

DEER PERMIT AREA 176 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: bucks only

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: N/A

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 23

Late SE Firearms: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	83
Grassland and Wetlands	3
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	5
Developed	9

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

921 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	2
State Forest	74
Misc. State Land	53
County Managed Land	138
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	155
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	12
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	434

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 176 lies north of the Iron Range largely within the Superior National Forest and is a mix of public and private lands outside the primary moose range. It is about 80% forested along with scattered fields, bogs, and mine land along the Mesabi Range. The local deer herd is currently below population goal and continues to decrease. Implementation of a Bucks-Only strategy will be new in 2025 to move the population towards the desired public goal established in 2021.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Jessica Holmes, 218-300-7861

Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information Optional CWD testing

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Itasca County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

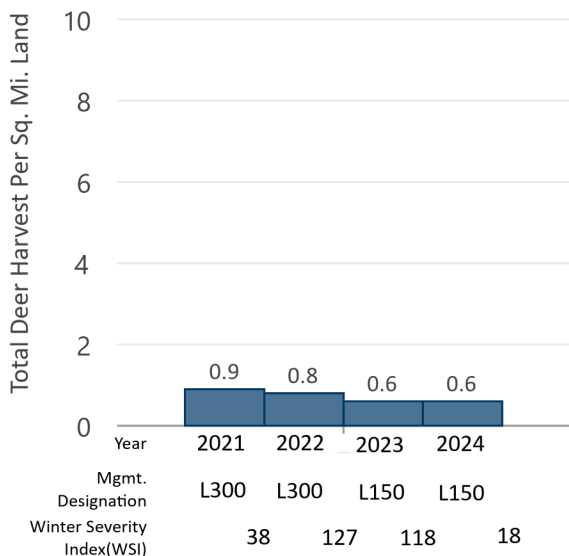
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 4

Hunter Success: 12%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	487	5	11	1	504
Archery	28	0	7	1	36
Muzzleloader	6	0	0	0	6
Total Harvest	521	5	18	2	546

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

