U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

DeSoto

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations
2015 - 2016

The signing of the permit validates it as your general Refuge hunting permit and must be in your possession while participating in authorized Refuge hunting activities. Expiration Date: Jan 10, 2016.

I have read and understand these regulations.

_____ _____

Hunter's signature Date

For more information:
DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge
1434 316th Lane
Missouri Valley, IA 51555
712-388-4802
402/679-9020 (Law Enforcement)

REFUGE HUNTING PERMIT:
All hunters must possess a Refuge hunting permit. This brochure, when signed, and in your possession, serves as a permit for all Refuge hunts.

ENTRANCE FEE PERMIT: Hunters may only enter the refuge if they also have a valid entrance fee permit (one per vehicle). Valid permits are DeSoto Annual Pass ($15.00), Federal Duck Stamp ($25.00), Daily Permit ($3.00). Other passes are available at the Visitor Center for seniors, active military, and permanently disabled. Contact DeSoto NWR for details.

STATE REGULATIONS: All state regulations apply including hunting methods, license, tagging and reporting requirements. Additional Refuge-Specific regulations are outlined in this brochure and in Title 50 CFR. All commercial activities, including guided hunts, are prohibited.

REFUGE HOURS: Two hours before sunrise until 1 ½ hours after sunset. You must contact refuge law enforcement to remain after closing hours to retrieve or track wounded game.

RECIPROCITY: All areas open to hunting, as outlined on the map of this brochure, may be accessed by hunters holding a resident Iowa or resident Nebraska license. Hunters holding non-resident Nebraska or Iowa licenses may only hunt on land within the state the nonresident license is issued.

FIREARMS: All firearms must be 1) unloaded and 2) entirely cased or broken down while in vehicles on refuge roads during refuge firearms hunts. A muzzleloader must be cased and is considered unloaded if the cap or priming charge is removed from the firearm.

CROSSBOWS: Crossbows are prohibited as archery equipment unless needed because of a physical disability. Contact the refuge for additional information.

BLAZE ORANGE: All hunters (including archery) must display blaze orange that meets their respective states firearms season requirements during any DEER season in which firearms are allowed on the refuge (Oct 24 & 25 and Dec 19 & 20).

STANDS, BLINDS & OTHER PROPERTY: Only portable stands and blinds may be placed on the refuge during the applicable hunting season. Trail cameras are not allowed.

- Hunters must remove all stands, blinds, and other property from the refuge by the close of the season.
- Unattended stands and blinds must be plainly labeled on durable material with the full name and/or hunting license number of the owner.
- Spikes, nails, screw-in steps, screw-in bow holders, and any items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree are prohibited.
- Cutting or altering of tree branches or any vegetation is prohibited.
- During any firearm season, ground blinds must display a 12 inch x 12 inch patch of solid blaze orange material visible in all directions.
- Stands and blinds not in full compliance with these regulations are subject to removal.

RADIOS: The use of two-way mobile radio transmitters to communicate the location of game or to coordinate the movement of other hunters is prohibited.

