



## Willapa National Wildlife Refuge



Great blue heron/ Photo Courtesy of Rollin Bannow

## FAQs for Group Tours

**Is there motor coach parking?** There is limited parking for motor coaches at our **headquarters** location on State Route 101. If possible, avoid late August to late September as our parking area is often full of boat trailers for the early big game hunting season. **Leadbetter Point** has RV/motor coach parking on the south side of the parking area. Stackpole Road becomes a single lane road with pull-outs near its end. A Discover Pass is required for parking in the Leadbetter Point parking area.

**Are there bathrooms available?** There are no flush toilets or running water at the refuge. There are two outhouse-style toilets at our headquarters location on Hwy 101. There is one outhouse-style toilet at Leadbetter Point parking area.

**Is there a gift shop?** There are a few items for purchase at our headquarters location on State Route 101 during business hours (Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm). The items include pocket wildlife guides, calendars and a few t-shirts. Stock is limited – if the refuge knows of your visit, the Friends of Willapa National Wildlife Refuge may be able to have more stock on hand or have items available outside of normal business hours.

**Are there entry fees?** There is no fee to visit the refuge. The Leadbetter Point parking area is shared with Washington State Parks and a Discover Pass is required to use this parking area.

**Are there any additional costs?** If visiting the Leadbetter Point Unit a Discover Pass is required for parking.

**Are guided tours available?** A guide may be available with an advanced request made to the refuge. See contact information below.

**Where can I get a refuge map?** Maps are available online at [www.fws.gov/willapa](http://www.fws.gov/willapa) or by contacting the refuge. See contact information below.

**Is there educational programming available for student groups?** Programs may be available with an advanced request made to the refuge. Some lesson plan suggestions can be found at [www.fws.gov/willapa/education](http://www.fws.gov/willapa/education). See contact information below.

**What can I do with 25-50 passengers?** Few refuge facilities are designed for large groups. The two locations that can accommodate a motor coach and groups over 10 individuals are the Willapa Art Trail, at our headquarters location on State Route 101, and the Viewing Platform at Leadbetter Point. Please encourage your group to stay on trails to minimize damage to important wildlife habitat. Keeping voices low, traveling in smaller groups, and using binoculars or spotting scopes will help individuals see more wildlife. To keep groups small and to use time more effectively, consider encouraging part of your group to use the restrooms while the other part walks the trail. You can split the group and have them walk loop trails in opposite directions.

**How long are the trails and what is their difficulty?**

- Willapa Art Trail, EASY/ BOARDWALK  
0.25 mi, located at our Headquarters location on State Route 101
- Cutthroat Climb, MODERATE/DIFFICULT  
0.75 mi loop from the Willapa Art Trail
- Leadbetter Point Unit Trails, EASY
  - Viewing platform, 300 ft
  - Bay Loop Trail, 1.2 mi loop, can be flooded between October - May

**Who should I contact at the refuge to get additional information or request a guide?** Nancy Holman, Visitor Services Manager, at [nancy\\_holman@fws.gov](mailto:nancy_holman@fws.gov) or 360-484-3482 x23