

DEER PERMIT AREA 203 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: bucks only

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

Special Regulations: Special regulations apply for WMAs in this permit area. See page 109 from the hunting regulations for details.

Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 14 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 17 - 20

Early Antlerless: N/A

Firearm A: Nov. 9 - 17

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15

Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	19
Grassland and Wetlands	73
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	5
Developed	2

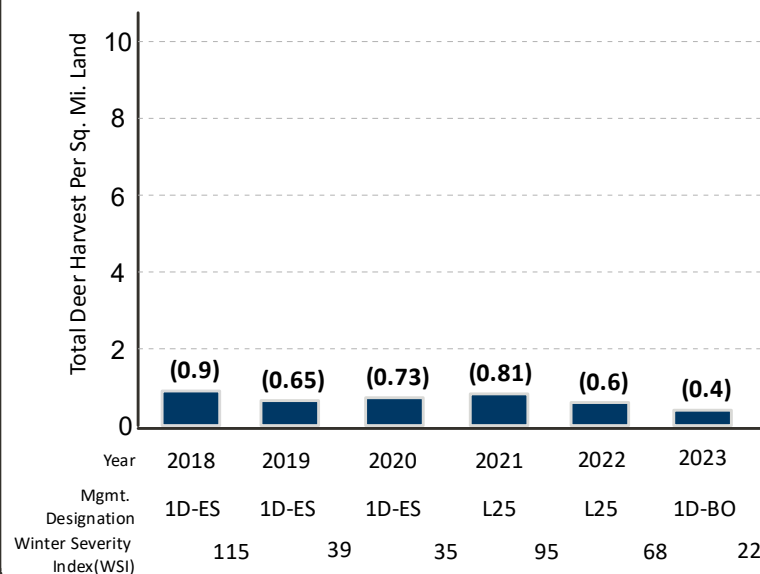
Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

118 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	35
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	83
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	118

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



Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 203 is entirely public land consisting of the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge and Mud Lac, Elm Lake, and Eckvold Wildlife Management Areas in eastern Marshall County. Approximately 75% of the DPA is wetlands and grasslands, 20% woodlands, and 5% open water. This DPA was included in the 2020 Deer Goal Setting process--the consensus was an increase of 25% above current levels to provide more hunter opportunity and support resident wolf packs. This past winter was very mild and deer survival should have been very good. However, this herd appears to be very sensitive to antlerless harvest and to help accelerate population growth, the management designation will remain Bucks-only for all 2024 deer seasons.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

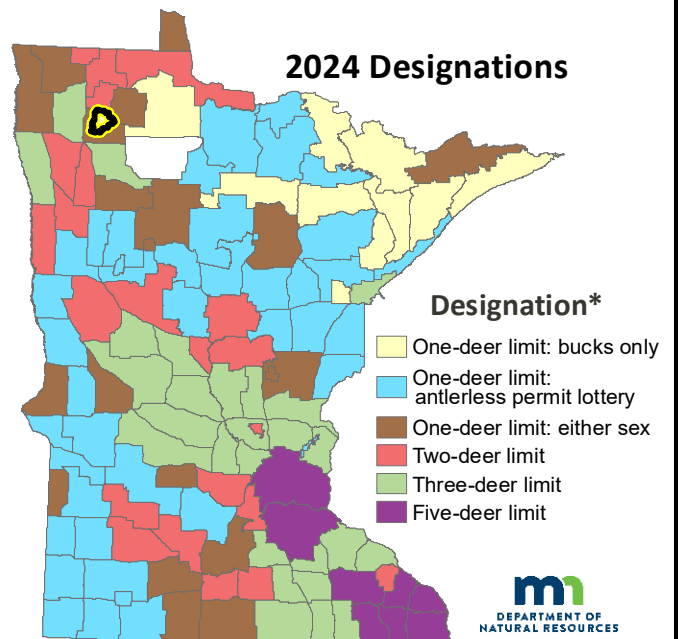
Optional CWD testing - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html>

2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2
Hunter Success: 25%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	41	1	3	0	45
Archery	2	0	0	0	2
Muzzleloader	0	0	0	0	0
Total Harvest	43	1	3	0	47



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details



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