

# A gorgeous fall day at the Sandhill Crane Paddle with NWIPA

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Wilderness Inquiry's Canoemobile joined the Kankakee River Sandhill Crane Paddle hosted by the

[Northwest Indiana Paddling Association](#). It was a splendid autumn day with sunny weather and beautiful fall colors. On the Kankakee River in northwestern Indiana, over two hundred paddlers joined the 8.5 mile paddle in canoes and kayaks, and about fifty of those paddlers were in Wilderness Inquiry's 24' Voyageur canoes. The site of the take out was at Dunn's Bridge, a historic bridge made from a ferris wheel from the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. After a small, delicious feast at the end of the paddle, the groups made their way over to [Jasper-Pulaski](#) Fish and Wildlife Area to witness the big migration of the sandhill cranes. That marshy field area is where thousands of cranes find safe haven during their long flights. The sunset brought a perfect end to a perfect day—thank you to NWIPA for having us!



WI staff with honorary boat captains Kris Krause (left) and Paul Labovitz (third from right)



A haven for thousands of sandhill cranes during migration





Some of the many sandhill cranes soaring around during the vibrant sunset

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