

# News Release

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

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### **DeSoto Lake Now Open for Ice Fishing**

**Missouri Valley, Iowa** - Ice fishing is now open on DeSoto Lake through the end of February. It is up to individual anglers to determine the safety of the ice. A general guideline is 4 inches of clear and solid ice as a minimum for foot travel and ice fishing.

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 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/midwest/desoto/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/desoto/) or [www.fws.gov/midwest/boyerchute/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/boyerchute/), for refuge updates. Like us on Facebook - search for DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges.

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