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The Friends of the 500th is a volunteer, nonprofit organization formed in 1996 to support the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge, our Nation's 500th National Wildlife Refuge.

Our mission is:

- To preserve and promote awareness of the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge and to conserve the unique natural and cultural resources contained therein, while promoting nature oriented education.
- To enlist volunteers, sponsor special events, and provide public involvement in decision making as it relates to the preservation and appreciation of the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

We are part of a network of more than 200 Friends groups committed to protecting and improving Refuge resources.



We seek members who treasure the beauty and resources of this unique natural area and who appreciate the opportunities that Canaan Valley offers.

Stay informed and be involved.

Join the Friends of the 500th.

Visit the Friends Bookstore at the Refuge Visitor Center for Canaan Valley area maps, local history books, field guides, children's discovery tools and special Friends publications, including our annual Canaan Valley calendar.

Supporting the Conservation and Appropriate Public Use of Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge The Nation's 500th



Located at:
Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge
Visitor Center
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Canaan Valley, WV

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Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge

In 1994 Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge was dedicated as the Nation's 500th with the purchase of 86 acres. Today, the Refuge comprises 16,550 acres of special habitat and contains 580 species of plants and 280 species of animals.

In 1974, Canaan Valley was designated as a *National Natural Landmark* because of its extraordinary wetland attributes.

Canaan Valley is the largest high elevation valley east of the Mississippi River. The high altitude and cool moist climate sustain a unique northern ecosystem unusual this far south. The valley includes a wetland habitat complex that is regionally significant because of its size and diversity. Its associated upland environments are also home to two federally threatened or endangered species:

WV Northern Flying Squirrel and
Cheat Mountain Salamander.

The Refuge Office and Visitor Center and the Friends Bookstore are located south of Davis, WV on SR 32, the Appalachian Highway.

Refuge trailhead signs are placed at access points along SR 93, SR 32, and on A-Frame, Camp 70 and Freeland Roads, on FR 80, and at the end of Beall Lane. Information kiosks are located at the Visitor Center and Refuge parking lots. More than 30 miles of trail are open to the public.