

Pelican Island NWR Vicinity Map



Pelican Island

PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Pelican Island Preservation Society 2016 Events

**Public General Meetings – North Indian River
County Library, Sebastian, 7 PM**

Monday, January 25, 2016
Monday, April 25, 2016—Annual Meeting
Monday, June 27, 2016
Monday, October 24, 2016

Annual Pelican Island Wildlife Festival

Saturday, March 12, 2016
Riverview Park, Sebastian, Florida

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**A citizen support and
advocacy group for
the Pelican Island
National Wildlife
Refuge!**



Pelican Island: USFWS

**...to support and promote Pelican
Island National Wildlife Refuge
and the National Wildlife Refuge
System in their efforts to conserve
habitat and wildlife.**

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The History

Pelican Island acquired its fame at the turn of the century from ornithologists, artists and wildlife photographers who visited the area. Many of these people were disturbed by the slaughter of countless pelicans, herons, egrets and other birds by plume hunters. Local resident Paul Kroegel cared enough to become a staunch protector of the birds and enlisted the support of noted ornithologists such as Frank Chapman, who helped establish the National Audubon Society. Chapman and others convinced President Theodore Roosevelt to set aside Pelican Island as the first National Wildlife Refuge on March 14, 1903.

The Refuge

Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge (PINWR) is located in the Indian River Lagoon between Sebastian and Wabasso on the east coast of central Florida. The refuge includes the original 5.5 acres of Pelican Island and 5000+ acres that have been added since its establishment in 1903.

The Challenge

Over the years, Pelican Island has faced many threats, from those who wished to exploit or destroy its wildlife and natural habitats. Threats to the refuge today mostly consist of loss of habitat to development, poor water quality in the Indian River Lagoon and lack of funding for proper staffing and maintenance.

Pelican Island Preservation Society

PIPS is the public citizen support and advocacy organization for the PINWR. We are an all-volunteer organization and all support goes directly towards conservation, support and advocacy work for the refuge.

What we do

- Heighten awareness of Pelican Island NWR and the more than 500 other National Wildlife Refuges
- Promote national recognition of the natural heritage of the Sebastian area
- Annual Pelican Island Wildlife Festival, celebrating the establishment of Pelican Island and the National Wildlife Refuge System, produced in cooperation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Strong advocate for protection and promotion of Pelican Island NWR and for adequate staffing and funding for the refuge system
- Provide volunteers to assist refuge staff with projects at the refuge, such as invasive plant control, re-vegetation, wildlife inventories and monitoring, refuge tours, and more
- Provide funding to assist refuge staff with major refuge projects such as restoring/protecting Pelican Island from erosion, production of historical Pelican Island NWR PBS documentary, saving trees from development by transplantation to the PINWR, development of a new public observation platform, and more!

Membership Application

Membership category:	Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (under 18)	\$5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate/Business	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime – one-time donation	\$500.00

Total: _____

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Method of Payment

If paying by check, please make your check out to the Pelican Island Preservation Society and mail to the address below. If you would like to pay your dues or make a donation by credit card, please visit our website and click on "Donate".

Membership renewal begins in April each year..

The Pelican Island Preservation Society is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization and all contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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