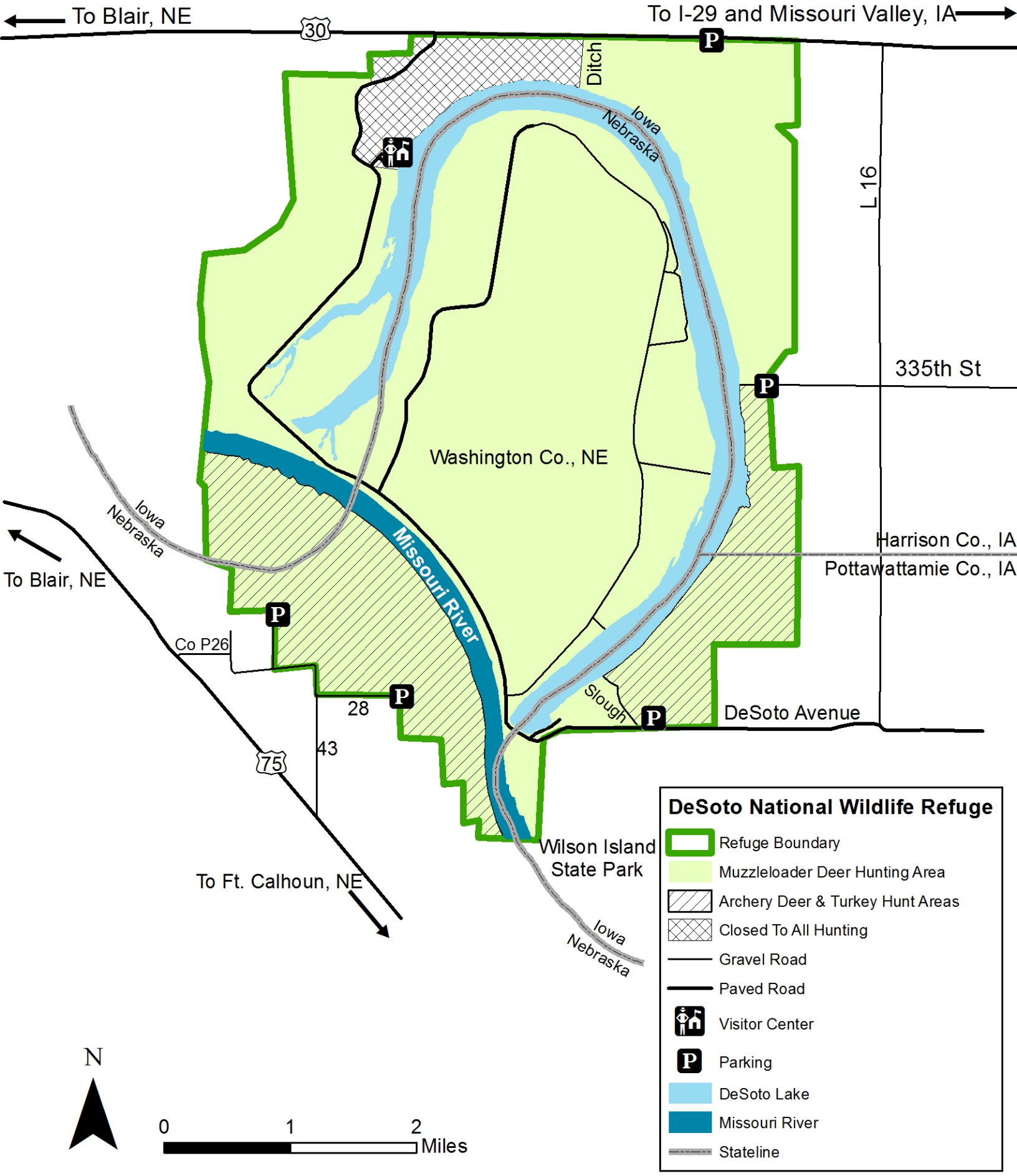
ALCOHOL: Possession or use of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

COMPANIONS: Only legal hunters holding the proper state hunting license may enter and hunt refuge hunting areas. Unlicensed companions are not permitted in the hunting area when not open to the general public.

DEER DRIVES: Participation in organized deer drives is prohibited.

LITTERING: You may not field dress any game within 100 feet of the centerline of any refuge road or parking area. You may not dispose of an animal carcass on refuge property. All ribbon & flagging must be removed by the end of the season.

ARCHERY DURING GUN SEASONS: Hunting areas will remain open to archery deer hunting during the respective states firearms deer seasons.

Season	Legal Weapon	Hunt Dates	Hunter Quota	How to Obtain a Permit	
				Nebraska	Iowa
Spring Turkey	Archery	4/18/15 – 5/17/15	Unlimited	Purchase state permits from: www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov	Purchase state permits from Iowa DNR license vendor
Deer Either Sex	Archery	10/1/15 – 1/10/16	Unlimited	Purchase state permits from: www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov	Purchase state permits from Iowa DNR license vendor
Deer Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	10/24/15-10/25/15	150	Purchase state permits from: www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov	Apply at DeSoto NWR by 9/1/15
Deer Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	12/19/15-12/20/15	150	Purchase state permits from: www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov	Apply at DeSoto NWR by 9/1/15

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge
Hunting Map