

# News Release

## *DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Services*

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### **Spring Turkey Hunting at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge**

**Missouri Valley, Iowa** - DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge will be open to public archery turkey hunting from April 18th through May 17th. A Refuge Hunting Permit is required and can be obtained free of charge at the DeSoto Visitor Center, which is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. It will also be available online, closer to the hunting season, at [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Desoto/visit/visitor\\_activities.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Desoto/visit/visitor_activities.html). The permit includes a map showing the areas that archers can hunt. All hunters must be properly licensed, follow all applicable state and federal regulations and carry the refuge hunting permit while hunting.

The refuge will hold two youth shotgun turkey hunts on April 11-12th and April 18-19th. Interested youth hunters may apply for the hunt by sending in their name address and telephone number. We also need the name and cell phone number of the person who will be bringing the youth hunting. Applications should be sent to DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, 1434 316th Lane, Missouri Valley, IA 51555. A random drawing for the limited slots will be done on March 2nd. All applications must be received by that time.

A shotgun hunt for mobility impaired hunters will be held on April 18-19th. Interested mobility impaired hunters can find out more about the hunt by calling Mindy Sheets at 712-388-4802.

An entrance permit is required for all vehicles on days other than fee free days. The regular daily entrance fee for private vehicles is \$3.00. Permits may be obtained at the pay stations near the entrances or at the visitor center. The charge for commercial vans and buses is \$20, or \$30 if 21 or more people are aboard. Annual permits, including the \$15 DeSoto Refuge Pass, can be obtained at the visitor center.

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges are located north of Omaha, Nebraska along U.S. Highway 30 between Missouri Valley, Iowa and Blair, Nebraska and along U.S. Highway 75 near Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska. For more information contact 712/388-4800 or email the refuge at [desoto@fws.gov](mailto:desoto@fws.gov). Check our websites, [www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto/) or [www.fws.gov/refuge/boyer\\_chute/](http://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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