

Public Hunting Opportunities

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge

For more information:

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Hunting opportunities at DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges are available on a regulated basis.

All hunters must be licensed and abide by all applicable federal and state regulations. This brochure is for season and application information only and is not to be used as a guide for federal or state hunting regulations.

In addition to required state hunting licenses and stamps, hunters on DeSoto and Boyer Chute Refuges must obtain a free Refuge Access Permit for all hunting activities with the exception of waterfowl hunting on Boyer Chute.

Youth/Mobility-Impaired Wild Turkey

DeSoto Refuge offers weekend wild turkey hunts for youth and mobility-impaired hunters each spring. Interested youth hunters may apply by sending a card with their name, address and telephone number to DeSoto Refuge at the address listed on the front of this brochure by March 1st. Mobility impaired hunters should call Mindy Sheets at 712-388-4802.

Spring Archery Wild Turkey

An archery only season for wild turkey is held each spring in designated areas of DeSoto NWR. Hunters must obtain a free Refuge Access Permit at the DeSoto Visitor Center or at any hunter parking area during the hunting season.

Waterfowl

Boyer Chute Refuge offers limited waterfowl hunting concurrent with Nebraska waterfowl seasons. Waterfowl hunting is allowed only in designated areas along the banks of the Missouri River channel and can be accessed by watercraft or by walking from the main parking lot. Refuge regulations are posted at the front entrance kiosk during the waterfowl season.

Archery Deer

Archery deer hunting is open on DeSoto Refuge each year in designated areas. Hunters must obtain a free Refuge Access Permit at the DeSoto Visitor Center or at any hunter parking area during the hunting season.

Muzzleloading Firearms Deer

Deer hunting has been increased to reduce the expanding deer herd. All muzzleloading hunts are antlerless only with the exception of the December DeSoto season.

-Nebraska residents can apply for the October and December DeSoto hunts through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission office or website. The January DeSoto hunt will utilize a Wahoo Area Season Choice antlerless permit. The Boyer Chute December hunt will utilize either a statewide muzzleloading or a Wahoo Area Season Choice antlerless permit.

-Iowa residents can apply for any of the DeSoto firearms seasons by sending or dropping off a card with their name, address, and phone number to DeSoto Refuge at the address listed on the front of this brochure by Sept 1. After this date all available refuge access permits will be available on a first come basis. Iowa residents may purchase nonresident licenses for DeSoto or Boyer Chute hunts (as available) through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission office or website.

After the drawing, successful Iowa hunters can purchase a special antlerless license from a local license vendor for the October and January hunts. The December hunt will require a Shotgun (First Season) license.

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Season	Refuge	Legal Weapon	Hunt Dates	Permits Issued	How to Obtain a Permit	
					Nebraska	Iowa
Spring Turkey	DeSoto	Archery	04/16/12 – 05/20/12	Unlimited	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.
Spring Turkey Youth Only	DeSoto	Shotgun	04/14/12 – 04/15/12	35 youth	Apply at DeSoto by 3/1/12	Apply at DeSoto by 3/1/12
Spring Turkey Youth/Mobility Impaired Only	DeSoto	Shotgun	04/21/12 - 04/22/12	35 youth	Apply at DeSoto by 3/1/12	Apply at DeSoto by 3/1/12
Waterfowl	Boyer Chute	Shotgun	Concurrent NE waterfowl seasons.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Deer**	DeSoto	Archery	10/01/12 – 1/18/13	Unlimited	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.
Deer*	DeSoto	Muzzleloader	10/20/12 – 10/21/12	200	Buy directly from NGPC	Apply at DeSoto by 9/1/12
Deer**	DeSoto	Muzzleloader	12/08/12 – 12/09/12	135	Buy directly from NGPC	Apply at DeSoto by 9/1/12
Deer*	Boyer Chute	Muzzleloader	12/15/12 – 12/23/12	Unlimited	Buy directly from NGPC	Buy directly from NGPC
Deer* +	DeSoto	Muzzleloader	01/12/13 – 01/13/13	Unlimited	Buy directly from NGPC	Apply at DeSoto by 9/1/12

* Antlerless only deer hunt

** Either sex deer hunt subject to state license or permit restrictions

+ January 12 – 13, 2013 season may be expanded depending on habitat and deer population conditions