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Prairie Chickens Put on a Show Near North Platte

(North Platte, Nebraska, March 1, 2024) – In the spring, the hearts of the Nebraska Greater Prairie Chickens turn toward love. To successfully attract a female mate, the male Prairie Chickens must impress them with their dancing prowess. Males will gather in large numbers on dancing grounds known as leks. They will cackle, jump, and stomp their feet, sometimes scuffling with a rival. Then they will scrunch down and inflate their bright orange neck sacks and emit an eerie booming sound. The ladies on the other hand will observe the shenanigans circumspectly, examining the prospects with a critical eye. However, if they see something they like, they may come forward for a brief, flurried assignation.

Dusty Trails offers Prairie Chicken tours on select days from March 13th through April 20th. To watch these birds perform their dances in the largest and busiest known Prairie Chicken lek in Nebraska is more than amusing- it's magical. Tickets for this unique Prairie Chicken experience are \$65 per person with the option to add a private photography blind for an additional cost.

For more information or to purchase your tickets head to VisitNorthPlatte.com/things-to-do/attractions/sandhill-cranes/.

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