

Betty Liske Celebration of Life
Program with UOP Map and Sandhill Crane Fact Sheet and Map

Date:

Saturday January 17, 2026

Location:

University of the Pacific
Vereschagin Alumni House
Stockton, CA

(See attached map for location within UOP. Parking available in front of building)

Schedule:

12 Noon Light Lunch, Visiting

- Lunch will be a mix of sandwiches, pizza bites and salads with deviled eggs and housemade potatoe chips. Vegetarian and vegan options available.
- Desserts, sodas, coffee, decaf, hot chocolate and water provided.

12:30 PM Creation of a Flower Mandala

- We will create a flower mandala altar in the middle of our sharing circle.
- You are welcome to bring something to place on the altar that reminds you of Betty (you can take it home) or something from your garden or nature. If you pick a part of a plant or flower please ask permission and thank it for us.
- We will also have flowers for all to participate if you do not bring something

1:15 PM Program

- We will hold the program in a council circle way. There will be space for attendees as we sit and share in a circle for everyone to have the opportunity to share reflections, or you may pass.

3:15 PM Gathering Closing

Optional opportunity to drive out to parking alongside the farm fields and experience the Sandhill Crane fly in at sunset:

3:15 PM Depart for Sandhill Crane Fly-In Viewing

- Location is ~30 minute drive to the north, near the Highway 12 and Highway 5 junction.
- Please see the following pages for an information sheet and driving directions to the location. We will have printouts at the event as well.

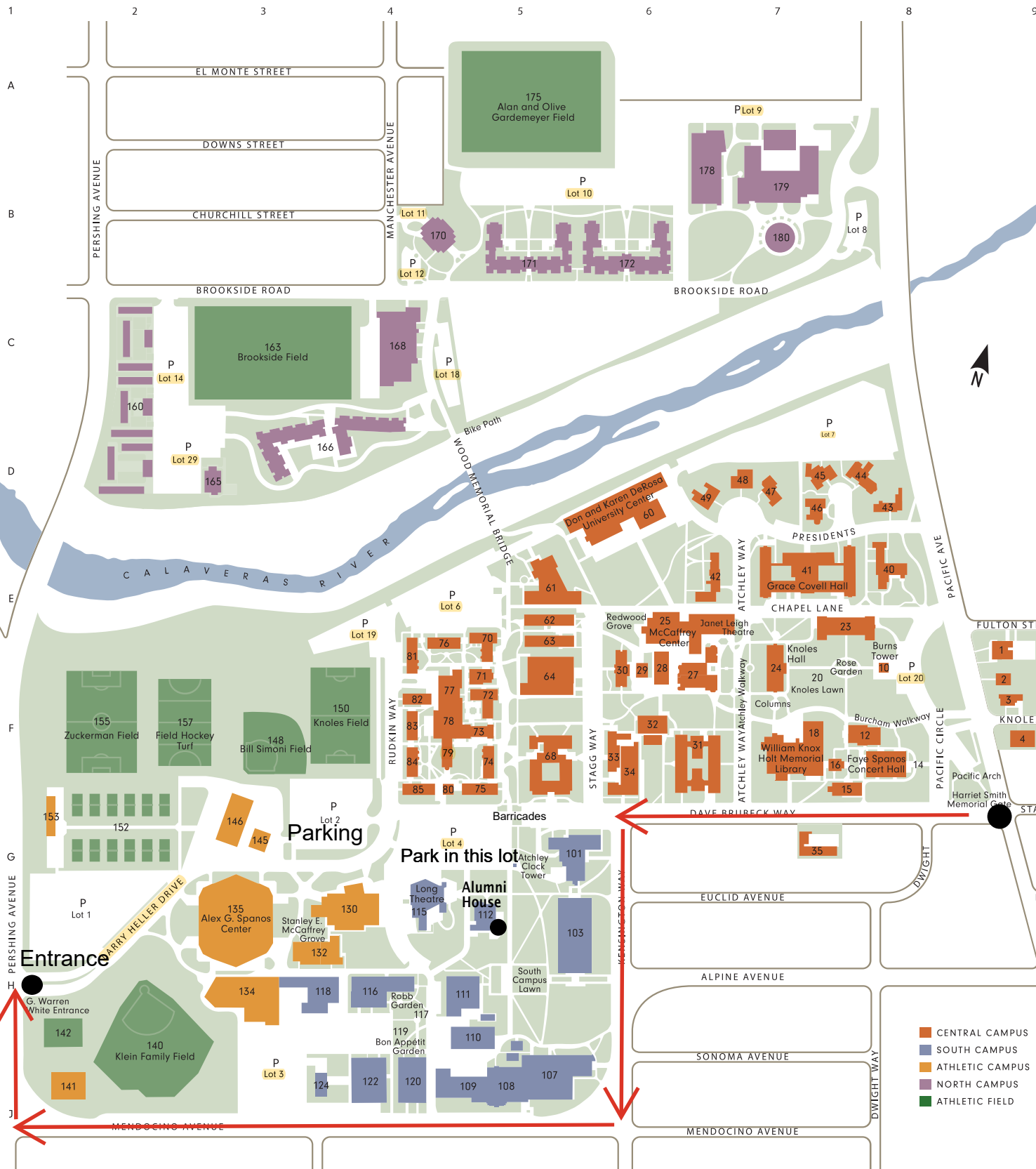
4:00 PM Arrive for Sandhill Crane Fly-In

