

TOUR #425 - Crane Fly-In WER North Unit #1 with Crane Expert Paul Tebbel - November 7, 2025

TOUR DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

TIME: 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.

DESCRIPTION: This tour has all the excitement of the other fly-in tours in the area, but visitors will be able to view the Sandhill Cranes (and other birds) from the comfort of a viewing shelter. Seating is provided and maps, charts, and pictorials are on display. Also, visitors will be treated to a presentation by Paul Tebbel and Department of Fish and Wildlife docents. The Woodbridge Ecological Reserve North Unit is generally closed to the public, so it is not uncommon for the cranes to settle in up close and personal.

Paul Tebbel, has spent over **45 years watching, researching and learning about cranes**. He studied Sandhill Cranes as an undergraduate in Michigan and researched Sandhill Cranes in central Ontario for his Masters' Thesis. Paul managed National Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary on the Platte River in Nebraska from 1995-2006. A familiar presence at the Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival, Paul has also led field trips and given presentations throughout the western United States, including New Mexico's Festival of the Cranes at Bosque del Apache NWR.

DIRECTIONS TO THE TOUR: Drive west from Interstate 5 on Woodbridge Road for 2 miles. Look for the sign on your right.

INSTRUCTIONS: After check-in, your guide will lead you on a gravel road to the shelter. Park your car with headlights facing away from the water. Please stay in the shelter during the tour except for using the toilets.

DRIVE TIME: Drive time from Hutchins Street Square in Lodi, CA is 20 minutes.

LANDS PASS: All participants are required to carry a current **Lands Pass, fishing or hunting license**. Go to <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/lands-pass> for more information about how to purchase a Lands Pass. You will be required to show your pass or license at that time. For more information about CDFW tours during the season go to this [CDFW website](#).

TRANSPORTATION: Your own vehicle.

CHECK-IN: Check in with your guide at 4:00 p.m. in the Woodbridge Ecological Reserve NORTH parking lot.

NOTE: This Friday night tour may cause customers to arrive back at Hutchins Street Square after the Opening Reception begins. We will hold refreshments if you are registered for the