



# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges

### *May 2015* *Calendar of Events*

#### **Weekend Wildlife Films.....Saturdays & Sundays**

**1:30pm • Films are shown at the DeSoto Visitor Center**

May 2 & 3 - *Wetlands: We Need Them*

May 9 & 10 - *Leaping Lizards*

May 16 & 17 - *Travelin' On...Lewis & Clark Trail*

May 23 & 24 - *Birds*

May 30 & 31 - *Grandpa, Can We Go Fishing?*

#### **International Migratory Bird Day Hikes.....Sunday, May 10**

**2-3:30pm • Meet at DeSoto Visitor Center**

Join a ranger to learn about the birds that live at DeSoto and the habitat that they need to survive.

Bring binoculars or borrow ones from the refuge. Dress appropriately to be outside.

#### **Fishing Clinic.....Saturday, May 16**

**10am-12pm • Meet at South Gate Recreation Area**

Discover the wonders of fishing! Grab your fishing poles and bait, or use equipment provided by the refuge.

Learn basic fishing instructions, fish identification, and enjoy a great day of fishing on the refuge.

#### **Evening Campground Talk .....Saturday, May 23**

**8pm • Meet at Wilson Island State Recreation Area Campground, Shelter #2**

Join a ranger for a rousing talk about the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System and DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge. Highlighted in this Saturday's talk is the special "nature" of DeSoto as national wildlife refuge where "*Nature Meets History*" through varied wildlife habitats, the passage of Lewis & Clark and the Steamboat Bertrand .

#### **Discover DeSoto.....Saturdays, May 23 & 30, Sundays, May 24 & 31**

**1pm • Meet at DeSoto Visitor Center**

Grab your camera and binoculars and come out to discover the wildlife, plants, and history of DeSoto NWR. We might hike a trail, go on a refuge tour, visit the steamboat Bertrand discovery site, or see a bald eagle nest.

Dress appropriately to be outside. Please check our website and Facebook page weekly for topics.

#### **Junior Refuge Manager Program.....Thursday, May 28**

**10am • Meet at DeSoto Visitor Center**

Looking for some outdoor fun for your kids this summer? They will love the Junior Refuge Manager Program series! Program topics include bug study, forest exploration, wetland investigation, habitats, and more.

Each date is a different program so feel free to attend one or all!

**All programs are free with a valid entrance permit.**

**Please call the DeSoto NWR Visitor Center for more information (712) 388-4800**