

## Itineraries

### Vacation Starters -

#### *Outdoor adventurer -*

**STAY:** Calamus Outfitters where you can find lodging in a cabin made for 6 or a lodge made for large gatherings. There's no better way to experience a night in the Sandhills.

**EAT:** Check out the combined Convenience store, bar and grill at Creekside@CalamusWest. Serving breakfast, lunch, or dinner you can grab something to go or dine in.

**DO:** Experience tanking, tubing, kayaking, or canoeing the Nebraska way. Or take a guided Sandhills Ranch Habitat Ecotour and see the beauty of the Sandhills up close and personal. Check out Bootleg Brewers at the end of the day to enjoy tap beer made by Loup County's own BrewMaster.

**SHOP:** The General Store at Calamus Outfitter's to take home memories from your trip or take a drive into Taylor and check out Marah's Treasures, a unique gift gallery showcasing locally homemade gifts.

#### *The Fisherman -*

**STAY:** Wagner Bunkhouse & Cabins where you find peaceful relaxation nestled along the North Loup River and just minutes away from the Calamus Reservoir.

**EAT:** Take a drive into the small Village of Taylor and enjoy Sandhill cuisine at the Lazy D Restaurant and Bar.

**DO:** Check out the Calamus State Recreation Area for boating and fishing. Features include a 5,123 acre lake, 1.2 miles of Calamus River, and 3.5 miles of other streams that meander through the area. Or enjoy excellent fishing just a stone's throw away from the Wagner Cabins front porch.

**SHOP:** Local unique gift gallery, Marah's Treasures, in Taylor, antique & collectible shops in Sargent (south of Taylor), The Big Red Boot Western Store and other retail stores in Burwell (east of Taylor).

#### *Camping enthusiasts -*

**STAY:** At one of the 6 different camping locations Loup County has to offer.

**EAT:** Local cuisine can be found at the Lazy D Restaurant in Taylor or you may grab snacks and lunch or supper at the Convenience Store, bar, and grill at Creekside@CalamusWest.

**DO:** Loup County offers boating, fishing, swimming, tanking, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, jeep tours, or bird watching to name just a few open air excursions.

**SHOP:** Creekside@CalamusWest or Calamus Outfitters for t-shirts and fun stuff to remember your days in Loup County.

#### *Relax and Explore-*

**STAY:** The Ranch Retreat, a comfortable guest house located on the edge of the North Loup River Valley. The Ranch Retreat includes a hot tub on the desk, satellite TV, and even offers boarding for your horse if desired.

**EAT:** Loup County explorers can dine at the Lazy D Restaurant in Taylor, Creekside@CalamusWest at the west end of Calamus Reservoir, or drive back into the countryside for snacks and beer on tap at Bootleg Brewers.

**DO:** Stop at the Visitor Information Center in Taylor for brochures on attractions in and around the area. Or pick up a map of the Taylor ‘Villagers’ and enjoy a scavenger hunt to see if you can find them all.

**SHOP:** Taylor has its own unique gift gallery, Marah’s Treasures, Sargent (south of Taylor) has several antique and collectible stores, and Burwell (east of Taylor) offers a western store, gift stores, pharmacy, hardware store and coffee shop.

### ***Birding Enthusiasts -***

#### **TRIP #1**

**STAY:** Calamus Outfitters where you can find lodging in a cabin made for 6 or a lodge made for large gatherings.

**EAT:** Dine in at Creekside@CalamusWest serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner while staying in close proximity to Calamus Outfitters.

**DO:** Calamus Outfitters is in close proximity to the Calamus Reservoir where you can enjoy a self-guided outing around scenic Calamus Lake and State Recreation Area, one of Nebraska's birding hotspots. (Eagles, Pelicans, shorebirds and more abound!)

**SHOP:** The General Store at Calamus Outfitter’s or take a drive into Taylor and check out Marah’s Treasures or Elk Creek Supply. Burwell also has several small shops offering unique items to help you remember your birding trip in the Sandhills.

#### **TRIP #2**

**STAY:** Choose a cabin at Calamus Outfitters, a cabin at Wagner Bunkhouse & Cabins, the cabin at the Ranch Retreat, or bring your RV and camp at one of the 6 RV parks in Loup County.

**EAT:** Choose from several dining locations in the area - Creekside@Calamus West located along Highway 96 at the west end of the Calamus Reservoir, Lazy D Restaurant in Taylor, Mr. Rudy’s or The Ritz in Sargent on Highway 183 south of Taylor or venture east into Burwell and check out any of their delicious eating establishments.

**DO:** There are excellent bird watching opportunities in this area. Calamus Reservoir attracts migrating waterfowl, Bald Eagles and American White Pelicans, often in large numbers. Harris's Sparrow is another sought after bird that can be found in the area. To see a more extensive list of bird species for the area, search Loup County, Nebraska in eBird. Plan a day or overnight trip to the Platte Valley to see the world famous Sandhills Cranes while making Loup County your home base for enjoying and exploring bird watching.

**SHOP:** Local unique gift gallery, Marah’s Treasures, in Taylor, antique & collectible shops in Sargent (south of Taylor), The Big Red Boot Western Store and other retail stores in Burwell (east of Taylor), or check out the small locally owned shops along the route to the Platte Valley.