Each spring, something magical happens in the heart of the Great Plains. More than 80 percent of the world’s population of Sandhill Cranes converges on Nebraska’s Platte River Valley. Along with them, millions of ducks and geese migrate to the neighboring rainwater basins. Join us as we take a motor coach bus to Gibbon for spectacular nature scenes on the river’s edge. Crane viewing is at its best at the Audubon Rowe Sanctuary blinds. This is a guided tour. We leave Lincoln at 3 p.m., arriving at the sanctuary by 5:30 p.m. for perfect sunset viewing. Return to Lincoln by 10 p.m. Cost per person is $85, based on entrance fee, guided tour, round-trip motor coach and box lunch provided by Hy-Vee. Transportation fee to the bus site is $5 roundtrip.

The following are strongly recommended for the one block walk and 2 hours wait to watch the cranes:

- The warmest coat and clothing you have, including long underwear
- Warm footwear
- Wool or synthetic socks (avoid cotton)
- Very warm gloves or mittens
- Stocking cap or insulated hat
- Dress in layers

Call 402-441-7158 to make your reservation by noon Monday, Feb. 21. Space is limited to a maximum of 40.