DEER PERMIT AREA 131 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: bucks only
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

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 131 is within Lake and Cook County south of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. DPA 131 has vast amounts of forested public land. Winter severity and habitat have the most impact on the deer population. While large in size, DPA 131 has very low deer densities. Since this is in the primary moose range, the 2022 population goal was to keep the deer population low but stable. However, despite several years of conservative hunting regulations, and very low deer harvests, the deer population continues to decline. Although this past winter was mild for a change, it will take more than one easy winter to increase the deer population. DPA 131 will be Bucks-only again in 2024. No antlerless permits will be offered.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
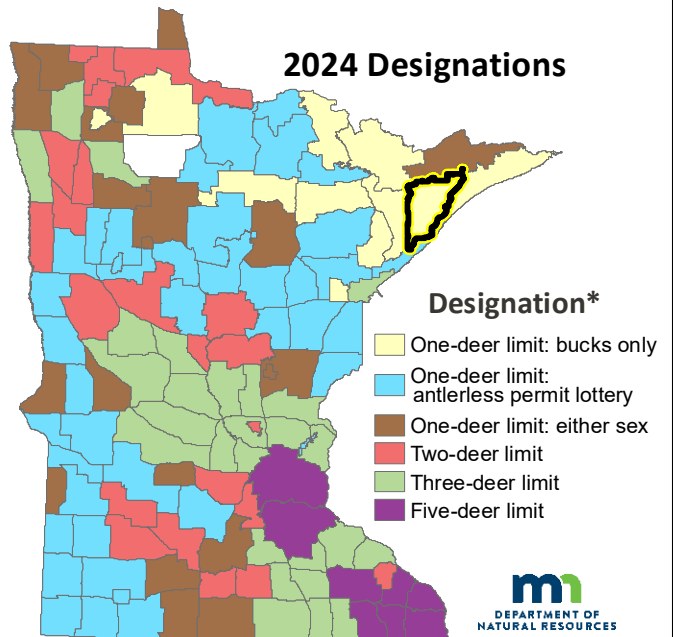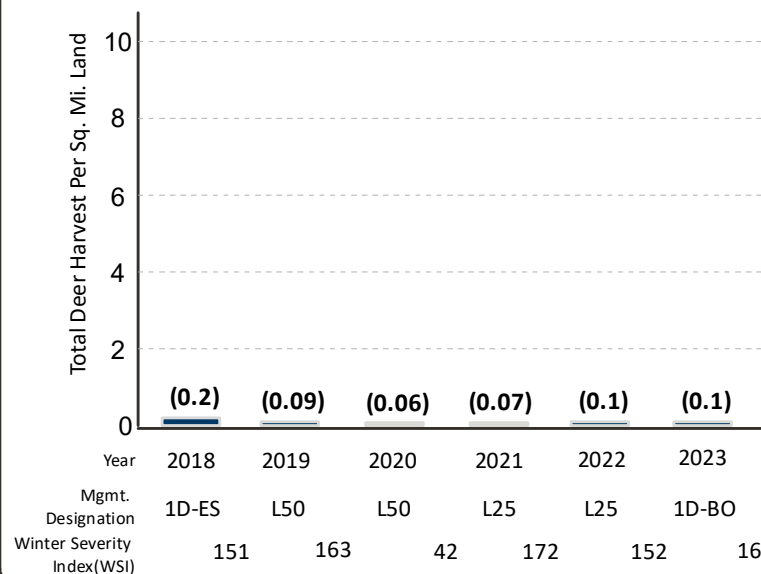**Optional CWD testing - https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html**

Land Cover Types

Land Cover Types	% Tot.
Woody Cover	94
Grassland and Wetlands	1
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	3
Developed	2

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

899 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	0
State Forest	115
Misc. State Land	30
County Managed Land	100
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	479
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	24
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	**748**

2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 1
Hunter Success: 4%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	16	1	0	0	17
Archery	2	0	0	0	2
Muzzleloader	0	0	0	0	0
Total Harvest	18	1	0	0	19

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

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
(Total Deer Harvest Per Sq. Mi. Land)	(0.2)	(0.09)	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Mgmt. Designation	1D-ES	L50	L50	L25	L25	1D-BO
Winter Severity Index(WSI)	151	163	42	172	152	16

2024 Designations

Designation*

- One-deer limit: bucks only
- One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery
- One-deer limit: either sex
- Two-deer limit
- Three-deer limit
- Five-deer limit

* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details

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