

# Sandhill Crane Tour

JOIN IN ON SOME SPRING 2018 BIRDING FUN!

COLORADO SAN LUIS VALLEY SANDHILL CRANE EXPEDITION, MARCH 19-23, 2018



- Monday, March 19: Travel on your own to Alamosa, CO  
(Drive, or fly and drive from Denver, Colorado Springs, or Albuquerque, or from regional airports in Pueblo or Alamosa).  
Dinner and orientation, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 20: Sunrise & late evening Sandhill Crane, waterfowl and raptor viewing.  
Guided tours of Alamosa and Monte Vista.
- Wednesday, March 21: Sunrise and late evening Sandhill Crane, waterfowl and raptor viewing.  
Guided Tours of Baca NWR and overview of Sange de Cristo Conservation Area.
- Thursday, March 22: Early morning and late evening Sandhill Crane, waterfowl and raptor viewing.  
Sand Dunes NP or Penitente Cyn Native American & Spanish history tour.  
Optional tours or shopping in Alamosa.
- Friday, March 23: Travel

Because there are so many fun and interesting sites in or near the San Luis Valley, travel to and from the Valley is best done on your own. There are no costs for the tours but food and lodging will be personal responsibilities. A list of possible side activities and tours will be provided to participants prior to the date. You might "google" the "Annual Monte Vista Crane Festival," March 9-11, to get an idea of that event. Because Refuge staff are very busy with the festival, we opted for the later March date for our expedition.

Weather can always be a factor, but the daytime temperatures average in the 50's and in the 20's at night. Snow is always possible but likely it will be dry & sunny. Layers are the best clothing choices.

Please contact one of the following ASAP if you are interested in joining this FWS Retirees fun event and learning more details.

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