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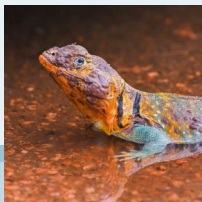
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Friends of the Wichitas
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friendsofthewichitas.org

Support the Wichita Mountains National
Wildlife Refuge by
volunteering with the Friends

- Serve on a committee
- Serve on the Friends board
- Nature Store staff
- Fundraising
- Grant writing

Friends of the Wichitas is a 501c3
organization. Membership dues are
tax deductible.



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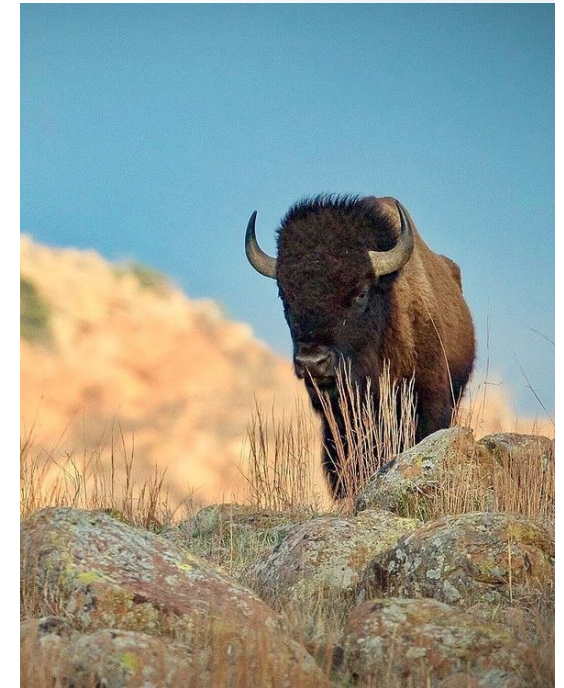
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Friends of the Wichitas

The Association of the Friends of the Wichitas is a 501c3 non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to supporting the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.

Mission: To deepen appreciation for and support of the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge and the extraordinary landscape, wildlife, and cultural resources the Refuge protects.

Goals: To educate the visiting public, advocate for the Refuge, assist the Refuge in accomplishing its mission of “conservation and management of fish, wildlife, and habitat resources for the benefit of present and future generations,” and to provide support to youth groups attending educational tours and classes at the Refuge.

Challenges: The Refuge receives 2.1 million visitors annually. It is allotted 34 staff members to care for 59,000 acres. Flexibility and federal funding limits can prevent the US Fish & Wildlife Service from accomplishing its mission. Nationally, Wildlife Refuges thrive when separate, local Friends organizations rally support for the Refuge, provide volunteers, and step in to fill critical gaps. That’s where Friends of the Wichitas comes in. Join us and help ensure that future generations get to experience the same natural legacy that we love!

Four Easy Ways to Join



- ◆ Complete the form in this brochure and mail it with your check
- ◆ Pay with a credit card on line at FriendsOfTheWichitas.org
- ◆ Pay through PayPal

on our website

- ◆ In person at the Nature Store inside the Visitor’s Center

Benefits of Membership

- ◆ Digital newsletter
- ◆ Membership meetings
- ◆ 10% discount at the Nature Store
- ◆ Members only orientation tours

Friend’s Nature Store

The Friends Nature Store, operated by the Friends of the Wichitas, offers maps, books, information about the Refuge, gifts and souvenirs. The Friends Nature Store also offers convenient on-line shopping and direct-to-home delivery at shop.friendsofthewichitas.org

Friends of the Wichitas Support

- ◆ Historic restoration efforts
- ◆ Trail improvements & interpretive signs
- ◆ Refuge cleanup
- ◆ Nature Store
- ◆ K-12 environmental educational field trips
- ◆ Public programming
- ◆ Camp Doris
- ◆ Landscape maintenance
- ◆ Recycling
- ◆ Invasives eradication
- ◆ Aerial surveys



The Ferguson House, a registered historic landmark within the Refuge, was destroyed by fire in 2010. The Friends of the Wichitas raised \$70,000 through a matching grant in order to restore the iconic landmark.