

News Release

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge



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National Wildlife Refuge Week

MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA – National Wildlife Refuge Week is held in celebration of the network of lands and waters that make up the National Wildlife Refuge System conserving and protecting wildlife. This week occurs from October 8-14, 2023, and DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge will be celebrating this week with the following events:

October 8th, 2023 – Fee Free Day and Visitor Center Special Opening. The Visitor Center will be open on Sunday from Noon to 4:30pm for visitors to explore and observe the Steamboat Bertrand Exhibit within.

October 14th, 2023 – 9am Wetland Walk, join your refuge rangers and explore the wetlands that are managed for our migratory waterfowl as they move through the central flyway to their southern wintering grounds. 11am Milkweed Seed Bomb Crafting, join refuge rangers in creating seed bombs from common milkweed seeds to plant for the monarch butterfly. 1pm Bertrand Talk, join the museum curator and learn about the Steamboat Bertrand and some of its artifacts.

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuges is located north of Omaha, Nebraska along U.S. Highway 30 between Missouri Valley, Iowa and Blair, Nebraska. For more information contact 712/388-4800 or email the refuge at desoto@fws.gov. Check our websites, www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto/ or www.fws.gov/refuge/boyer_chute/, for refuge updates. Like us on Facebook - search for DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges.

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Wildlife Service, is the world's premier system of public lands and waters set aside to conserve America's fish, wildlife, and plants. Since President Theodore Roosevelt designated Florida's Pelican Island as the first wildlife refuge in 1903, the System has grown to more than 150 million acres, 566 national wildlife refuges and other units of the Refuge System, plus 38 wetland management districts. Visit www.fws.gov for more information about the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.