

# Media Advisory

## *DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Services*

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### **Free Admission on Presidents Day Weekend at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge**

**When:** Saturday, Sunday & Monday – February 15, 16 & 17, 2014

**Where:** DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

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

Admission will be free at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge on Presidents Day Weekend – Saturday, Sunday & Monday – February 15, 16 & 17, 2014

Come out and experience your refuge during the winter and see the unusual wintering flock of waterfowl, walk one of the snowy trails and look for tracks or try your luck at ice fishing. For those not inclined to brave the cold good wildlife viewing is available from the warmth of the Visitor Center (Closed on Monday, February 17) along with the newly displayed Bertrand Museum Collection.

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.

\* DeSoto's visitor center will be closed on Monday, February 17; however, refuge tour roads, trails and access to DeSoto Lake for ice fishing will remain open.

Other fee free days at DeSoto and other National Wildlife Refuges in 2014 include:

- September 27: National Public Lands Day
- October 12: The first day of National Wildlife Refuge Week
- November 11: Veterans Day

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges are located north of Omaha, Nebraska along on U.S. Highway 30 between Missouri Valley, Iowa 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/boyerchute/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/boyerchute/), for refuge updates. Like us on Facebook - search for DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges.

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