

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges

Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week!



October 10 – 24, 2015

Kick-Off the Fall Migration

Celebrate the early fall migration at DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges. What better places to experience the wonders of wildlife and bird migrations than at your local national wildlife refuges?

Saturday, October 10, DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

- 10:00-12:00 Last Chance Fishing Clinic – Meet at South Gate Recreation Area
- 11:00 Refuge Waterfowl Tour – Meet at the visitor center
- 1:00 Steamboat Bertrand Museum Collection Talk – Meet at the visitor center
- * Waterfowl Spotting Station – Check at the visitor center for time & location

Sunday, October 11, DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge **Free Admission Day**

- 8:00 Bird Walk for Beginners – Meet at visitor center
- 10:00-3:00 Family friendly wildlife related activities at the visitor center
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Saturday, October 24, Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge

- 10:00 Guided Nature Hike – Meet at main parking area at Boyer Chute NWR

For more information please call the DeSoto Visitor Center at (712) 388-4800

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Saturday, October 10, 2015

- **Last Chance Fishing Clinic** kicks off at 10:00 a.m. at the South Gate Recreation Area. Enjoy one last fishing outing before DeSoto Lake closes for the season on October 15. Rods and bait are provided, or bring your own. Youth under 16 can fish without a license. Fishing license requirements for Nebraska and Iowa residents age 16 years and older still apply.
- **Refuge Waterfowl Tour** at 11:00 a.m. Join refuge staff to view the fall waterfowl migration and to spot wildlife related directly to migratory bird habitat restoration on the refuge. Conditions vary and you never can be sure of what we'll see—ducks, geese, eagles, swans, and more. Binoculars and spotting scopes will be available for a better view of the visiting birds. Meet at the visitor center.
- **Steamboat Bertrand Museum Collection Talk** begins at 1:00 p.m. at the visitor center. This talk will be followed by a car caravan to the Bertrand Discovery Site to learn about excavation of the steamboat wreck along the Missouri River, preservation of its objects, and the various wildlife habitats now restored and managed by the refuge.
- A **Waterfowl Spotting Station** will be set up at a location out on the refuge during the day to allow for the best viewing of migratory birds. The location of this station will be determined that morning based on wildlife conditions so please check at the visitor center for times and directions.

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- A **Bird Walk for Beginners** will meet 8:00 a.m. in the visitor center parking lot. We will hike about one mile to experience the fall bird migration at DeSoto NWR. Birders of all ages are welcome to attend and binoculars will be available for use during the hike.
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- **Guided Nature Hike at Boyer Chute** at 10:00 a.m. Discover or re-discover your other local refuge located just three miles east of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. Learn about the habitats, management, and wildlife of this special place. Meet at the kiosk in the main parking lot.