### Welcome

# Cranes of the World

### at the INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION



Black Crowned Cranes Spirit of Africa

Zen Garden and Fountain Cranes and Culture Plaza





Siberian Crane Wetland Exhibit

## Members Make All the Difference



## Join our Family!

Cranes are messengers alerting us to the health of the landscapes and natural resources that benefit all life on Earth—but they need your help!

Members are vitally important to sustain our conservation work.

Please ask a staff member for details or visit us online at www.savingcranes.org

#### Please follow these guidelines during your visit

- Stay behind guardrails and on marked paths at all times. Please do not call to the cranes or imitate their behavior.
- Do not collect feathers. Permits are required to legally possess the feathers of many birds. Please leave them in nature. Our naturalists can show you a variety of crane feathers.
- Keeping our site clean means keeping our cranes healthy. Because cranes are omnivorous (they eat everything), they can mistake litter for food.
- Help us keep the cranes in top condition by not sharing your food with them. They get expert daily care with a well-balanced diet.
- Pets are not permitted. Only pre-approved ADA service animals are allowed.
- Smoking cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or vaping is not permitted anywhere at this facility.





#### **Gateway Theater**

High-definition projectors, curated videos, and interviews from our staff tell the stories of our fieldwork around the world.

#### Johnson Exhibit Pod

That's 360 degrees of crane! This exhibit pod is home to six crane species. From Asia to Africa and Europe, cranes are ambassadors for conservation and international cooperation—serving as flagship species for some of the most important places on Earth.

#### Spirit of Africa

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#### **Cranes and Culture Plaza**

The Cranes and Culture Plaza is a place for reflection and inspiration, so be sure to take a break, spin the prayer wheels, and rake the Zen garden.

#### **Prayer Wheels**

Prayer wheels are used as a meditation practice to collect wisdom and to purify bad karma. Our prayer wheels, handmade in Nepal, are embellished with cranes and filled with written prayers. Spin the wheel clockwise as the mantras move with the sun across the sky.



#### Zen Garden

Zen Gardens bring peace and tranquility through natural elements and meditation. Stop by and learn about how these natural elements represent critical crane habitat.

#### Whooping Crane Alcove and Wetlands Experience

What will the future hold for Whooping and Siberian Cranes? These birds came perilously close to extinction. Learn about the extraordinary and tireless efforts by people around the world to bring them back—and the challenges they still face.

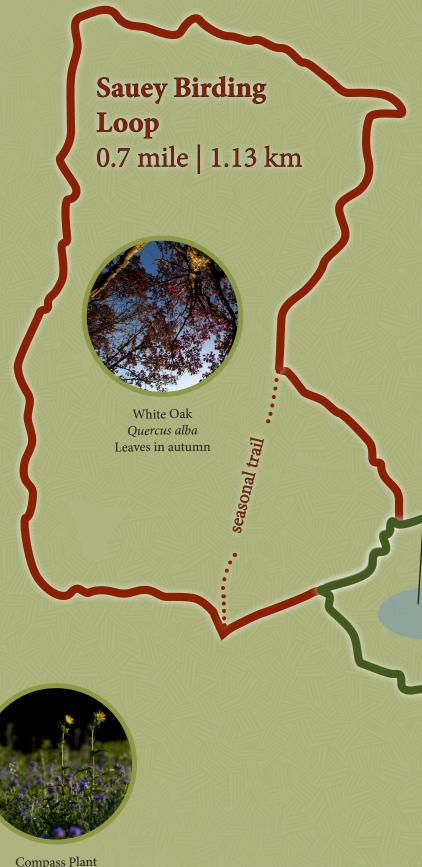
#### Senbazuru - A Thousand Cranes

When you add your wish, you help make ours come true ~ a safe world for cranes and all life on Earth.

In ancient times, cranes were thought to live for a thousand years. This belief gave rise to the hopeful motif of a thousand cranes, often expressed through the art of origami. This flock of origami cranes reflects the *Senbazuru* theme and is an interactive art installation conveying well wishes, and inspirational messages. Your donation will help support all of our far-reaching conservation work.

Ask our Welcome Center staff how you can add your personalized message and origami crane to our Senbazuru with a donation.

## **Explore our nature trails!**



Wander our nature trails in any season, and you will encounter colorful displays of vibrant native plant and grass species. The diverse landscape also supports a variety of birds and butterflies and reflects over 30 years of restoration effort. You will experience a variety of native ecosystems, including oak savanna, native prairie, and wetlands. Photos by Tom Lynn.

Wild Sandhill Cranes nest in Gromme Marsh between April and July. To give them the privacy to incubate eggs and care for chicks, please respect all trail closure signs.

> **Prairie Loop** 0.5 mile | 0.8 km

Wetland Loop 0.3 mile | 0.48 km

> **Branch Family Trail** 0.1 mile | 0.15 km

**To Exhibits** (Trailhead) See exhibit map

Wild Lupine Lupinus perennis Blooms in May and June

Compass Plant Silphium laciniatum Blooms from June to August



New England Aster Symphyotrichum novae-angliae Blooms from August to October



Walking trails only. Please do not take scooters, wheelchairs, bicycles, or strollers onto trails. Thank you!



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#### **KEY**



Restroom ADA Accessibility

Drinking Fountain



Scooter Rental ADA Accessibility



Paved path

Unpaved path



Gift Shop www.craneshop.org

ADA Accessibility: Paved exhibit paths are ADA accessible. Motorized scooters are available on a first-come, first-served basis at no charge. Scooters are not allowed on unpaved paths.



We have installed Listen Technologies Listen Loop, compatible with all modern Γ-Coil hearing aids for effortless istening. Ask our visitor center staff for more information

Buildings and Shelters

First Aid and AED

Storm Shelter -(To lower level of library building)

**Branch Family Trail Hiking Trailhead** 





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