# DEER PERMIT AREA 298 HUNTING INFORMATION

# **2024 Deer Hunting Information**

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit

lottery (100)

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 - 17 Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15

Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types	<u>% Tot.</u>	
Woody Cover	69	
Grassland and Wetlands	12	
Annual Row Crops	7	
Open Water	9	
Developed	3	

#### **Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)**

618 Sq. Mi.

## **Lands Open to Public Hunting**

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.	
State Wildlife Management Area	3	
State Forest	56	
Misc. State Land	11	
County Managed Land	149	
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	1	
USFS Land (National Forest)	0	
Privately Owned Lands		
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0	
Walk-In Access	0.4	
Total for Public Hunting	220.4	

### Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 298 is encompassed by the White Earth Reservation and contains a significant amount of county, state and tribal land. The area contains good deer habitat comprised of forest with some agricultural areas interspersed with lakes and wetlands. The latest public goal setting process calls for a 25% population increase in this DPA. Deer herds in the area are influenced by the winter severity and also, given the availability of publicly accessible lands, hunter harvest. Due to continuing complaints of too few deer and historically low harvest again last year, we are continuing with a restrictive season with just 100 permits available through the Lottery this year.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Erik Thorson, 218-732-8452 ext. 235

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: 5 Hunter Success: 16%

### **2023 Deer Harvest**

	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Total
	Male	Male	Female	Female	
Firearms	393	10	51	9	463
Archery	12	0	6	1	19
Muzzleloader	8	0	1	0	9
Total Harvest	413	10	58	10	491



