

TOUR #2325- Stone Lakes Family Birding - November 8, 2025

TOUR DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

TIME: 2:55 – 4:55 p.m.

DESCRIPTION: [Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge](#) is home to over 200 species of birds and is a roosting area for Sandhill Cranes. Join a local guide who will lead you along the [Blue Heron Trails](#) as you explore this family friendly wildlife sanctuary. The tour is tailored to nature lovers, beginning and intermediate birders, photographers, and families. If you have never been to Stone Lakes, this is a great way to get acquainted. Be prepared to walk about a mile and stand for over an hour. Be sure to stay on the trails. Don't forget your camera. A flashlight will be helpful to aide you while walking back to your car. The tour ends at sunset so it will be dark.

DIRECTIONS TO THE TOUR: The Blue Heron Trail at Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge is located just south of Elk Grove. From Lodi, drive north on Interstate 5 and take the Hood Franklin Road exit. Turn west under the freeway and drive for about one mile to Wildlife Reserve Road. The entrance sign and turn lane will be on your left.

INSTRUCTIONS: Binoculars or a spotting scope may be helpful. Don't forget a flashlight. If Sandhill Cranes are visible, they may be at a distance.

DRIVE TIME: The drive time from Hutchins Street Square in Lodi, California to this tour is approximately 30 minutes.

LANDS PASS: No Lands Pass is required for this tour

TRANSPORTATION: You will drive your own personal vehicle

CHECK-IN: Check in with your guide in the Blue Heron Trail parking lot by 2:40. The tour will begin shortly.

NOTE: THIS IS A FREE TOUR BUT YOU MUST SIGN UP HERE.