

## Accessibility Information

*The Nature Conservancy welcomes viewers of all abilities to experience the Sandhill crane migration with us! There is some important information about the experience we would like to share.*

**Our Viewing Blind:** we designed a viewing blind that can accommodate personal mobility devices such as wheelchairs and walkers with a ramp built according to Americans with Disabilities Act specifications of 36" wide with railings on both sides. The viewing windows are lower to the ground and there is ample bench seating.

**The Parking Area** is a swath of mowed grass a half-mile from the blinds to minimize vehicular noise and light disturbing the birds. Cars travel from Alda Rd, a paved highway, down a mowed path to the parking area for roughly 300 feet. There are two marked accessible parking spaces located closest to the beginning of the path to the blinds.

**Getting There:** Guests who use wheelchairs may find it difficult to navigate the half-mile (0.5mi) mowed path traversing uneven prairie terrain to and from the blinds from the parking area. There are small elevation gains of 1-3 feet along the path with steep grades.

Guests cannot drive a personal car to the blinds, but The Nature Conservancy currently offers an alternate transport option for our guests with mobility challenges: vehicular transport to and from the blinds in a 6-passenger electric golf cart.

Golf cart transport: for guests with mobility challenges able to get in and out of a golf cart. Limited to 3 passengers per viewing tour. We ask for your cooperation in notifying us of any transport need at the time of registration. The cart can transport a walker or folded-up wheelchair but does not include a drop-deck to transport guests who stay in their wheelchair.

**The Viewing Experience:** Once we reach the blind, the group will remain inside until it is very dark (for a sunset tour) or about an hour after sunrise (for a sunrise tour) to minimize the chance of spooking the birds on exit. The sounds become loud as birds begin to descend on the river in large numbers close to dusk. Bright electronic screens are discouraged.

It is important to note that guests will not have access to restrooms while in the blinds or at the property and cannot leave the blinds under any circumstances other than a medical emergency for approximately 2.5 hours. The closest restrooms to the blinds are at the Derr House or truck stops 0.4mi away.

**Other Considerations:** Our signage does not include braille at this time, but we hope to change that soon. We do not provide any additional viewing equipment such as binoculars, scopes, or audio enhancement.

Please do not hesitate to call us with additional questions. You can reach Nic Salick, Development Coordinator, by email or phone:

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