and see the magnificent flight of hundreds of sandhill cranes as they visit their night roost. Join expert staff to learn about cranes and wildlife. Meet at the Visitors Contact Station on the River 'S' Refuge Unit 15 minutes before the tour time and wear weather appropriate footwear and clothing in muted, neutral colors. Participants will be required to walk approximately 500 yards over rough, uneven terrain to get to a viewing blind. Please assess your own abilities for this event. Bring your own water. Have questions? Call BirdFest Hotline: 360-609-0658. Space is limited, RSVP early to [BirdfestReservations@gmail.com](mailto:BirdfestReservations@gmail.com).



Roger Van Gelder

### Beginner Bird Language Hike

Friday 8:30 to 11:00 am. No FEE. Carty Unit. Join a Refuge Naturalist for a hike to open up your eyes to the world of Bird Language and learn how you can use what the birds are saying to connect to the environment around you. Space is limited, RSVP to [BirdfestReservations@gmail.com](mailto:BirdfestReservations@gmail.com).

### Night Hike

Friday 6:30 to 8:30 pm. No FEE. Explore the Refuge as the sun sets with this guided twilight hike on the Oaks to Wetlands Trail. Participants should be prepared for a 2 mile hike over uneven terrain. Space is limited, RSVP by 9/30 to [BirdfestReservations@gmail.com](mailto:BirdfestReservations@gmail.com).

### Hands-on Birding Photography

Saturday 8:30 to 10:00 am on the Oaks to Wetlands Trail, Sunday 8:30 to 10:00 am at the Kiwa Trail. \$15 per person. Join staff from Pro Photo Supply and technical representative Steve Ball from Olympus on a walk around the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. This event is great for avid birders or anyone interested in learning more about bird photography and how to utilize everything Olympus has to offer when it comes to their camera gear. Olympus will provide a limited number of camera bodies and lenses for people to borrow during this exploration of the refuge. Join in on the fun and collaboration! A limited number of spots are available, please register early. We will be meeting at the Carty Unit - Oaks to Wetlands Trail head. Participants should be prepared for a flat 1 mile hike on

the Kiwa trail, and a 2 mile hike over uneven terrain on the Oaks to Wetlands Trail. We will be meeting at the respective trailheads for each hike. The Oaks to Wetlands crosses uneven terrain through wetland and forested habitats, offering a slightly more challenging hike and is a 2-mile loop. RSVP to [BirdfestReservations@gmail.com](mailto:BirdfestReservations@gmail.com).

### Bird Language for Beginners Workshop

Saturday 9:00 to 1:00 pm. No FEE. If you have ever listened to birds sing, you may have noticed that they use different sounds at different times. By picking up on what the birds are telling each other, you can begin to get a bigger picture of what is happening in the ecosystem you are in. In this free workshop, participants will learn the five voices birds use to communicate, learn the shapes of bird alarms, and do a bird listening sit and debrief session. This workshop will give participants will have foundational knowledge and resources to go further into the study of Bird Language and aims to foster a deeper connection to nature and wildlife. RSVP by 9/30 to [BirdfestReservations@gmail.com](mailto:BirdfestReservations@gmail.com).

### Just Dandy: The Power of Edible and Medicinal Weeds

Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. No FEE. Join Laura Goldstone from Rewild Portland at the Kiwa Trail for a hands-on hike and healing salve-making workshop. Participants will learn about various uses of common weedy plants like dandelions, dock, and plantain, and learn how to make a simple healing herbal salve. Space is limited. RSVP by 9/30 to [BirdfestReservations@gmail.com](mailto:BirdfestReservations@gmail.com).

**Weaving with Invasive Species** Saturday 12:00 to 4:00 pm. No FEE. Ever wish there was something useful you could do with invasive plants like English Ivy, Himalayan Blackberry, Scotch Broom, or Yellow Flag Iris? Join Peter Bauer, executive director of Rewild Portland as he shares how to use these pesky invaders for weaving and basketry! In this workshop, participants will learn how to make a basket using the coiling method with invasive plants. Space is limited. RSVP by 9/30 to [BirdfestReservations@gmail.com](mailto:BirdfestReservations@gmail.com).

