

Bringing Organized Groups to Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

Organized groups are welcomed and encouraged to visit the refuge and enjoy the wonders it has to offer. However, in order to protect the refuge and its wildlife, and to provide the best experience for all visitors, some guidelines and restrictions are necessary.

Scheduling

- A “group” is defined as more than 15 individuals visiting the refuge together. These could include non-profit organizations, scout troops, or family get-togethers. The maximum group size authorized on the refuge is 50 people. Only one group will be permitted on the refuge at any given time.
- Formal environmental education student field trips are managed separately. Please contact the refuge for more information.
- If you want to come as a group, please contact the refuge, by email or by letter, no less than 14 days before your visit and let us know your plans. The earlier the better. We can advise you of opportunities that you may take advantage of that day, or we can notify you of any potential conflicts with other groups. Please tell us the name of your group, how many people are attending, what date and time you plan to arrive, how long you plan on staying, and what activities you will be doing. Also, provide a contact name, phone number, address, and email address for your group. If corresponding by email, please enter “Group Reservations” in the subject line.
- Currently there is no entrance fee to visit the refuge; however, one is planned for the future. At that time, fees will apply to organized groups.
- It is the policy of Tualatin River NWR to authorize organizations the recovery of operating costs, including travel, incurred when conducting group visits to the refuge. However, charging participants any additional fees beyond operating costs is not permitted.

Visiting the Refuge—things you need to know

- Use the main visitor entrance at 19255 SW Pacific Hwy (99W), Sherwood, OR.
- All visitors are required to abide by the regulations posted at trailheads, along the trails, and printed in refuge brochures.
- Maximum group size is 50 people.
- Parking is limited, so please carpool, take the Tri-Met bus, or arrange for group transportation. We encourage you to use alternate transportation to the refuge when you have more than 5 vehicles. Due to limited parking, we require that a group park no more than 15 vehicles on site.
- When visiting the trails, break your group up into 15 people or less. Stagger your smaller groups with at least 150 yards in between. Move quietly and slowly. Use binoculars and spotting scopes to get an up close view of wildlife without affecting their behavior.
- Use pullouts and viewpoints to set up spotting scopes. This will allow your group to enjoy the view and allow other visitors to move past without leaving the trail.
- The refuge is open daily from dawn to dusk. Entrance gates will open and close automatically.
- Walking only—no jogging, driving, or bicycling. No off trail use is allowed. Pets are not allowed anywhere on the refuge.
- Restrooms are located in the parking area and in the Wildlife Center only. There are no restrooms along the trail. Please plan accordingly.
- No picnic areas are provided at the refuge.

Send correspondence to:

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