

DEER PERMIT AREA 117 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: either sex

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	79
Grassland and Wetlands	3
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	18
Developed	0

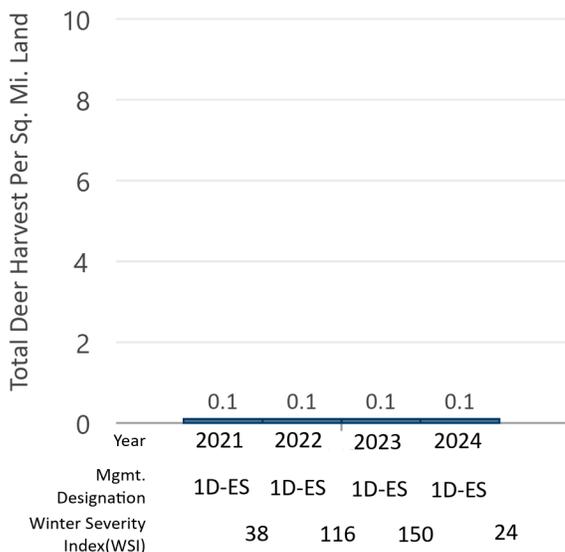
Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

927 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	0
State Forest	10
Misc. State Land	65
County Managed Land	0.5
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	807
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	882.5

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 117 is located in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) of Lake and Cook Counties up to the border. The only lands not included in the BWCAW are the private and public parcels along the Gunflint Trail. Fire and wind events have the largest impact to the forest, with the current spruce budworm outbreak impacting spruce and fir in the hundreds of thousands of acres across northeastern MN. This level of conifer mortality reduces good winter cover and increases the risk of wind throw and fires throughout the forest. Winter and habitat are the limiting factors on the deer population. Deer, hunter, and deer harvest numbers are the lowest in the state in DPA 117. Since this is also the heart of moose range and has some of the best habitat available for moose, the goal is to keep deer numbers very low. Deer hunting is also a challenge in DPA 111, therefore one deer of Either-Sex may be harvested.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Nancy Hansen, 218-834-1452

Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 0

Hunter Success: 7%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	4	0	2	0	6
Archery	1	0	0	0	1
Muzzleloader	0	0	0	0	0
Total Harvest	5	0	2	0	7