**Beginner Watercolor Workshop** Saturday 12:00 to 1:00 pm. No FEE. In this workshop, participants will be guided step by step though basic watercolor techniques: how to apply a wash, how to apply details with light and shadow, and the effect of distance on colors as they paint a sunset scene in the forest to take home. This workshop will be led by skilled artists and Friends and Refuge volunteers Ron Ward and Laura DeVito, and is appropriate for upper

elementary students to adults. Space is limited. RSVP by 9/30 to [BirdfestReservations@gmail.com](mailto:BirdfestReservations@gmail.com).

### DIY T-shirt Couture Workshop

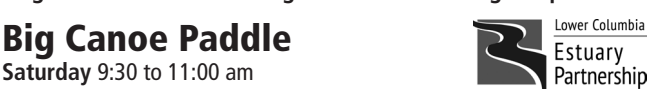
Saturday and Sunday 12:00 to 1:00 pm. No FEE. Learn how to easily repurpose old tee-shirts into ready-to-wear styles. With a few snips of the scissors and a few ties you can create a fresh new halter, crop, or workout top. Bring a shirt of your own or grab one from our bin. RSVP by 9/30 to [BirdfestReservations@gmail.com](mailto:BirdfestReservations@gmail.com).

### Kayak Tours - Guided Interpretive Paddle.

Saturday (2 trips) 10:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Sunday (2 trips) 10:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Cost: \$30. Youth free when accompanied by adult in a double kayak. Limit 40 people in each trip. All experience levels welcome. Single and double kayaks available. We welcome home the winter migration! Bring your own lunch, water, binocs, rain gear always, and a dry set of clothes for the car. Reservation deadline is September 28<sup>th</sup>. Cancellations and refunds are not an option. Meet at the Ridgefield Marina, 5 Mill Street. Make reservations on-line at: <http://AlderCreek.rezgo.com/details/77778/ridgefield-birdfest-bluegrass-paddle>

**Big Canoe Paddle** Saturday 9:30 to 11:00 am



Join the Estuary Partnership for a family friendly canoe paddle through the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Participants paddle 14-passenger 29' canoes to experience Lake River from a unique on-water perspective. Estuary Partnership staff will be on each canoe to steer, offer paddling advice, and share information about the river and surrounding ecosystem. A suggested \$10 per adult donation supports the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Volunteers will be on-site to collect cash or check donations. Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/event/ridgefield-birdfest-paddle-10116-930-1130am-tickets-26805567173>

Lower Columbia  
Estuary  
Partnership

## Events listed in this matrix are *Free* - 3 locations - tons to do and see!

Location		8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	
Downtown Ridgefield	Saturday, October 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016	At Davis Park } At View Ridge Middle School }		Family Zone Activities Tent and Birders' Marketplace are open									
				Story Time at the Ridgefield Library	Story Time at the Ridgefield Library	ZAP Oregon Zoo Display Animals		ProPhoto Photo Contest Winners Announced		Audubon Birds on Display			
							Audubon LIVE BIRD Show		Wildlife Trafficking				
Carty Unit & Cathlapotle Plankhouse	Saturday, October 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016			Cathlapotle Plankhouse Tours, Kids' Grove Activities and Community Partners Booths									
						Community & Nature Center Creativity Tent & Weaving with Invasive Species							
				Geology Walk			A Walk Through the Oaks						
Refuge River 'S' Unit & the Kiwa Trail	Saturday, October 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016	The River 'S' Unit's Auto Tour Route will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday dawn until dusk. The Kiwa Trail will be open, specially for BirdFest.											
			Audubon Naturalist-Staffed Spotting Scopes										
		Audubon Guided Bird Walk											
Downtown Ridgefield	Sunday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	At Davis Park } At Old Liberty Theater }		Family Zone Activities Tent and Birders' Marketplace are open									
						Audubon Birds on Display							
						Promised Land Movie Screening							
Carty Unit & Cathlapotle Plankhouse	Sunday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016			Cathlapotle Plankhouse Tours, Kids' Grove Activities and Community Partners Booths									
			Bird Walk on the Carty Unit			Community & Nature Center Creativity Tent & Flintknapping							
			Cathlapotle Village Hike							Traditional Salmon Bake			
Refuge River 'S' Unit & the Kiwa Trail	Sunday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	The River 'S' Unit's Auto Tour Route will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday dawn until dusk. The Kiwa Trail will be open, specially for BirdFest.											
			Audubon Naturalist Staffed Spotting Scopes										

