

News Release

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge



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Monarch Tagging at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge on September 9th

MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA – Discover the monarch butterfly at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge. Learn about the amazing life history of the monarch and the incredible journey to their wintering grounds in Mexico. Pre-registered participants will join a refuge ranger for a program on monarchs at the DeSoto Visitor Center and then participants will assist staff and volunteers in catching and tagging monarchs. The information from recovered monarch tags are used by scientists to learn more about monarch orientation and navigation during their migration to the wintering grounds in Mexico.

Participants must pre-register by calling the DeSoto Visitor Center at 712-388-4822. The program starts at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 9th at the DeSoto Visitor Center for a short program on monarchs before going out on the refuge to catch and tag butterflies. Refuge has a limited supply of butterfly nets available for use. Long pants and closed-toed shoes recommended. Participants are welcome to bring their own nets to participate in the tagging program.

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge 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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