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CRANE DISCOVERY CENTER

INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION



VISITOR GUIDE



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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 more than 30 years of restoration effort. You will experience a variety of native ecosystems, including oak savanna, native prairie, and wetlands. (Photos by Tom Lynn)

SAUEY BIRDING LOOP

0.7 mile | 1.13 km



White Oak
Quercus alba
Leaves in Autumn

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.



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

PRAIRIE LOOP

0.5 mile | 0.8 km

STEDMAN LANDSCAPE LOOP

0.4 mile | 0.64 km

DEEDEE'S WETLAND TRAIL

0.3 mile | 0.48 km

BRANCH FAMILY TRAIL

0.1 mile | 0.15 km

TO EXHIBITS
(TRAIL HEAD)



Compass Plant
Silphium laciniatum
Blooms from June to August



Wild Lupine
Lupinus perennis
Blooms in May and June

**WALKING
TRAILS ONLY.**

Please do not take scooters, wheelchairs, bicycles, or strollers onto trails.

THANK YOU!

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KEY / LEGEND

- RESTROOM
ADA Accessibility
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- SCOOTER RENTAL
ADA Accessibility
- FIRST AID AND AED
- GIFT SHOP
www.craneshop.org
- PICNIC TABLES
- BUILDINGS & SHELTERS
- PAVED VISITOR PATH
- UNPAVED VISITOR PATH
- EXHIBIT AREA
- WATER AREA

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.



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GEORGE ARCHIBALD WELCOME CENTER
Watch our signature film, enjoy indoor views of Sandhill Cranes, learn about our conservation work through interactive exhibits, and find the perfect souvenir of your visit at our world-class gift shop.

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

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.

CRANES AND CULTURE PLAZA
The Cranes and Culture Plaza is a place for reflection and inspiration, so be sure to take a break near our Zen Garden, spin the prayer wheels, and listen to the sounds of our Red-crowned Crane fountain sculpted by Richard Van Heuvelen.

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.

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.

SAUEY FAMILY OVERLOOK
Take a seat and enjoy an expansive view of our prairie, woodland, and trails. You may see wild Sandhill Cranes nesting in Gromme Marsh below, observe the sweeping colors of wildflowers in bloom, and hear the melodies of abundant songbirds.

SPIRIT OF AFRICA
The African continent is home to six crane species threatened by habitat loss, climate change, poaching, and illegal trade. Learn about our creative conservation approaches to save them from extinction.

MIGRATION CENTER
For just eight weeks each year, a 70-mile stretch of the Platte River in the heart of North America becomes a vital haven for over half a million Sandhill Cranes. Experience the spectacle of the annual migration through a stunning mural of the Platte painted by artist Victor Bakhtin. The Migration Center is restored from the barn that originally stood on this site.

MEMBERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE



Cranes are messengers alerting us to the health of the landscape 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 membership details or join online at savingcranes.org.

JOIN THE FLOCK!

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.
- Leave feathers where you find them. Permits are required to legally possess the feathers of many birds. Please leave them in nature.
- 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.
- For the comfort of all guests and cranes, smoking, including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and vaping is only permitted in the parking lot.

[SAVINGCRANES.ORG](https://savingcranes.org)

