

**TOUR #2224 - Small Group Behind the Scenes at Cosumnes River Preserve #1 - November 2, 2024**

**TOUR DATE:** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

**TIME:** 3:40 - 5:40 pm

**DESCRIPTION:** THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SEE COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL. Since this is a small group tour, you will have open conversations with the Preserve's biologists and get all of your questions answered. Jointly managed by 9 private and government agencies, the Cosumnes River Preserve is the finest Valley Oak riparian forest and wetland in California. Explore this key link on the Pacific Flyway and learn why its management is considered a model in conservation partnerships. Experienced tour guides will share the 'back story' and guide you through the beauty of the Preserve. You will explore areas that are not open to the public to show how rice farming and managed wetlands provide a home for an extraordinary variety of wildlife. Expect to walk short distances and see hundreds to thousands of migratory waterfowl. Very likely, you will experience the thrill of seeing Sandhill Cranes as they fly into these wetlands for the night to roost.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE TOUR: DIRECTIONS:** The Cosumnes River Preserve is located on Franklin Road, which is East and parallel to Interstate 5. Take the Walnut Grove/Thornton exit on Interstate 5, turn east then left onto Thornton Road which turns into Franklin Road near the Visitor Center. **NOTE: Franklin Road between the CRP visitor center and Twin Cities Road may be closed for bridge repair.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Park in the upper or lower parking lot and meet your guide in front of the Visitors Center.

**DRIVE TIME:** Drive time from Hutchins Street Square in Lodi, California to this tour is approximately 35 minutes.

**LANDS PASS:** No Lands Pass is required for this tour

**TRANSPORTATION:** You will drive your own vehicle or carpool in a caravan to various locations on the preserve

**CHECK-IN:** Meet your guide at the Cosumnes River Preserve Visitor Center, 13501 Franklin Blvd, Galt, CA, 95632 by 3:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** Binoculars will be helpful.