

# DEER PERMIT AREA 117 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2024 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: either sex

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** N/A

**Seasons:**

Archery: Sept. 14 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 17 - 20

Early Antlerless: N/A

Firearm A: Nov. 9 - 24

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15

Late CWD Hunts: N/A

## Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	79
Grassland and Wetlands	3
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	18
Developed	0

## Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

927 Sq. Mi.

## Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	0
State Forest	10
Misc. State Land	65
County Managed Land	0.5
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	807
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>882.5</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 117 borders Canada in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of Lake and Cook Counties. The only portion that's not part of the BWCAW is the private and public land along the Gunflint Trail. Fire and wind events have the largest impact to the forest here. Winter and habitat are the limiting factors for the deer population. This area is more suitable to moose most winters. However, this past winter was mild with little snow. Deer, hunter, and harvest numbers are the lowest in the state in DPA 117. Since this is the heart of moose range and provides some of the best moose habitat available, the goal is to keep deer numbers low. Deer hunting is also a challenge here therefore, a deer of Either-sex may be taken.

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### Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

Optional CWD testing - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html>

## 2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

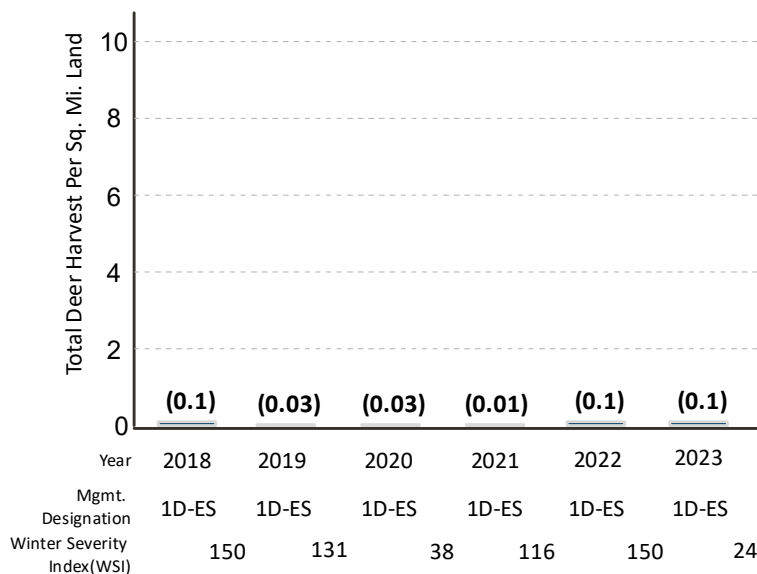
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 0

Hunter Success: 8%

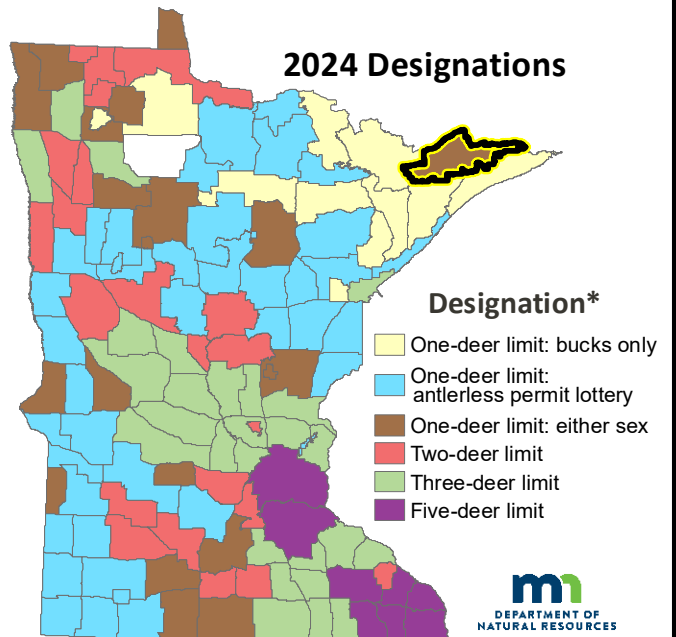
## 2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	6	0	1	0	7
Archery	1	0	0	0	1
Muzzleloader	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

## Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2018 - 2023/24



## 2024 Designations



\* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details