

News Release

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Services

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Spring Turkey Hunting at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

Missouri Valley, Iowa - DeSoto Refuge will be open to public archery turkey hunting from April 15th through May 12th. A Refuge Hunting Regulations permit is required and can be obtained free of charge at the DeSoto Visitor Center, which is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. It will also be available, closer to the hunting season, online at http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Desoto/visit/visitor_activities.html. The permit includes a map showing the areas that archers can hunt. All hunters must be properly licensed, follow all applicable state and federal regulations and carry the refuge hunting regulations permit while hunting.

The refuge will hold one youth shotgun turkey hunt on April 6-7th. Interested youth hunters may apply for the hunt by sending in their name, address and telephone number. We also need the name of the person who will be bringing the youth hunting and their cell phone number. Applications should be sent to DeSoto Refuge, 1434 316th Lane, Missouri Valley, IA 51555. A random drawing for the limited slots will be done on March 15th. All applications must be received by that time. Any remaining slots will be filled on request.

A shotgun hunt for mobility impaired hunters will be held on April 13-14th. Interested mobility impaired hunters can find out more about the hunt by calling Peter Rea at 712-388-4803.

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.

