



Item # 9: Sandhills Vacation

Tour Package

Donated by Karen Amen & Jim Goeke

2-day / 1-night trip

Maximum of 6 people

Meals, snacks, guidebook,
and one night's lodging
included

Value \$2,200



Water Riches of the Sand Hills! Join hydrogeologist Jim Goeke and Karen Amen, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, for a design-it-yourself adventure through the Nebraska Sand Hills. This 2-day, one night trip will begin in North Platte. From there, we'll head north and west into the hills, driving one-lane oil mat roads through remote cattle ranches as you see and learn about the water riches and history of the Sand Hills region. This trip will emphasize the groundwater and surface water of the Sand Hills region and its importance to the whole state, but especially to the water supplies of eastern Nebraska.

Successful bidders will help design the trip by choosing among a variety of options, which include:

- The headwaters of White Tail Creek*
- Crescent Lake and the ancient sand dam*
- UNL's Gudmundson Ranch*
- The Dismal River Golf Club*
- The Eclipse Church at the headwaters of the Dismal*
- Valentine and the Niobrara from the Cowboy Trail bridge*
- The Loup River system and its impact on the lower Platte basin*

Group will decide exact dates in April or May 2018. You'll provide your own cars. We'll guide you through the whole trip and provide the guidebook, the meals, snacks and incidentals. Lodging choices are also flexible, one night lodging is included.