

# DEER PERMIT AREA 178 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	84
Grassland and Wetlands	7
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	4
Developed	5

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

1195 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly 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
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>532</b>

## 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 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

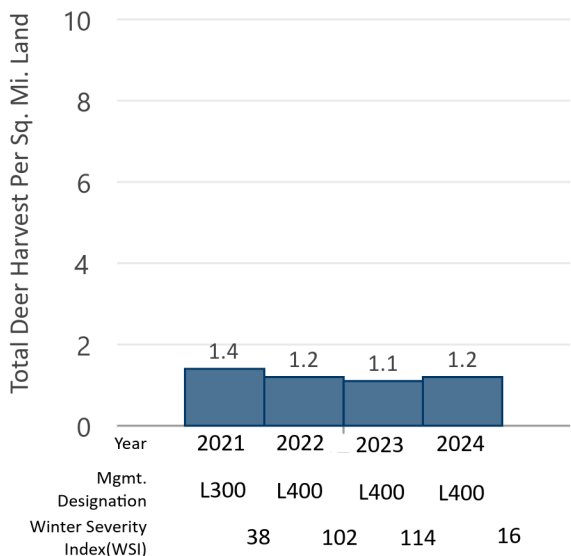
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 6

Hunter Success: 18%

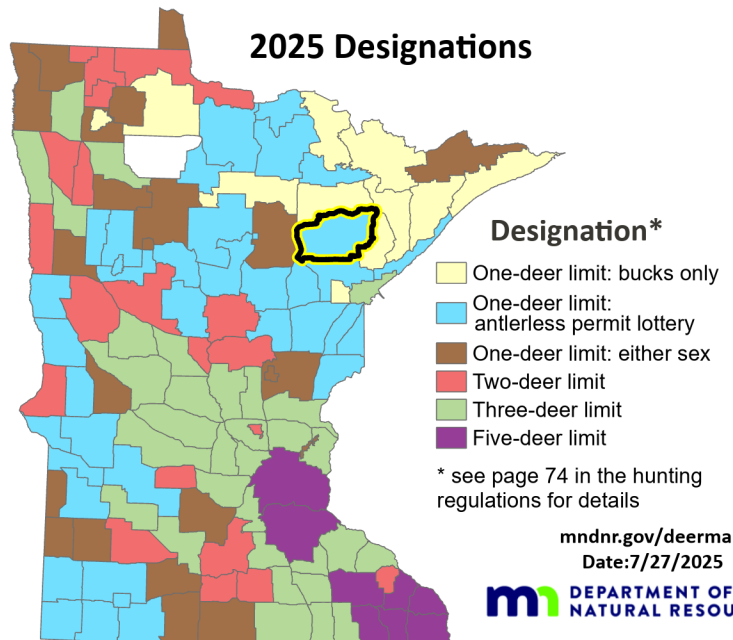
## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	1121	14	117	11	1263
<b>Archery</b>	60	3	53	3	119
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	9	0	0	1	10
<b>Total Harvest</b>	1190	17	170	15	1392

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



## 2025 Designations



[mndnr.gov/deermap](http://mndnr.gov/deermap)  
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