

News Release

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Services

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Weekend Wildlife Film Series at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA -- DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge's Visitor Center continues to host weekend wildlife films. The films are shown each Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Upcoming film titles are:

Jan 5 & 6 – St. Croix: A Northwoods Journey – Explore the St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers of Wisconsin, in a journey across the four seasons and through a thousand years of history. 20 minutes

Jan 12 & 13 – Land of Dreams: Homesteading America – Journey through 30 states and 123 years of homesteading history. 25 minutes

Jan 19 & 20 – Pipestone: An Unbroken Legacy – Portrays the importance of the pipestone quarries through the voices of the American Indians. 25 minutes

Jan 26 & 27 - Badlands Suite – Witness how millions of years of natural processes have carved canyons and exposed innumerable signs of past wildlife making this area the richest mammal fossil beds in the world.

Feb 2 & 3 – Alaska's Inside Passage – From Glacier Bay National Park to the historic gold rush town of Skagway, discover Alaska's true treasures. 110 minutes

Feb 9 & 10 – Antarctic Wildlife Adventure – Embark on an incredible adventure to document the life cycles of various penguin species, elephant seals, humpback whales and other creatures that inhabit this beautiful realm. 75 minutes

Feb 16 & 17 – Discovering Nature – Experience whitetail deer, elk, and bison. 35 minutes

Feb 23 & 24 – Raptor Force – Fly with nature's elite aerial killing machines. 60 minutes

Mar 2 & 3 – The Key to Duck ID – Learn important features to identify ducks in any season. 30 minutes

Mar 9 – Bluebirds – Learn about opening and managing a bluebird house or trail. 60 minutes

Mar 10 – Bluebird Program – Learn about bluebirds from Sandy Seibert, President of *Bluebirds Across Nebraska*. 60 minutes

Mar 16 & 17 – Audubon's Crane Adventures – You are invited to tag along on this fantastic trip as these determined birds wing their way cross-country to their winter homes. 30 minutes

Mar 23 & 24 – Coots, Coots Everywhere – Observe the coots everyday life on a pond along with other wildlife babies. 20 minutes

Mar 30 – Col. Robert Campbell: Mt. Man to Millionaire – Describes the life of Col. Campbell, a major shipper of the *Bertrand's* cargo. The *Bertrand* sank on April 1st, 1865 – 148 years ago. 30 minutes

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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. 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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