

Media Advisory

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Services

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Free Admission on Martin Luther King Jr. Day at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

When: Monday January 21, 2013

Where: DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

Who: Contact DeSoto Visitor Services at (712) 388-4800

There will be a fee free day at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge on Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, January 21, 2013

Fee free days are offered throughout the year on America's public lands to encourage Americans to explore national parks, wildlife refuges, forests and other public lands that offer every American a place to get outdoors, learn about our nation's history and culture, and restore our spirits.

On these fee-free days and weekends, national wildlife refuges that charge a fee, as well as other public lands within the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, will waive entrance fees.

Other fee free days at National Wildlife Refuges in 2013 include:

September 28, National Public Lands Day

October 13, National Wildlife Refuge Day

November 9 – 11, Veterans Day weekend

For detailed information on all federal agency fee free days go to:

<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/americas-great-outdoors-salazar-announces-fee-free-days-at-national-parks-other-public-lands-for-2013.cfm>

* DeSoto's visitor center will be closed on January 21; however refuge tour roads and access to DeSoto Lake for ice fishing will remain open.

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge is located 25 miles north of Omaha, Nebraska on U.S. Highway 30, between Missouri Valley, Iowa and Blair, Nebraska. The visitor center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, except federal holidays. For more information on the refuge contact 712/388-4800, look us up on the web at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto/> or email the refuge at desoto@fws.gov

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