

**Arriving at the Preserve:** There is a paved parking space and access aisle that is reserved for accessible parking at our Derr House, preserve headquarters. There is a paved trail leading from the parking space to vault toilets, which have wide doors and grab bars to accommodate access.

**Inclusive Wildlife Viewing Blind:** One of our viewing blinds was designed to better accommodate mobility devices, such as wheelchairs or walkers. This blind includes an access ramp built in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act specifications of 36” wide with railings on both sides. Viewing windows inside the blind are lower to accommodate participants who remain seated. All blinds have bench seating to help participants take breaks from standing without sacrificing the viewing opportunity.

**Reaching the viewing blind:** Navigating to the blinds requires driving a short distance in your personal vehicle to the parking areas, including 0.5 miles on mowed field roads that aren’t paved or graveled, and which may be snowy or muddy. Parking areas for the viewing experiences are approximately 0.5 miles from the blinds to help minimize disturbing wildlife. Guests who use wheelchairs may find it difficult to navigate the 0.5 mile mowed path while traversing uneven prairie terrain to and from the blinds to the parking area. There are small elevation gains of 1-3 feet along the path with slight changes in grade. Near the blinds, we have mobile hard surfaces to help mobility devices transition into the blind.

**Golf Cart Transportation:** for guests with mobility challenges who can safely get in and out of a golf cart, we offer limited transportation service. **To help us plan, please notify us of any transport needs when you register.** The cart can carry a walker or a folded wheelchair; however, it does not have a drop-deck and cannot transport guests who must remain in their wheelchair.

**The Viewing Experience:** At the blind the group will remain inside until your TNC staff guide dismisses the group to help minimize disturbing the cranes. Move slowly and speak quietly while inside the blind; loud sounds can discourage the birds from landing near our viewing area. Phones should be on silent and screen brightness should be turned down.

Guests will not have any access to restrooms while in the viewing blinds; guests also cannot leave the blind under any circumstances other than a medical emergency. Tours last approximately 2-3 hours so plan accordingly. The nearest restroom available for public use is located at The Derr House (tour meeting point) or a truck stop that is approximately 0.4 miles away.

**Other considerations:** our signage does not include braille at this time. We do not provide any audio enhancement. Additional viewing equipment such as binoculars or scopes are available.

**Please do not hesitate to contact us with additional questions:** Brittany Dabestani,  
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