

# Media Advisory

## *DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Services*

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### Temporary Closure at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

**When:** Saturday, October 24 – Sunday, October 25  
**Where:** DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge  
**Who:** Contact DeSoto Visitor Services at (712) 388-4800

All refuge roads and nature trails will be closed beyond the visitor center on Saturday and Sunday, October 24-25 to ensure public safety and facilitate a white-tailed deer hunt. The visitor center will remain accessible and open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All spots for the deer hunt have been filled.

The refuge facilitates these hunts in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Hunting is used as a management tool to control the number of deer on the Refuge. Hunting is one of six wildlife-dependent recreational uses on refuges which also include wildlife observation, wildlife photography, fishing, environmental education, and interpretation.

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 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, except most 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](mailto:desoto@fws.gov)

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