CRANE DISCOVERY CENTER

INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION



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.

KEY / LEGEND



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.