

DEER PERMIT AREA 294 HUNTING INFORMATION

2022 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (500)

Firearm Options: Shotgun using slugs, muzzleloaders and handguns legal for big game

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 17 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 20 - Oct. 23
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 5 - Nov. 13
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 26 - Dec. 11
- Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	1
Grassland and Wetlands	24
Annual Row Crops	70
Open Water	1
Developed	6

Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

686 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	10
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	1
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	3.2
Total for Public Hunting	14

Wildlife Manager Report

We recommend Lottery 500 antlerless permits again in 2022 for DPA 294. The harvest has been stable and the population is currently at goal according to the model. The population goal was re-established in 2021 to stabilize the population at 2020 levels. This permit area has seen large swings in antlerless permit allocations from a high of 1,200 in 1991 to a low of 50 in 2009-2010. We wish to avoid these large swings and feel the current recommendation will avoid future corrections, but will monitor harvest data and winter severity in order to make adjustments in the future if necessary to stay at goal.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing available. Visit mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html

2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2
Hunter Success: 40%

2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	327	23	130	26	506
Archery	34	2	17	2	55
Muzzleloader	18	3	16	2	39
Total Harvest	379	28	163	30	600

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2016 - 2021/22

