U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

2014

Public Hunting Opportunities

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge

For more information:
DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge
1434 316th Lane
Missouri Valley, IA 51555
712/388-4802

Hunting opportunities at DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges are available on a regulated basis.

All hunters must be licensed and abide by all applicable federal and state regulations. This brochure is for season and application information only and is not to be used as a guide for federal or state hunting regulations.

In addition to required state hunting licenses and stamps, hunters on DeSoto and Boyer Chute Refuges must obtain a free Refuge Access Permit for all hunting activities with the exception of waterfowl hunting on Boyer Chute.

Youth/Mobility-Impaired Wild Turkey
DeSoto Refuge offers weekend wild turkey hunts for youth and mobility-impaired hunters each spring. Interested youth hunters may apply by sending a card with their name, address and telephone number to DeSoto Refuge at the address listed on the front of this brochure by March 1st. Mobility impaired hunters should call Mindy Sheets at 712-388-4802.

Spring Archery Wild Turkey
An archery only season for wild turkey is held each spring in designated areas of DeSoto NWR. Hunters must obtain a free Refuge Access Permit at the DeSoto Visitor Center or at any hunter parking area during the hunting season.

Waterfowl
Boyer Chute Refuge offers limited waterfowl hunting concurrent with Nebraska waterfowl seasons. Waterfowl hunting is allowed only in designated areas along the banks of the Missouri River channel and can be accessed by watercraft or by walking from the main parking lot.

Archery Deer
Archery deer hunting is open on DeSoto Refuge each year in designated areas. Hunters must obtain a free Refuge Access Permit at the DeSoto Visitor Center or at any hunter parking area during the hunting season.

Muzzleloading Firearms Deer
The muzzleloader hunts in 2014 are antlerless only. Some hunts are suspended in 2014 to allow deer populations to recover.

-*Nebraska residents* can apply for the October DeSoto antlerless hunt through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission office or website.

Legal permits for the December Boyer Chute antlerless hunt are statewide muzzleloader or Wahoo Area Season Choice.

-*Iowa residents* can apply for the DeSoto muzzleloader hunt by sending or dropping off a card with their name, address, and phone number to DeSoto Refuge at the address listed on the front of this brochure by Sept 1. After this date all available refuge access permits will be available on a first come basis. After the drawing, successful Iowa hunters can purchase a special antlerless license from a local license vendor.

Iowa residents may purchase nonresident licenses for the DeSoto or Boyer Chute hunts (as available) through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission office or website.

Hunting Opportunities on DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges

Season	Refuge	Legal Weapon	Hunt Dates	Permits Issued	How to Obtain a Permit	
					Nebraska	Iowa
Spring Turkey	DeSoto	Archery	04/14/14 – 05/18/14	Unlimited	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.
Spring Turkey Youth Only	DeSoto	Shotgun	04/12/14 – 04/13/14	35 youth	Apply at DeSoto by 3/1/14	Apply at DeSoto by 3/1/14
Spring Turkey Youth/Mobility Impaired Only	DeSoto	Shotgun	05/17/14 - 05/18/14	35 youth	Apply at DeSoto by 3/1/14	Apply at DeSoto by 3/1/14
Waterfowl	Boyer Chute	Shotgun	Concurrent NE waterfowl seasons.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Deer**	DeSoto	Archery	10/01/14 – 1/10/15	Unlimited	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.	Free access permit available at the DeSoto Visitor Center or in hunter parking areas during the hunting season.
Deer*	DeSoto	Muzzleloader	10/18/14 – 10/19/14	150	Buy directly from NGPC	Apply at DeSoto by 9/1/14
Deer*	Boyer Chute	Muzzleloader	12/13/14 – 12/21/14	Unlimited	Free refuge access permit at DeSoto Visitor Center or refuge web site. Valid state permits are NE statewide muzzleloader or Wahoo Area Season Choice permit.	Free refuge access permit at DeSoto Visitor Center or refuge web site. Valid state permits are NE statewide muzzleloader or Wahoo Area Season Choice permit.

* Antlerless only deer hunt
** Either sex deer hunt subject to state license or permit restrictions