

DEER PERMIT AREA 172 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (250)

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	77
Grassland and Wetlands	8
Annual Row Crops	1
Open Water	11
Developed	3

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

688 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	15
State Forest	26
Misc. State Land	36
County Managed Land	208
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	152
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0.1
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	437.1

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 172 includes northern Crow Wing, central and northeastern Cass Counties along with a sliver along the western edge of Itasca County. Rolling hills and lakes dot this mostly forested DPA. Much of the land within the DPA is in public ownership, giving hunters ample places to hunt. The goal for this permit area is to increase the population by 25%, however the deer herd in this permit area is still working to recover from winters with deep snow which impacted winter survival. Last winter's mild conditions were good for deer winter survival and will help the herd recover. A low Lottery again this year will protect does from harvest and help increase the deer population in this area.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

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

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Cass, Crow Wing and Itasca Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

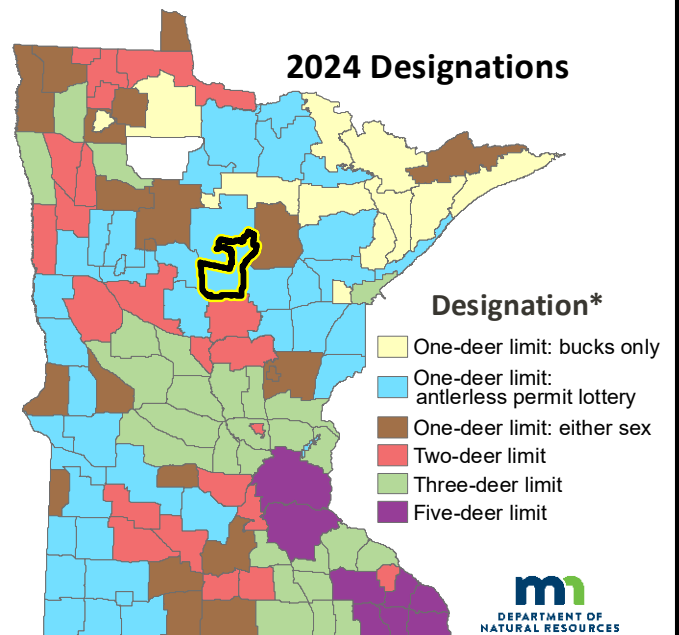
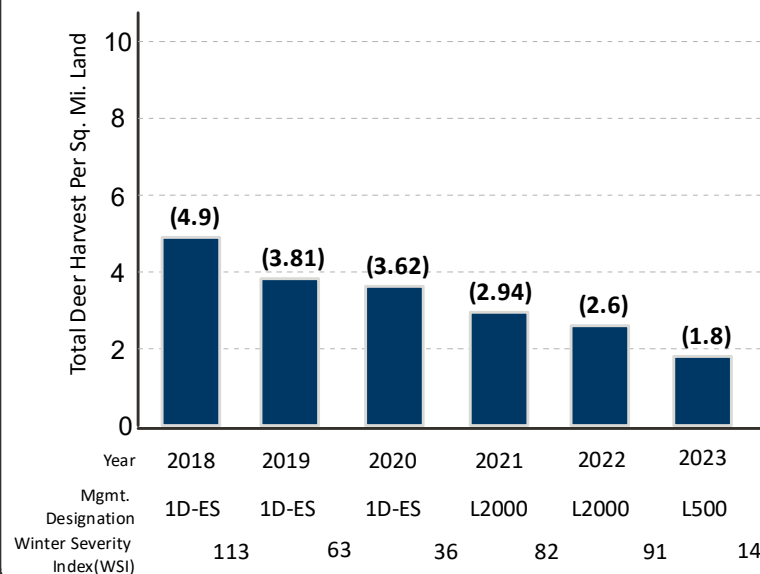
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	11
Hunter Success:	15%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	908	44	177	24	1153
Archery	40	6	48	3	97
Muzzleloader	6	0	2	0	8
Total Harvest	954	50	227	27	1258

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



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details



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