

News Release

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Services

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Family Fishing Day Saturday May 17 at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge South Gate Recreation Area

Missouri Valley, Iowa - Join us on Saturday morning, May 17, 2014 for some basic instruction and fun fishing opportunities. Family Fishing Day activities will take place at the refuge's South Gate Recreation Area from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All ages are welcome to participate; bring your own equipment or use equipment and bait provided by the refuge. Basic fishing instruction and fish identification will be provided by the refuge staff and volunteers. Enjoy a great day of fishing along the shoreline of DeSoto Lake and learning about wildlife at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge.

This day also coincides with Nebraska Free Fishing Day (May 17, 2014). Any Nebraska resident can fish at DeSoto without a fishing license during this event. Fishing license requirements for Iowa residents age 16 years and older still apply.

An entrance permit is required for all vehicles. The 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 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. 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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