## Downtown Ridgefield

### Birders' Marketplace

Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Sunday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Arts & Crafts galore! Located in the Ridgefield Community Center and on Mill Street. Fabulous photographs, garden art, jewelry, wood carving, books, bird supplies, glass, ceramics, and much more. Come see the Refuge Photography contest winners. Exhibits will feature all sorts of information about birds, plants, and local wildlife. Come learn, explore, and even get a head start on holiday gifts!

### Food Vendors

Saturday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Sunday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Located in booths along Mill Street.

### Family Zone

Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Sunday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Davis Park. The Western Tanager is the 2016 Bird of the Year! This year's Davis Park Family Zone activities are centered around creating new things from 'old' objects and seeing everyday objects with fresh eyes. We invite participants to build and fill Boxed Bird Feeders for our feathered friends, try your hand at jewelry making with Natural and Found Items, color canvas bags, or just let your imagination run wild at our Creation Station. Come and join us for hands-on activities that encourage your family members to express their creative side and experience how fun it is to repurpose old items!

### Story Time at the Ridgefield Library

Saturday 10:00 to 11:00 am & 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Head over to the Ridgefield Library for a story featuring some of our favorite wildlife tales.

### Wildlife Trafficking: USFWS Office of Law Enforcement investigates global wildlife crime.

Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm. Located in the Library of the View Ridge Middle School. Join USFWS Special Agent Shelia O'Connor as she shares tales from her work investigating global wildlife crime including investigations involving smuggling, endangered species, and domestic wildlife.

### Audubon Live Bird Show

Saturday 1:00 pm at View Ridge Middle School. Come meet owls, falcons, and a vulture from the Audubon Society of Portland. Learn about the amazing abilities and adaptations that help them survive in the wild. You will also learn about ways Audubon "inspires people to love and protect nature." Get up close to some of these birds you'd see on the Refuge. This show is sponsored by the *Ridgefield Business Association*.



### Photography Contest Winners

Saturday 2:00 pm. Located in the main tent in Davis Park. Photography winners will be announced by ProPhoto Supply and awards given.

### Audubon Live Birds Up-Close on Display

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Sunday 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Davis Park. You can get a close-up look at these magnificent birds, and learn about their habitats. This show is sponsored by the *Ridgefield Business Association*.

### ZAP Oregon Zoo Animal Display

Saturday 12:00 to 2:00 pm. In Davis Park. ZAP Teens will be on hand with a chance to discover some amazing animal skulls and pelts.

### Promised Land Film

Sunday 1:00 pm. Old Liberty Theatre. Join the Friends and our partner in the Plankhouse Project, the Chinook Indian Nation, for a screening of the new documentary, Promised Land. This film follows two tribes in the Pacific NW as they fight for the restoration of treaty rights they've long been denied. The film examines a larger problem in the way that the government and society still looks at tribal sovereignty. Stay after for a Q&A with Chinook Nation [www.promisedlanddoc.com](http://www.promisedlanddoc.com)

## Refuge Carty Unit & Cathlapotle Plankhouse

### Cathlapotle Plankhouse Tours & Kids Grove

Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Docent led tours of the Plankhouse will highlight Chinookan culture. This year's Kids' Grove activities will explore the cultural and natural history of the Carty Unit. We invite visitors to Fly Like an Eagle in our dress up photo booth, peer through a microscope and explore the Hidden World of Aquatic Insects, try your hand at making Oak Gall Ink, and create your very own natural material accessories at our Cordage, Bead Drill, and Wooden Medallion stations, and of course things will be Just Ducky as we make cattail friends. Join us for hands-on activities that encourage your family members to explore the natural and cultural environment at the Refuge!



