

**Boyer Chute National Wildlife
Refuge**

Hunting Permit 2023—2024

When signed and carried, this serves as your permit for all refuge hunts and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Expires August 31, 2024

Signature (permits are not transferable)

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Boyer Chute

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2023—2024



Welcome

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge was authorized in 1992 and established in 1997 to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat in and along the Missouri River. At Boyer Chute, the namesake side channel was restored after being blocked in 1937 to aid riverboat navigation.

Safety

All hunters (including archery) must display blaze orange that meets their respective states firearms season requirements during any DEER season in which firearms are allowed on the refuge (Dec. 9-17, 2023).

Archery Safety Zone on Trails: Boyer Island will remain open to other public uses during overlapping archery seasons. Archery hunters must be 50 yards clear of public trails when hunting.

Firearms

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32.)

Vehicles

Licensed motor vehicles are permitted only on public use roads and trails as shown on the map. ATVs and UTVs are prohibited.

Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eoo/public-civil-rights>.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting and fishing are permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations subject to the conditions stated below. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the refuge headquarters, or from the refuge website.

Access

Hunters may only access the Refuge two hours before legal sunrise until two hours after legal sunset. Contact refuge law enforcement to remain after closing hours to retrieve or track wounded game.

1434 316th Lane
Missouri Valley, IA 51555

712-388-4803
boyerchute@fws.gov
www.fws.gov/refuge/boyer-chute
TTY Federal Relay System: 1-800-877-8339

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1-800-344-WILD

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Hunters must park in designated parking areas, as identified on the map, to access the Refuge for hunting. Access to the Refuge from private property is prohibited.

Companions

Only legal hunters holding the proper state hunting license may enter and hunt the refuge hunting areas. Unlicensed companions are not permitted in the hunting area when not open to the general public.

To Report a Violation

- Call 1-844-NWR-TIPS or 1-844-697-8477
- Refuge Law Enforcement: 402-679-9020

Tree Stands

Only portable stands and blinds may be placed on the refuge during the applicable hunting season.

- We allow two portable tree stands/blinds per hunter within the hunt area. Of those, only one stand/blind can be left on the refuge from one week prior to the start of the designated hunt season to one week after the end of the designated hunt season.
- Hunters must remove all stands, blinds, and other property by one week after the close of the designated season.
- Unattended stands and blinds must be plainly labeled with the full name and/or hunting license number of the owner. Labels must be visible from the ground.
- Spikes, nails, screw-in bow holders, and any items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree are prohibited.
- Cutting or altering of tree branches or any vegetation is prohibited.
- During any deer firearm season, ground blinds must display a 12 inch x12 inch patch of solid blaze orange material visible in all directions.

Stands and blinds not in full compliance with these regulations are subject to removal.

Muzzleloader Deer Hunt—Antlerless ONLY

See map for portions of Boyer Chute open to muzzleloader deer hunt subject to the following conditions:

- To access the hunt area, hunters must possess permits listed in table.
- Only antlerless deer may be harvested with muzzleloader. Hunters may fill as many valid state tags as they possess.
- Hunters must follow all state and federal deer hunting regulations for the permit they hold, this includes: hours, hunting methods, tagging requirements, and permit requirements.
- Entry into the hunting area is only allowed during these dates for the muzzleloader hunt. Archery hunters can still hunt within the archery zones.
- Legal Weapons: All weapons and scopes allowed under the state requirements of a muzzleloader may be used.
- Only legal hunters may enter and hunt during this time. No companions, unless required, such as a youth hunter.



Prohibited Activities

- By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.
- Possession of alcoholic beverages when hunting
- Camping and Fires
- Searching for or removal of any natural items such as antlers, bison skulls, plants, historic, and archaeological features, are protected by Federal law.
- All commercial hunting
- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices
- Use of two-way mobile radio transmitters to communicate location of game or coordinate movement of hunters
- Participation in organized deer drives
- Field dressing any game within 100 feet of the centerline of any refuge road or parking area.
- Hunting is prohibited within 200 yards of any public use facility.

Activity	Season Dates	Harvest	Hunt Units	Regulation
Archery Deer, Archery Fall and Spring Turkey Season	Season dates and legal archery equipment align with NE State Regulations.	State of NE bag limits	Boyer Island, Northwest, North Central, Rail, Yellowlegs, Nathen's Lake North	Refuge-issued permit is required in addition to the proper state permit.
Waterfowl Hunting	State seasons	State bag limits	Along the Missouri River boundary of the refuge and within the backwaters to the high bank of the Boyer Island Unit.	Must possess and use only approved nontoxic shot.
Muzzleloader Deer Hunt Antlerless ONLY	December 9-17, 2023	Hunters may fill as many valid state tags as they possess.	Boyer Island, West Chute, Horeshoe, Nathan's Lake North, North Central, Rail, Nathen's Lake South	To access the hunt area, hunters must possess: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NE Season Choice-Wahoo Unit OR Statewide Muzzleloader Permit. • NE Habitat Stamp • Boyer Chute Hunt Access Permit (This Permit)

