

News Release

National Wildlife Refuge System



Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Aug. 28, 2009
Subject: FUMRR Hosts Photo Contest

WINONA, Minn. (FWS) – The volunteer group Friends of the Upper Mississippi River Refuges is currently taking entries for their 12th annual photography contest.

Photos will be accepted from amateur and professional photographers until Oct. 31, at the Winona District, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge 51 E. 4th St., Room 203, Winona, Minn.

Contest categories are scenic views of the Refuge, birds, wildlife, plants and connecting people with nature. All photos must be taken on the Upper Mississippi River, Driftless Area or Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuges.

Photos will be judged on the three criteria: capturing the spirit of the Refuge; technical quality; and intrinsic beauty.

Winning photos will become part of a year-long traveling exhibit beginning Jan.1, 2010. Best of show will be determined by public vote during these exhibits.

For rules and other information, call Park Ranger Ed Lagace at 507-494-6236 or visit:

www.friendsofuppermiss.org/index.html.

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About Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is the most visited refuge in the United States. The refuge extends 261 miles along the Upper Mississippi River from Wabasha, Minn. to Rock Island, Ill., protecting and preserving habitat for migratory birds, fish and a variety of other wildlife. This 240,000 acre refuge was established in 1924.