





Loup Rivers Scenic Byway

The Route

From the Wood River I-80 exit along 150 miles of Nebraska Highways 11 and 91 north and west to the town of Dunning.

The View

Rolling farmland, winding rivers, three reservoirs, and breathtaking sandhills.

The Adventure

A historic military fort, windmill collection, rodeos, the Danish Capital of Nebraska, the National Liars Hall of Fame, and a half-million sandhill cranes.

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Travel the Loup Rivers Scenic Byway and take a journey through Nebraska's heartland. This 150-mile adventure runs between Wood River and Dunning following the path of the North Loup River.

Just south of Wood River along the Platte River, a half-million "tourists" of the winged variety stop each year as part of the annual crane migration. These abundant sandhill cranes and the very rare whooping cranes travel between wintering grounds near the Gulf of Mexico and nesting areas as far north as Siberia. Each spring, bird enthusiasts from around the world stop at viewing areas to witness this rare and wonderful phenomenon.

As you head north, the landscape changes as the enchanting river makes its way through gently rolling farmland and the awe-inspiring Sandhills region.

All along this byway, the wildlife is plentiful. Its river habitat is the perfect home for many endangered and rare species.

In addition to rare species, there are equally rare sites of the man-made variety—notably, the National Liars Hall of Fame (no kidding!) in Dannebrog, Comstock's 2nd Wind Ranch featuring the largest collection of standing windmills in the world, the Happy Jack Peak and Chalk Mine near Scotia, the Museum of Nebraska Major League Baseball in St. Paul, and Nebraska's Big Rodeo in the small town of Burwell.

Center pivot irrigation was invented in Nebraska and has helped to transform much of this hilly area into rich, productive farmland where popcorn is a primary crop. Here also, you'll find livestock common to Midwestern farms.

Like much of Nebraska, the Loup Rivers Scenic Byway has rich pioneering and military histories. Many remnants of those times still exist and are beautifully displayed in the area's many historic sites, including Fort Hartsuff near Burwell. In addition, whole towns, such as Dannebrog—the Danish Capital of Nebraska—are reminders of our ethnic and cultural diversity.

The Loup Rivers Scenic Byway is alive with a wide array of events and attractions celebrating the area's history, natural resources, and livelihood. In the midst of all this, discover great boating, fishing, canoeing, and swimming.

far left The sun sets over Calamus Reservoir northwest of Burwell. *below left to right* An 1870s infantry post, Fort Hartsuff is today a state historical park. A windmill towers above the landscape at 2nd Wind Ranch near Comstock. One of the state's largest rodeo events is Nebraska's Big Rodeo held each July in Burwell. The Loup River meanders through expansive terrain.

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