4:30 PM Docent talk about Sandhill Cranes and their migration

5:15 PM Sunset and depart as you wish

6:30 PM Option to join the family for dinner

- Tikka Masala Indian Restaurant 10628 Trinity Pkwy, Ste E, Stockton, CA 95219
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● 11-12 A-Frame Placement

Please arrive at the Woodbridge Ecological Reserve, South Unit by 4 P.M.

7730 West Woodbridge Road, Lodi, CA 95242 is a 30 minute drive from UOP.

Bring warm layers, outdoor shoes (all on pavement) and binoculars.

Driving Directions:

From Stockton, take **Interstate 5 north** to the **Turner Road** exit.

Turn right, then proceed to **Thornton Road** and **turn left**.

Traveling south on Thornton Road (parallel to the freeway), **continue about two miles** to Woodbridge Road.

Turn right on to Woodbridge Road and travel west for approximately two miles, along the way passing the North Site of the Reserve on the right (accessible only by tour reservation).

Further along, a paved turnout on the left connects to the pedestrian entry gate of the South Site. **Park along the side of the turnout.** Restrooms are available onsite.

(see Map on reverse side.)

After parking **look for our Sandhill Crane Association docent Mamie Starr** who will have a table with materials and do a docent talk for us at 4:30 PM.

Sandhill Crane Facts

Lodi, California, is a crucial wintering spot on the Pacific Flyway for thousands of Sandhill Cranes migrating from as far as Siberia and Canada, where they feed in Delta fields and roost in wetlands from October to February before flying north to breed. They travel in large flocks, following ancient flyways, relying on wetlands, and communicating with distinctive bugling calls, making their twice-yearly journey one of nature's most spectacular wildlife spectacles. Key viewing areas include Woodbridge Road, Staten Island, and the Cosumnes River Preserve, with dawn/dusk being best for watching them fly out to forage and return to roost.

