

DeSoto

National Wildlife Refuge

2012-2013 Archery Deer Hunting Access Permit and Regulations

This permit must be signed below and carried at all times while engaging in archery hunting activities on the refuge.

I have read and understand the regulations for archery hunting at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge.

Hunter's signature Date

For more information:
DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge
1434 316th Lane
Missouri Valley, IA 51555
402-957-8952
402/679-9020 (Law Enforcement)



Refuge Specific Regulations

That portion of the DeSoto Refuge indicated on the map on the back of this permit is open to archery deer hunting, subject to the following conditions:

1. ALL areas, open to archery deer hunting, may be accessed by hunters with any valid resident Iowa OR resident Nebraska deer hunting permit that allows archery equipment. Reciprocity exists with both states allowing hunters with either resident permit to access refuge hunting land in either state.
2. Hunters holding non-resident Nebraska or Iowa licenses may only hunt on that states land. Example: non-resident Nebraska license holders can only hunt on Nebraska land within the refuge.
3. Hunters must follow all state and federal deer hunting regulations for the permit they hold, this includes; hours, hunting methods, tagging requirements and permit requirements.
4. SEASON: October 1, 2012 – January 18, 2013
You may only enter the refuge during these dates.
5. STAND/BLIND POLICY- Only portable tree stands and blinds may be placed on the refuge from October 1, 2012 to January 18, 2013. In complying with refuge specific regulations:
 - Hunters must remove all stands, blinds, and other property from the refuge by January 18, 2013.
 - Do not bolt or screw your stand to the tree.
 - You can not use screw in steps or drive spikes/nails in the trees.
 - No cutting of live or dead trees or branches or any other vegetation.
 - Unattended stands and blinds must be plainly labeled on durable material with the full name and address of the owner.
 - Stands and blinds not in full compliance with these regulations are subject to removal.
6. Refuge archery areas will remain open during the respective states firearm seasons. Nebraska and Iowa have agreed to allow DeSoto archery hunting to continue during the gun seasons.

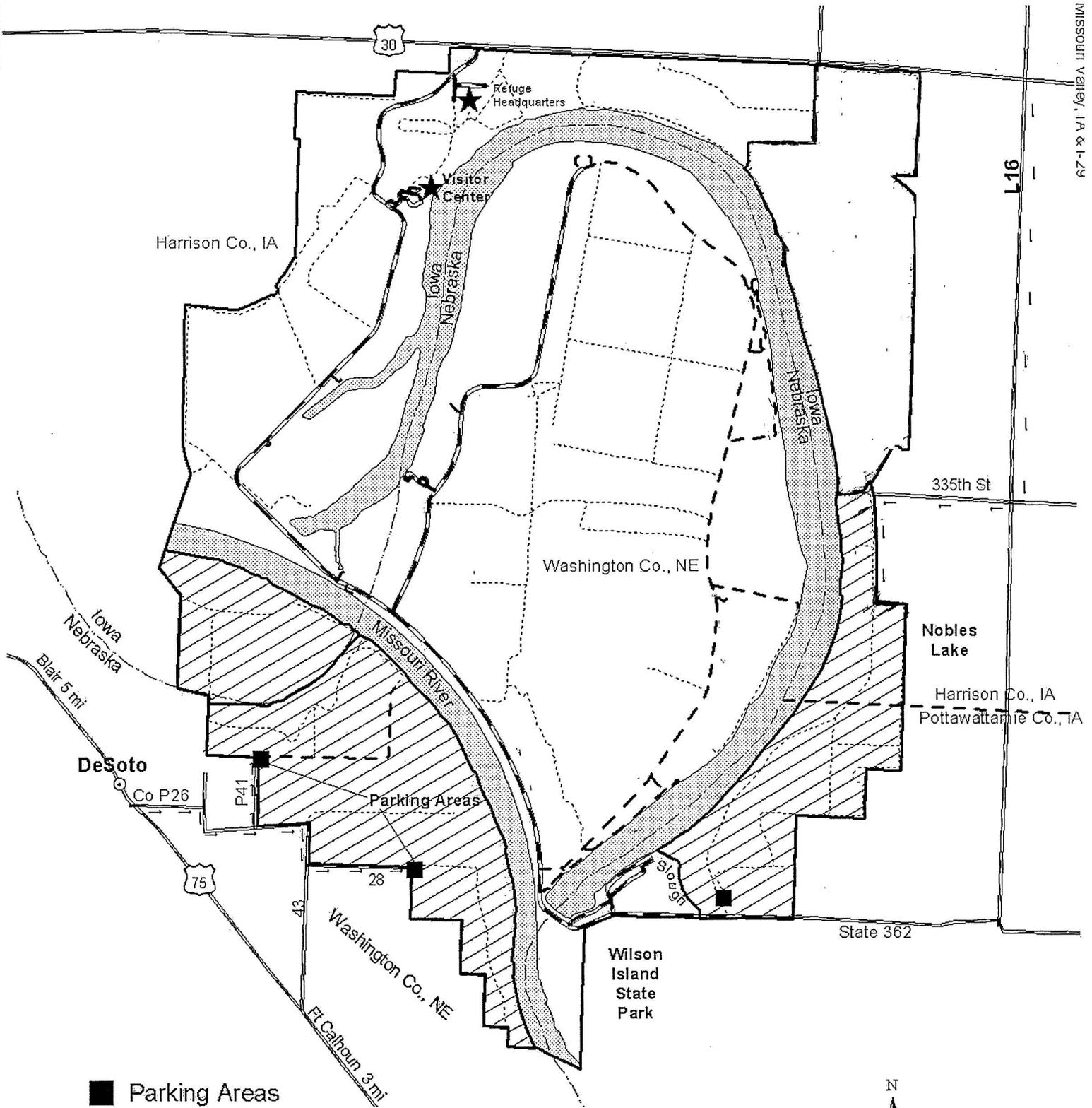
7. All hunters must obtain this regulation/permit sheet. Hunters must read and sign this permit and carry it with them at all times when hunting. This is your access permit to archery hunt DeSoto Refuge.
8. Unauthorized use or possession of firearms is prohibited.
9. The use of a crossbow as archery equipment is prohibited unless the hunter has obtained a State-issued disability crossbow permit.
10. The use of two-way mobile radio transmitters to communicate the location of game or to coordinate the movement of other hunters is prohibited.
11. Participation in organized deer drives is prohibited.
12. Hunters are allowed in the designated hunting area two (2) hours before sunrise until one and one-half (1 ½) hours after sunset. You must contact a refuge officer to remain after closing hours to retrieve a wounded deer.
13. If you wound a deer and it enters a closed area, contact a refuge officer for assistance. Phone numbers are on the front of the pamphlet. Entry into the closed area without authorization is prohibited.
14. DeSoto Refuge is a Federal Fee Area. Hunters may enter the refuge only if they have a valid entrance permit. Special annual and lifetime passes are available at the DeSoto Visitor Center.

Other available passes are:

 - A. Daily entrance permits (\$3.00) are available at both entrances to the refuge on the Iowa side of the refuge.
 - B. Annual DeSoto entrance pass (\$15.00).
 - C. Federal Duck Stamps (\$15.00).
15. Vehicles parking on refuge lands must use the designated parking area as identified on the map.
16. If the refuge is able to have a special gun hunt, archery will remain open during that hunt(s). During the gun hunt, archery hunters must wear blaze orange that meets their respective states firearm seasons.

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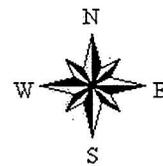
Archery Hunt Areas



■ Parking Areas

▨ Hunting Areas

— State Line



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