



FESTIVAL EVENT LOCATIONS & BEST BIRD WATCHING SITES

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|---|---|
| A Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center, 1356 Ross Ave. | I Fisherman's Wharf & Jetty Boat, 900 Tarpon St. |
| B Nature Preserve at Charlie's Pasture North Entrance. End of Port St. | J UT Marine Science Institute (UTMSI) / Patton Center at UTMSI, 855 E. Cotter Ave. |
| C Community Park, 700 Clark Pkwy. | K I.B. Magee Beach Park / South Jetty |
| D Joan & Scott Holt Paradise Pond, 408 Cut Off Rd. | L Horace Caldwell Pier |
| E Whooping Crane Festival Registration & Trade Show, 710 W. Avenue A | M Wetland Park, 1112 TX State Hwy. 361 |
| F Roberts Point Park, 301 JC Barr Blvd. | N Nature Preserve at Charlie's Pasture South Entrance, 2650 State Hwy. 361 |
| G Deep Sea Headquarters, 440 W. Cotter Ave. | |
| H Woody's Last Stand, 154 W. Cotter Ave. | |

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WHOOPING CRANE Festival

FEB 19-22, 2026



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2026 TOURS, WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

6:30–11:30 a.m.

Fennessey Ranch Bus Tour
Bus pickup at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

9–11 a.m.

Nature Preserve Tree Planting
Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center
1356 Ross Ave.

10 a.m.–noon

Island Birding Bus Tour
Bus pickup at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Discover the Lighthouse Trails with Coastal Bend Kayak Tours
Lighthouse Lakes Park
Hwy 361, Aransas Pass, TX

10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf
900 Tarpon St.

12:30–5 p.m.

Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf
900 Tarpon St.

2–3:30 p.m.

Explore Local Waterways
Woody's Last Stand
154 W. Cotter Ave.

2–4 p.m.

Island Birding Bus Tour
Bus pickup at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

4:30–6 p.m.

Sunset, Wine & Dolphin Cruise
Deep Sea Headquarters
440 W. Cotter Ave.

5–7 p.m.

Welcome Reception
Virginia's on the Bay
815 Trout St.

7–8 p.m.

Public Lecture Series
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

6 a.m.–1 p.m.

King Ranch Tour
Bus pickup at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

7–11:30 a.m.

Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf
900 Tarpon St.

7:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Explore Lamar Peninsula with Mikael Behrens
Bus pickup at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

8–10 a.m.

Hop Aboard for a Scientific Boat Tour Experience
UT Marina Pavilion
Channel View Dr.

8–11 a.m.

Photography Workshop with Ruth Hoyt
Council Chambers at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

9–10 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Richard Beilfuss, International Crane Foundation
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

9 a.m.–noon

San José Island Beachcombing Excursion
Fisherman's Wharf
900 Tarpon St.

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Photographing Birds in Action Workshop with Kathy Adams Clark
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

10–11:30 a.m.

Wetlands Education Center Tour & Amos Rehabilitation Keep Presentation
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Discover the Lighthouse Trails with Coastal Bend Kayak Tours
Lighthouse Lakes Park
Hwy 361, Aransas Pass, TX

10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf
900 Tarpon St.

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Brittney Palode, International Crane Foundation
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Island Birding Bus Tour
Bus pickup at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Hop Aboard for a Scientific Boat Tour Experience
UT Marina Pavilion
Channel View Dr.

12:30–2 p.m.

Explore Local Waterways
Woody's Last Stand
154 W. Cotter Ave.

12:30–5 p.m.

Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf
900 Tarpon St.

1–2:30 p.m.

"Dances with Cranes" Film Screening and Panel Discussion
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

1–4 p.m.

Wine, Whine, and Design
Port Aransas Art Center
104 N. Alister St.

2–3:30 p.m.

Wetlands Education Center Tour & Amos Rehabilitation Keep Presentation
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

2–4 p.m.

Birds in Flight Photography Field Trip with Kathy Adams Clark
Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center
1356 Ross Ave.

2:30–4:30 p.m.

Hop Aboard for a Scientific Boat Tour Experience
UT Marina Pavilion
Channel View Dr.

3–4 p.m.

Speaker: Jace Tunnell, Harte Research Institute
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

3–6 p.m.

Photography Lessons on the Water
Woody's Last Stand
154 W. Cotter Ave.

4:30–6 p.m.

Sunset, Wine & Dolphin Cruise
Deep Sea Headquarters
440 W. Cotter Ave.

6–7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Michael Forsberg, Conservation Photographer
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

6 a.m.–1 p.m.

King Ranch Tour
Bus pickup at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

6:30–11:30 a.m.

Fennessey Ranch Bus Tour
Bus pickup at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

7–8:30 a.m.

Sunrise Beach Cleanup with the Dallas Zoo
Horace Caldwell Pier

7–11:30 a.m.

Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf
900 Tarpon St.

7:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

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~~Channel View Dr.~~

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Photography Workshop with Ruth Hoyt
Council Chambers at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

9–10 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. George Archibald, International Crane Foundation
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

9:30–11 a.m.

Wetlands Education Center Tour & Amos Rehabilitation Keep Presentation
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Flight & Action at the Jetty Field Trip with Kathy Adams Clark
Meet at the Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

10 a.m.–noon

Island Birding Bus Tour
Bus pickup at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Discover the Lighthouse Trails with Coastal Bend Kayak Tours
Lighthouse Lakes Park
Hwy 361, Aransas Pass, TX

10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf
900 Tarpon St.

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Sara Zimorski, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Hop Aboard for a Scientific Boat Tour Experience
UT Marina Pavilion
Channel View Dr.

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Nature Preserve Guided Walking/Birding Tour
Nature Preserve at Charlie's Pasture North
End of Port Street

12:30–5 p.m.

Whooping Crane Boat Tour
Fisherman's Wharf
900 Tarpon St.

1–2 p.m.

Speaker: Andy Caven, International Crane Foundation
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

1–3 p.m.

Candles, Cocktails, and Conservation: A Candle-Making Class with Vida Caña Rum
BlueWater Cowboy
229 Beach St.

1:30–2:15 p.m.

Moth Identification, Distribution, and History with Kathy Adams Clark
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

1:30–3 p.m.

Wetlands Education Center Tour & Amos Rehabilitation Keep Presentation
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

2:30–3:30 p.m.

~~**Speaker: Dr. Robin Doughty, University of Texas at Austin**~~
~~Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute~~
~~855 E. Cotter Ave.~~

2:30–4:30 p.m.

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UT Marina Pavilion
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3–6 p.m.

Photography Lessons on the Water
Woody's Last Stand
154 W. Cotter Ave.

4–5 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Alain Salvi, European Crane Working Group
Patton Center at UT Marine Science Institute
855 E. Cotter Ave.

4–6:30 p.m.

Photographing Backlit Birds Workshop and Field Trip with Jennifer Leigh Warner
Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center
1356 Ross Ave.

4:30–6 p.m.

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Deep Sea Headquarters
440 W. Cotter Ave.

5–8 p.m.

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SUNDAY, FEB. 22

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Bus pickup at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

8–10 a.m.

Nature Preserve Guided Walking/Birding Tour
Nature Preserve at Charlie's Pasture North
End of Port Street

8–10 a.m.

Island Birding Bus Tour
Bus pickup at PA Civic Center
710 W. Avenue A

8 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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900 Tarpon St.

Port Aransas Civic Center

Registration Hours:

Thursday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday: 7 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Exhibit Fair Hours:

Friday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

For speaker bios, photos, and more information, visit whoopingcranefestival.org.