



MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, Sept. 27 | Gates open at 9 a.m.

Whooping Crane Exhibit

9:15 a.m. Sandhill Crane Update

Anne Lacy, *Director of Eastern Flyway Programs – North America*

11 a.m. Whooping Crane Update

Alicia Ward, *Whooping Crane Research Assistant*



Sandhill Crane Exhibit

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Open House

Go behind the scenes with our crane care staff to view our Sandhill Cranes' winter yard and building.

Spirit of Africa Mural

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Crane Legacy Society Welcome Booth

Stop by to mingle with fellow Crane Legacy Society members or to learn how you can become one!

Wattled Crane Amphitheater

12:30 p.m. Member Thank You

and Good Egg Awards with Dr. Rich Beilfuss and Dr. George Archibald

2 p.m. Central Asia Program Update

Wali Modaqiq, *Central Asia Program Coordinator*

Guided Public Tours

(Meet at George Archibald Welcome Center)

10 a.m. Crane Behavior 101

1 p.m. Continent of Cranes

3 p.m. Cranes and Culture



10 a.m., 1 p.m.

Guided Prairie Walk

(Meet at Branch Family Trail)

Andy Gossens, *Sandhill Crane Project Manager*

Lunch in the
*Crane Discovery
Center Parking Lot*

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch available for purchase from
Las Milpas Restaurant

Crane City Tours

(Meet in Administration Parking Lot)

11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m.

Experience a behind-the-scenes tour of our crane breeding facility. Tours are first come, first served. In-person registration is required.

Crane Care Open House

(Administration Parking Lot)

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.

Veterinary Clinic and Crane Care Unit

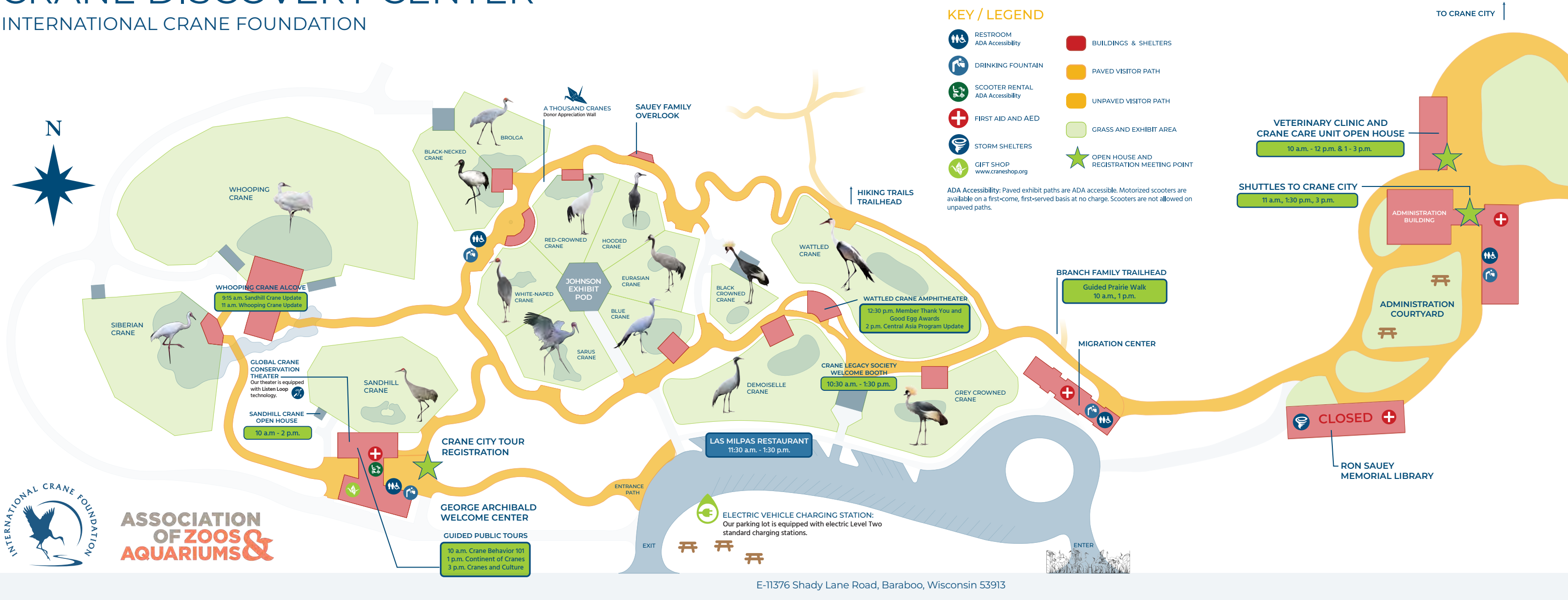
Walk through our clinic and Crane Care Unit to see where we care for the health of our resident flock.



Entrance gate closes at 4:30 p.m.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin

Oct. 25

Good Neighbor Day

Free admission with a food pantry donation.
Baraboo, WI

Oct. 31

Crane Discovery Center

Closing Day

Baraboo, WI

Nov. 15-16

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Celebrating Community and Conservation

Baraboo, WI

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