

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: Venture into Taylor for summer lunch specials at the Lazy D Restaurant & Lounge.

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. Enjoy a beautiful Nebraska sunset at the end of the day sitting on the front porch of a cabin or take a stroll along the river's edge.

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 four different camping locations Loup County has to offer.

EAT: Local cuisine can be found at the Lazy D Restaurant in Taylor or check out the dining establishments in Sargent, located 9 miles south of Taylor.

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: Calamus Outfitters for t-shirts and fun stuff to remember your days in Loup County.

Relax and Explore-

STAY: Pony Hill Glamping, located just 1 mile south of Taylor, is a comfortable 20x24 Outfitter's tent offering an opportunity to camp in style. The Outfitter's tent is furnished with real beds, a mini frig, a microwave, outdoor grill, a heated & air conditioned Bath House along with an outdoor cowboy shower.

EAT: Loup County explorers can dine at the Lazy D Restaurant in Taylor, restaurants in Sargent, located south of Taylor 9 miles, or restaurants in Burwell, located east of Taylor 16 miles.

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: Pack your lunch with a nice variety of food and snacks from the Corner Market in Sargent, located south of Taylor 9 miles, or dine in at Lazy D Restaurant serving lunch and dinner.

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, a room at the Wildlife Inn in Taylor, or check out the local Airbnb’s -T&A Getaway or MooseKnuckle Cabin in Taylor, country Airbnb’s - Pony Hill Glamping, the Ranch Retreat, Bootleg Brewers, Little House on the Prairie, Creekside Calamus West, and Gracie Creek Cabin, or bring your RV and camp at one of the four RV parks in Loup County.

EAT: Choose from several dining locations in the area - Lazy D Restaurant in Taylor, The Rescue Bar & Grill 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.