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*Davis Park: 300 N. Main Ave
Community Center: 210 N. Main Ave
War Memorials: 117 N. 3rd Ave
Pickled Heron Gallery: 418 Pioneer St
Kayak Launch: 5 Mill Street
Belltower Cathedral: 113 S Main Ave*

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Welcome to the Ridgefield Centennial Celebration

August 22, 2009

One hundred years ago, on August 20, 1909, the sound of church bells, firecrackers, and the whooping celebration of townspeople greeted the incorporation of Ridgefield, Washington. A special election had been held that day and incorporation was favored by a vote of 62-12.

*Excerpt from the Centennial Book,
written by Rebecca Standal*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 21st

4:00 pm —7:00 pm

Commissioners' Picnic—Boat Launch



Saturday, August 22nd

9:00 am—4:00 pm

All Weather Walkers Volksmarch
begins at Abrams Park

9:00 am—9:30 am

Bag Pipe March

Davis Park to War Memorials
At Fire Station

9:30 am—10:00 am

Post & Retire Colors

Honor Fallen Heroes

War Memorials at Fire Station

10:00 am

Welcome Address and Celebration

Open Declaration—Davis Park

10:00 am—10:30 am

Best Costume and Best Beard

Registration & Judging

Pickled Heron Gallery

10:00 am—4:00 pm

Community Center Open with
antique displays, photos, postal
cancellation, information and much
more!

“Journeys to and Anecdotes of Ridge-
field’s Past” Video by Steve Seymour

Davis Park open with antique farm
equipment and Dutch Oven Cooking

Kids make their own time capsules at
Ridgefield Library

Lion’s Club Health Screenings —Mill St

Local artist exhibit & sale—Davis Park

10:00 am

Refuge Walking Tour with John

Burrow—River “S” Unit (est 1 1/2 hrs)

RSVP (360) 887-4106

10:00 am

Kayak Paddle Tour —Kayak Launch

RSVP 360-727-4520 (est 4 1/2 hrs)

10:00 am— 1:00 pm

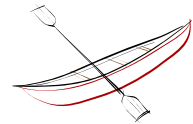
Children’s games—Davis Park



Guided Paddle Tour

10:00 am

Join a guided paddle tour with Ridgefield Kayak of Bachelor Slough. This is a great opportunity for paddlers to enjoy the magical solitude, the amazing birding opportunities, and the historical and cultural history of the area. Paddle a segment of the Lewis and Clark Trail while surrounded by the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Kayak rentals will be made at a greatly reduced price for this tour of \$25/adult (no charge for kids with an adult reservation). Space is limited and reservations are required. Please contact Ridgefield Kayak 360-727-4520 or 503-319-1146 for trip details and to make reservations. (Estimated 4.5 hrs.) **Pack a lunch, water and wear layered outdoor clothing.**



Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership (LCREP) Guided Canoe Tour

11:00 am

1:00 pm (repeated tour)

These tours are a special opportunity to join a guided paddle tour in the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership's Big Canoes. This truly unique boat is modeled after historical Voyager canoes. The 34-foot fiberglass replica boat can seat up to 16 guests. Paddle segments of the Lewis and Clark Trail and learn about the natural and cultural resources of the area. LCREP is offering this tour at a special price of \$5/adult and kids free. Space is limited and reservations required. Please contact, Carl Poston 503-226-1565 ext. 243 or poston@lcrep.org, for trip details and to reserve your spot. (Estimated 1.5 hr)

Introduction:

From an ancient village to a modern day town, the Columbia River has been an integral part of Ridgefield's evolution. For millennia, the River nourished and linked thriving Native American cultures. Famed explorers encamped along the shoreline of Ridgefield in a 'butifull grassy plac[e]'. Fur traders would use the route along Lake River from Ridgefield to Vancouver Lake to avoid the River's currents when returning to Fort Vancouver. Basalt barged from the Ridgefield area paved the early roads of downtown Portland. Soon steamboats would link the River's people and merchandise. Local sloughs staged massive rafts of timber needed to build a growing nation. Locally harvested potatoes were ferried to rail lines in Ridgefield enroute to market. Ridgefield has long been home port for sport and commercial anglers. Today, recreationalists flock to Ridgefield for wildlife viewing and river based recreation. Join the following tours to learn more about Ridgefield from the River's perspective.

Tours:**Refuge Walking Tour with John Burrow****10:00 am**

Hike a portion of Bachelor Island with John Burrow, who was born and raised on a farm on Bachelor Island. John will provide a unique history about life in the floodplain when floods were measured by the number of submerged front porch steps. Learn about the days of school boats that would ferry children between the island farms to school on the mainland. Learn from John's experiences and ask questions about life in the floodplain. Space is limited for this free event; please contact Eric Anderson at 360-887-4106 to reserve a spot or to make special arrangements. (Estimated 1-1.5 hr)

10:30 am—11:00 am

Columbia River Chorus—Davis Park

11:00 am—11:30 am

Old Time Fiddlers —Davis Park

11:00 am—repeated at 1:00 pm

LCREP Guided Canoe Tour

Kayak Launch (est 1 1/2 hours)

Pre-registration required

RSVP to Carl Poston at

(503) 226-1565 ext 243

11:00 am—3:00 pm

Cars Through the Decades Show

Main Ave (Mill St to Ash St)

11:00 am—12:00 pm

Fashions through the Decades Show

Old Liberty Theatre

11:30 am—12:15 pm

Dixieland Band—Davis Park

12:15 pm—1:00 pm

Ridgefield Families Honored

Davis Park

1:00 pm—1:05 pm

Lifetime Achievement Award

Davis Park

1:05 pm—1:10 pm

Best Costume & Beard Winners

Announced - Davis Park

Refreshments to follow in the

Community Center

1:20 pm—2:30 pm

Old-time Living Legends Presentation

Community Center

2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Opus School of Music - Davis Park

3:00 pm—4:00 pm

Celtic Dancers - Davis Park

4:00 pm—6:00 pm—Cemetery Tours

Registration required beginning at

11:00 am with the Coffin Cruisers at

Davis Park

Parking and shuttle available at the

Ridgefield Church of the Nazarene

beginning at 4:00 pm

7:00 pm—10:00 pm

Centennial Dance

Belltower Cathedral

Food Vendors Available:**Hamburgers— Hot dogs— Pizza— Tacos****Nachos—Pie—Cotton Candy—Popcorn—****Shaved Ice—Roasted Nuts—Root Beer Floats****Special Centennial tea lunch****Myrtle's Tea House— 112 S Main Ave****Reservations necessary—887-9018**