

# Public Hunting Opportunities

## DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

## Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge

### For more information:

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge  
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Hunting opportunities at DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges are available on a regulated basis.

All hunters must be licensed and abide by all applicable federal and state regulations. This brochure is for season and application information only and is not to be used as a guide for federal or state regulations.

In addition to required state hunting licenses and stamps, hunters on DeSoto and Boyer Chute Refuges must obtain a free Refuge Access Permit for all hunting activities with the exception of waterfowl hunting on Boyer Chute.

### Youth/Mobility-Impaired Wild Turkey

DeSoto Refuge offers a weekend wild turkey hunt for youth and mobility-impaired hunters each spring. Interested hunters may apply by sending a card with their name, address and telephone number to DeSoto Refuge at the address listed on the front of this brochure by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Spring Archery Wild Turkey

An archery only season for wild turkey is held each spring in designated areas of DeSoto Refuge.

Hunters must obtain a free Refuge Access Permit at the DeSoto Visitor Center or at any hunter parking area during the hunting season.

### Waterfowl

Boyer Chute Refuge offers limited waterfowl hunting concurrent with Nebraska waterfowl seasons. Waterfowl hunting is allowed only in designated areas along the banks of the Missouri River channel and can be accessed by watercraft or by walking from the main parking lot. Refuge regulations are posted at the front entrance kiosk during the waterfowl season.

### Archery Deer

Archery deer hunting is open Oct 1 – Dec 31 on DeSoto Refuge each year in designated areas except during the October firearms hunt.

Hunters must obtain a free Refuge Access Permit at the DeSoto Visitor Center or at any hunter parking area during the hunting season.

### Muzzleloading Firearms Deer

Deer hunting has been increased to reduce the expanding deer herd. All muzzleloading hunts are antlerless only with the exception of the December DeSoto season.

*-Nebraska residents* can apply for the October and December hunts through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission office or website. Permits for the DeSoto January hunt are available at DeSoto Refuge on the first Monday after the statewide rifle season.

*-Iowa residents* can apply for any of the DeSoto firearms seasons by sending or dropping off a card with their name, address, and phone number to DeSoto Refuge at the address listed on the front of this brochure by September 1st. After this date all available refuge access permits will be available on a first come basis. Iowa resident licenses are not valid at Boyer Chute.

After the drawing, successful Iowa hunters can purchase a special antlerless license from a local license vendor for the October and January hunts. The December hunt will require a Shotgun (Second Season) license.

# 2009 Hunting Opportunities on DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges

Season	Refuge	Legal Weapon	Hunt Dates	Permits Issued	How to Obtain a Permit	
					Nebraska	Iowa
Spring Turkey	DeSoto	Archery	04/13/09 – 05/17/09	Unlimited	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.
Spring Turkey Youth/Mobility Impaired Only	DeSoto	Shotgun	04/18/09 - 04/19/09	35	Apply at DeSoto by 3/1/09	Apply at DeSoto by 3/1/09
Waterfowl	Boyer Chute	Shotgun	Concurrent NE waterfowl seasons.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Deer	DeSoto	Archery	10/01/09 – 12/31/09 (Closed Oct 17-18)	Unlimited	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.
Deer	DeSoto	Muzzleloader	10/17/09 – 10/18/09	200	Buy directly from NGPC	Apply at DeSoto by 9/1/09
Deer	Boyer Chute	Muzzleloader	10/24/09 – 10/25/09	60	Buy directly from NGPC	Not Open
Deer	Boyer Chute	Muzzleloader	12/05/09 – 12/06/09	60	Buy directly from NGPC	Not Open
Deer	DeSoto	Muzzleloader	12/19/09 – 12/20/09	135	Buy directly from NGPC	Apply at DeSoto by 9/1/09
Deer	DeSoto	Muzzleloader	01/02/10 – 01/03/10	200	Available at DeSoto Visitor Center 11/23/09	Apply at DeSoto by 9/1/09
*Deer	Boyer Chute	Muzzleloader	01/09/10 – 01/10/10	60	Available at Boyer Chute office 11/23/09	Not Open

\*Boyer Chute January hunt may be canceled as determined by deer count survey.