



The Crane Information Mobile

The Crane Information Mobile (CIM) is a modified construction trailer with information material, binoculars, spotting scopes and most notably two dedicated rangers. In the resting region „Darß-Zingster Boddenkette und Rügen“ there are two main roost sites of cranes. The Crane Information Mobile is usually located at one of them - the island of Kirr - to inform visitors during the impressive evening arrival of the cranes. In October, the Crane Information Mobile is open daily from 3:00 p.m. to sunset.

You can ask for its location in the NABU-Crane Centre or take a look on these websites:
www.kraniche.de, www.facebook.com/kranichschutz



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On the road

Please stay on the main roads and do not drive to remote fields, where the cranes have their secure feeding areas and are very sensitive. Also keep in mind not to hinder other road users and consider possible stopping restrictions or parking prohibitions. If the weather and light conditions are suitable for it, please drive without headlight. You can ask for the best observation spots in the NABU-Crane Centre.

Car as hide

Cranes can be observed best from the car. At many places in Europe and Germany, cranes are regularly scared away from fields. They therefore react very shy towards people and have a flight distances of around 200 metres to humans, depending on the situation. Please stop only at appropriate places and stay in the car.

Heads up

If all cranes raise their heads, they feel disturbed. Do not move any further, otherwise they will see you as a danger and fly off. Thereby they unnecessarily lose energy, which they urgently need for their long migration.

Better view

We recommend using good binoculars or spotting scopes. We have made best experiences with equipment from Leica and Berlebach.

Observation platforms

Please use the observation sites at roosts and foraging grounds recommended by the NABU-Crane Centre and the national park. In September and October, rangers of the national park and NABU-Crane Centre or volunteers will be present at the best sites. Observing cranes means seeing and hearing. All visitors can experience the cranes' impressive calls without disturbances when being quietly. Dressing warm and inconspicuously for crane observation is important as well. It is mandatory to walk dogs on a lead. The cranes see them as a danger and avoid them.

Taking pictures

Please do not use photoflash when taking pictures of the cranes, because it unsettles them. For good photos you will need telephoto lenses with a focal length of at least 400 mm.

On the water

There are some important rules to consider on the water as well. Cruise only at the federal and state waterways. Keep your distance to the shore, reeds, shallow water zones and the roosting water birds there. Decelerate to 8 knots but do not stop. Anchor only at allowed places.



Crane paradise Baltic Sea coast

NABU-Crane Centre
in Groß Mohrdorf

Observation platform
„KRANORAMA“



Crane Information Mobile



The NABU-Crane Centre in Groß Mohrdorf

The NABU-Crane Centre (NABU-Kranichzentrum) is located 14 km northwest of Stralsund in the region of the national park "Vorpommersche Boddenlandschaft".

The centre is worth a visit, because ...

- here you can get tips, where to find the best crane observation spots
- you gain a detailed insight into the lives of the fascinating birds - admission free*
- the centre is the starting point for many events such as excursions and the "week of the crane"
- here you can rent photo hides to get very close to the cranes
- there is a shop with lots of original crane articles (also online: <http://kraniche.de/Shop>)

We look forward to your visit!

*Donations are welcome (travel groups: 1€/pers.)

You would like to help the cranes?

There are numerous possibilities. You can support the work of Crane Conservation Germany (Kranichschutz Deutschland) for example by donating (tax-deductible) or becoming sponsor or godparent of a crane.

Donation account:
Kranichschutz Deutschland
Pommersche Volksbank eG
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You can call us for further information: +4938323-80540
or visit our website: www.kraniche.de

The Crane paradise at the Baltic Sea coast

The coastal waters of the national park attract lots of migratory birds, because they can find shallow waters to roost as well as various feeding grounds here. Every year in spring and autumn, thousands of cranes come to one of the largest European resting areas, the "Darß-Zingster Boddenkette and Rügen". In autumn, more than 70,000 of these impressive birds rest here at the same time. They usually stop for several weeks on their way to the wintering sites in France, Spain, Portugal and Northwest Africa.

Cranes need to rest before they continue their long migration. Please respect the rules of conduct shown in this leaflet and use the stated observation sites.

Opening times - NABU Crane Centre

March, April:	Mo - Su	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
May - July, Nov.:	Mo - Fr	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
August:	Mo - So	10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sept., Oct.:	Mo - So	9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

From December to February it is possible to visit the exhibition according to prior agreement. You can find changes of the opening times on our website.

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The KRANORAMA ...

... is a modern and barrier-free observation platform near lake Günz not far from Groß Mohrdorf. There you can enjoy cranes in their natural habitat without disturbing them.

Crane Conservation Germany implements an artificial feeding of resting birds on the meadows of lake Günz. This reduces possible damages of fields with new seeds and therewith reduces conflicts with farms. Thus, thousands of cranes, geese, ducks and small birds can be observed very closely.

The KRANORAMA is open during the birds' migration times in March as well as in September and October. In that time rangers provide you with information and observation equipment.

Crane Conservation Germany

Since the 1970s, the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF Germany) had been running crane separate crane conservation projects in Lower Saxony, Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg. In the former GDR, members of the „working group of endangered animals in the GDR“ built up a network of volunteers to supervise important breeding and resting sites for cranes. After the German reunification, crane conservationists from eastern and western Germany together with the Lufthansa environmental program founded the national working group “Crane Conservation Germany” in 1991. In 1996, the non-profit company Crane Conservation Germany gGmbH with NABU and WWF as equal shareholders was founded. Since 2017 NABU is the only shareholder. The main aim of Crane Conservation Germany is to provide secure breeding and resting areas for cranes in Germany as well as to contribute to the international crane conservation and to environmental education.