

# DEER PERMIT AREA 177 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (25)

**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	79
Grassland and Wetlands	6
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	12
Developed	3

### Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

480 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	0.4
State Forest	89
Misc. State Land	39
County Managed Land	73
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	8
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	1
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>210.4</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 177 lies north of the Iron Range partially within the Superior National Forest in northern St. Louis, small portions in Itasca, and Koochiching County. It is a mix of public and private lands outside the primary moose range. It is about 75% forested with a mix of agricultural fields, brushland, and swamps. Field observations from hunters and biologists are indicating this population is still on the decline. Implementation of a lower Lottery management strategy will continue in 2025 to move the population towards goal.

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### 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](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details

## 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

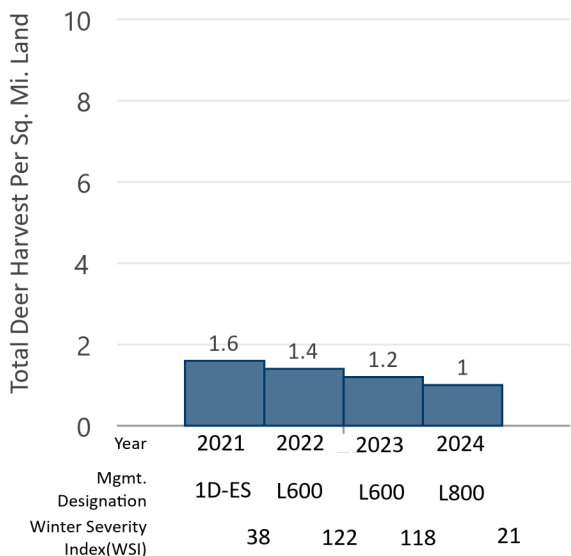
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 6

Hunter Success: 14%

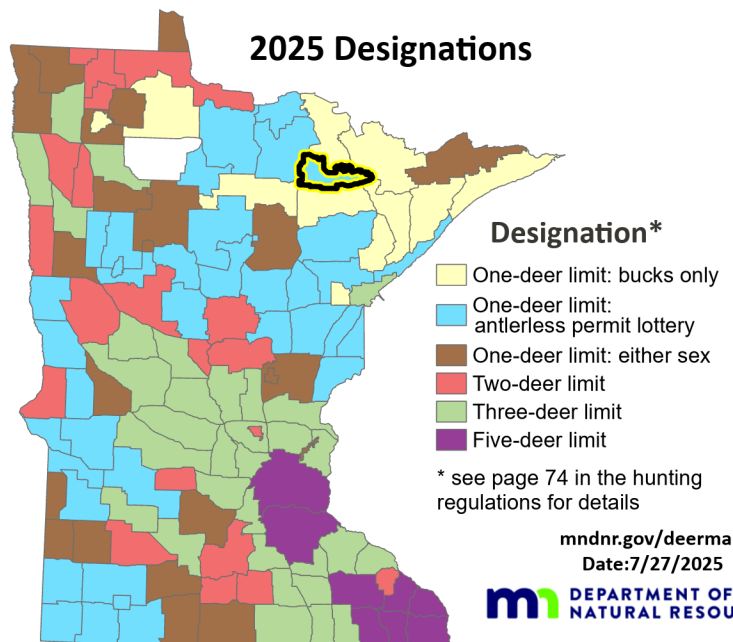
## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	360	10	67	2	439
<b>Archery</b>	22	0	11	3	36
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	6	0	0	0	6
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>481</b>

## Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



## 2025 Designations



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