During Migration:

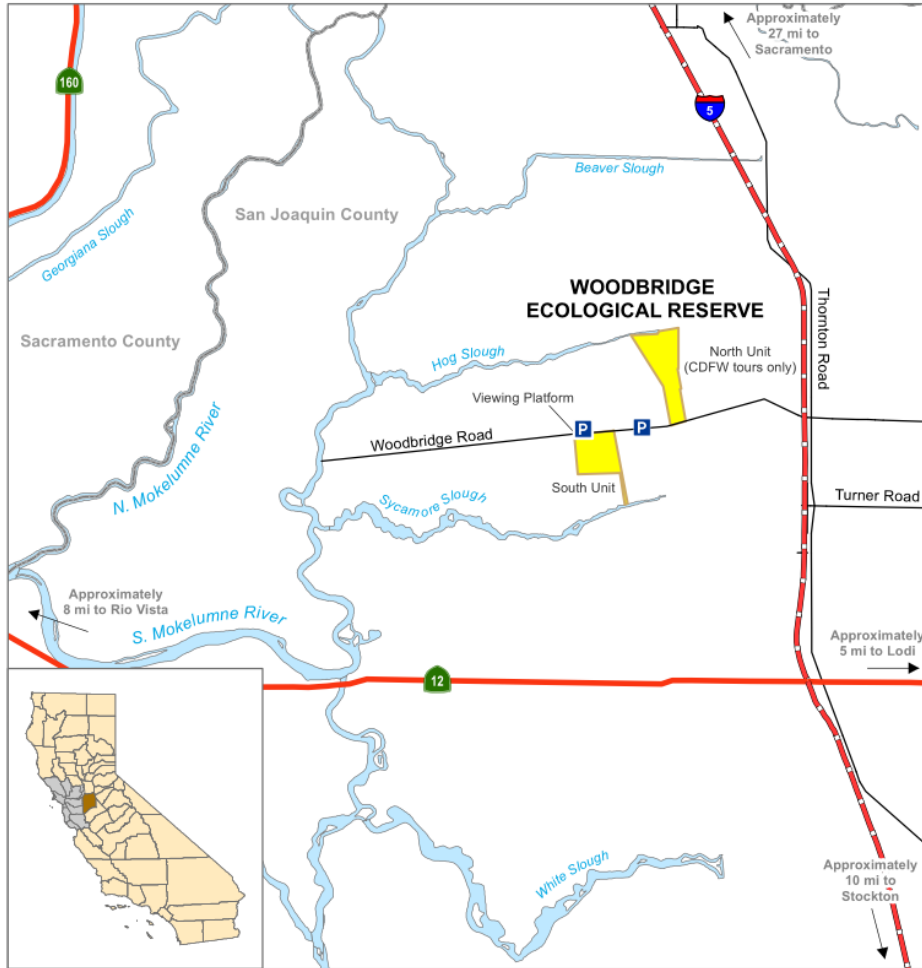
- **Flock Size:** Flocks along the central North American flyways can number up to 10,000 birds.
- **Flight:** They fly at speeds of 25-35 mph, sometimes faster, soaring on thermals.
- **Communication:** Their loud, trumpeting "bugling" calls can be heard from miles away as cranes call out to find and reunite with lost family members amidst large flocks.
- **Behavior:** Sandhill Cranes are also known for their spectacular dances which strengthen the pair bond. Even in winter, pairs can be seen leaping, bowing, and flapping their wings in playful displays that strengthen their lifelong bonds.
- **Learning:** Young cranes learn migration routes from adults, often staying with parents through their first winter.
- **Size:** Standing nearly four feet tall with a wingspan that can stretch seven feet, Sandhill Cranes are unmistakable.

Lodi Migration & Habitat Facts

- **When:** Cranes arrive in the fall (October/November) and stay through winter, leaving in early spring (February/March) for northern breeding grounds.
- **Where:** They use the California Delta, especially around Lodi, as a vital stopover for rest and refueling.
- **From:** Breeding grounds in the Arctic, subarctic, Alaska, and Siberia.
- **Habitat:** Flooded fields, marshes, and the Cosumnes River watershed provide food (grains) and water for roosting.

Visit <https://lodisandhillcrane.org/> for more information and annual tour dates.

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WOODBIDGE ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
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Ecological Reserve	Interstate Highway	 0 2 Miles
Delta	State Highway	
Parking	Local Road	

Disclaimer: Boundaries are approximate.
 Maps are intended for general purposes only.

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