

DEER PERMIT AREA 178 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

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

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	84
Grassland and Wetlands	7
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	4
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

1195 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	5
State Forest	41
Misc. State Land	99
County Managed Land	330
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	11
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	46
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	532

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 178 lies south of the Iron Range, partially within the Superior National Forest in St. Louis, and a small portion of Itasca County. It has a mix of public and private lands. It is outside the primary moose range. DPA 178 is a mix of forest, agricultural fields, bogs and minelands. The local deer herd is currently below established population goals set in 2020. Implementation of a low Lottery management strategy will continue in 2024 to move the population towards goal.

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

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 Itasca County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

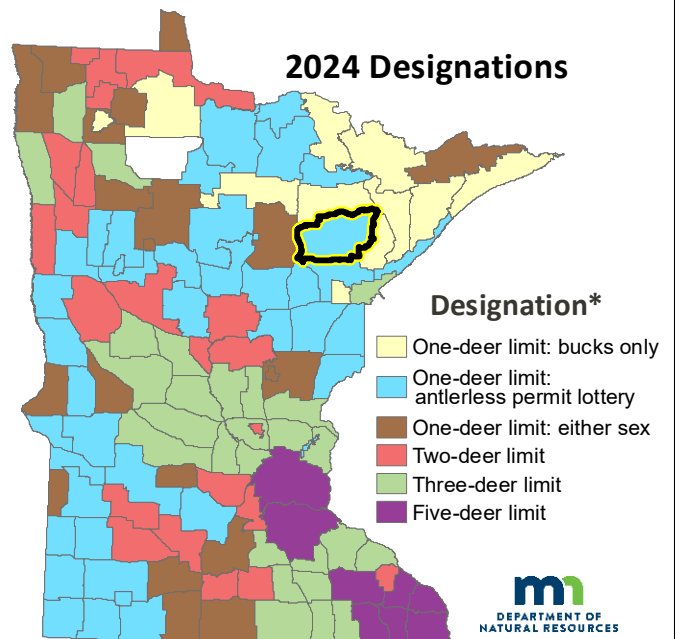
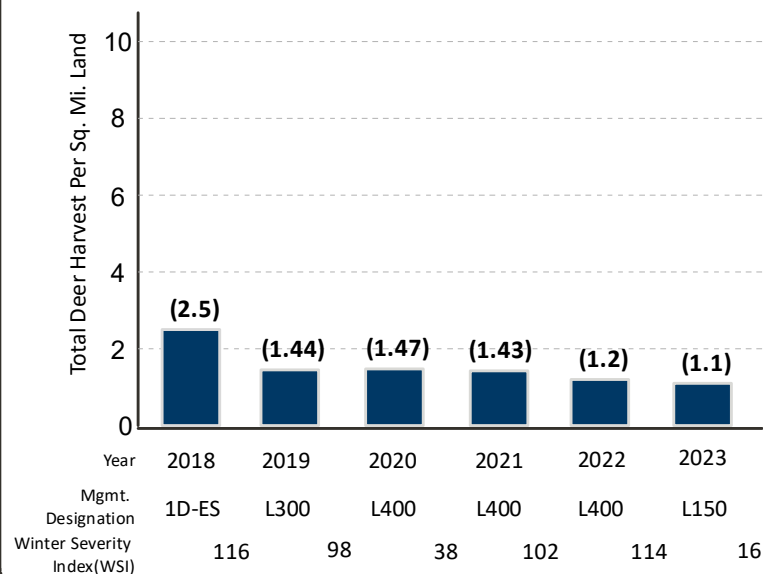
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 6
Hunter Success: 16%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	898	41	197	19	1155
Archery	43	4	57	3	107
Muzzleloader	8	0	2	0	10
Total Harvest	949	45	256	22	1272

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



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details