

DeSoto

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations 2020-2021

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: January 10th, 2021.

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
712-388-4803
402-679-9020 (Refuge 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 lands.

ENTERANCE 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), and Daily Permit (\$3.00). Other passes are available at the Visitor Center for seniors, active military, and the permanently disabled. Contact DeSoto NWR for more 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 and two hours after sunset. 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 Iowa or Nebraska licenses may only hunt on land within the state the nonresident license is issued.

NEW- MUZZLELOADER PERMITS:

For muzzleloader deer hunts, Nebraska hunters need either a statewide muzzleloader (December Hunt) or Wahoo AOSC permit (December or January). Nebraska hunters can contact Peter Rea for more information on the muzzleloader hunts (peter_rea@fws.gov)

Iowa hunters will still apply for hunt through refuge. Iowa hunters can mail in or drop off a letter with their name, address, and the hunt dates

they want to participate in. Mail to 1434 316th Lane, Missouri Valley, IA 51555

MUZZLELOADER HUNT SCOUT DAY: The scout day for both DeSoto Muzzleloader hunts is the Saturday before the hunt weekend (11/28/2020 and 12/26/2020). On these dates stands can be placed for the respective hunt weekend.

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

- *****NEW***** We allow two portable tree stands/blinds per hunter within the Archery hunt area. Of those, only one stand/blind can be left on the refuge from one week prior to the start of the designated hunt season to one week after the end of the designated hunt season.
- Unattended stands and blinds must be plainly labeled with the full name and/or hunting license number of the owner. Labels must be visible from the ground.
- Spikes, nails, 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 deer 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.

How to Obtain a Permit

Nebraska:

For all seasons: purchase state permits from—
www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Iowa:

Spring and Fall Turkey: Purchase state permit from Iowa DNR license vendor.

Deer Archery Either Sex: Purchase state permit from Iowa DNR license vendor.

Deer Archery Antlerless Only: Harrison or Pottawattamie County Antlerless Archery tags valid in DeSoto Archery Area. Purchase from Iowa DNR license vendor

Deer Muzzleloader Antlerless Only: Special Permit, Apply at DeSoto NWR by 9/1/2020

Seasons, Weapons, Hunt Dates, and Quotas

Spring Turkey:

Legal Weapon: Archery
Hunt Dates: 4/15/2020—5/17/2020
Hunter Quota: Unlimited

Fall Turkey:

Legal Weapon: Archery
Hunt Dates: 10/1/2020-1/10/2021
Hunter Quota: Unlimited

Deer Either Sex:

Legal Weapon: Archery
Hunt Dates: 10/1/2020—1/10/2021
Hunter Quota: Unlimited

Deer Antlerless Only (Hunt 1):

Legal Weapon: Muzzleloader
Hunt Dates: 12/5/2020—12/6/2020
Iowa Permit Quota: 50
Nebraska Permit Quota: Until Sold Out, Statewide Muzzleloader Permit or Season Choice Wahoo Unit Permit Valid

Deer Antlerless Only (Hunt 2):

Legal Weapon: Muzzleloader
Hunt Dates: 1/2/2020—1/3/2021
Iowa Permit Quota: 50
Nebraska Permit Quota: Until Sold Out, Season Choice Wahoo Unit Permit Valid



