

News Release

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Services

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National Public Lands Day at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, September 28

Missouri Valley, Iowa - - National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands that Americans enjoy such as national wildlife refuges. National Public Lands Day 2013 celebrates 20 years of service and recreation on public lands and volunteers are needed.

Volunteers will meet at the DeSoto Visitor Center parking lot on Saturday, September 28 at 8:30 a.m. Groups will work from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM and complete various projects such as transplanting prairie cord grass, collecting prairie seed, trail maintenance and general refuge clean-up.

Registration is requested, however, equipment will also be available for any other volunteers that want to stop and help that day. A complimentary lunch will be served to volunteers at the completion of the projects. For more information or to register, call the DeSoto Visitor Center at 712-388-4800.

National Public Lands Day is also a **fee free day** at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge and other federal lands around the country. This is a great chance to get out and explore your local national wildlife refuge. 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/midwest/desoto/ or www.fws.gov/midwest/boyerchute/, for refuge updates. Like us on Facebook - search for DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges.

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