



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Volunteer Opportunity

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Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Needs Your Help

Various Projects Available for Volunteers

The staff of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge are gearing up for their busiest time of year on the refuge and are looking for individuals who can spare a few hours a week to help out. Volunteers are needed for trail work and repair, invasive species removal, operation of the visitor contact station, and tasks related to the Cathlapotle Plankhouse Project. Training, equipment and supplies will be provided by the refuge. All that is needed are a few extra hands to help.

Enjoy the perks of volunteering on the refuge such as the beautiful scenery and serenity of your "work place". Watch wildlife while you work and learn about what goes on behind the scenes in keeping the refuge in shape for the plants and the animals. Best of all, you'll know that your contribution of time and effort helps to make the refuge a better place for people and wildlife, and can provide you with valuable and rewarding experiences.

Volunteer work is available both during the week and on the weekends. To sign up, please contact Yvette Donovan at (360) 887-4106, or by e-mail: yvette_donovan@fws.gov.

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