### Community Partner Booths

Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Next to the Plankhouse. Learn about the many organizations that are helping teach about the nature, culture, ecology, and history of our region.

### Geology Walk

Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. "Montana Comes to Ridgefield — How the Missoula Floods Influenced the

RNWR." Join local geologist, Jim Maul, for a fun and entertaining walk where you can see lasting impacts from the cataclysmic floods at the end of the last ice age. Meet at the foot of the pedestrian bridge.

### Community & Nature Center Creativity Tent

Saturday and Sunday 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Consultants will be on site to encourage public input and assistance in developing a creative vision for the New Ridgefield Refuge Community and Nature Center. The imagination tent will include displays related to new and exciting ideas for this community asset, as well as displays relating to the work completed to date. Visitors will be encouraged to participate.

### A Walk Through the Oaks

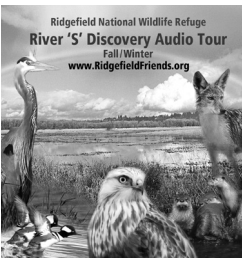
Saturday 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Since time immemorial, the lives of people, wildlife, and oak trees have been deeply interconnected. Join Refuge Naturalist, Roland Begin, on a leisurely stroll under our ancient oaks and discover the many relationships they have with their environment. Meet at the tent across from the pedestrian bridge.

### Bird Walk on the Carty Unit

Sunday 8:30 to 11:00 am. Bird the Oaks to Wetlands Trail with guides from Vancouver Audubon Society. This is an excellent opportunity to sharpen your birding skills with experienced local birders. Meet at the tent between the pedestrian

### Audio CD for Tour Route

Available Saturday and Sunday and all throughout the year. Enjoy the discovery audio interpretive tour of the River 'S' Unit. You can download the free podcast at: [www.Ridgefield-Friends.org](http://www.Ridgefield-Friends.org) or on iTunes.® Or borrow an Audio CD at the Visitor Contact Station, and follow the markers around the auto-tour route. Find out why this land became a Refuge. What are those big furry animals in the water?



### Audubon Naturalist Guided Bird Walk on the Kiwa Trail

Saturday 8:30 to 11:00. Bird the Kiwa Trail with guides from Vancouver Audubon Society. This is an excellent opportunity to sharpen your birding skills with experienced local birders. Meet at the tent by the Kiwa Trailhead for this free walk. You will need at least 15 minutes to get from the entry of River S to the Kiwa trail. Sponsored by Vancouver Audubon.

### Audubon Naturalist-Staffed Spotting Scopes

Saturday and Sunday 9:00 to 3:00. On your trip around the River S unit, stop at the Hunt Gate (just after mile marker 4) to visit with Vancouver Audubon Society birders staffing the scoping station overlooking the wetlands of the hunt zone, an area not usually open for public access. We hope to view dancing Sandhill Cranes again this year. Please proceed to parking inside the gate.



In addition to the Birders' Marketplace, please visit local businesses in Ridgefield. In addition to the BirdFest Food Vendors, visit local restaurants: **Sportsman's Steakhouse & Saloon, Old Liberty Theater - Season's Coffee Shop**, El Rancho Viejo, Vinnie's Pizza, Pioneer Street Cafe, Ridgefield Pioneers Market and the Starliner Deli. Need a place to stay? Visit: [www.LewisRiver.com](http://www.LewisRiver.com).