

DEER PERMIT AREA 126 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: bucks only

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 - 24

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15

Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	93
Grassland and Wetlands	1
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	4
Developed	2

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

942 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	8
State Forest	126
Misc. State Land	36
County Managed Land	15
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	530
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	715

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 126 is mainly forested public land in the very northeast corner of MN stretching from Lake Superior to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. There is more of a mixture with private lands along roads like Highway 61, developed lakeshore, and towns such as Grand Marais. Winter and habitat impact deer the most here. Deer typically spend winters near Lake Superior unless conditions are mild. Last year was a mild winter and deer may have spent more time farther inland. The 2022 population goal for DPA 126 was to keep the deer population low but stable to minimize impacts to moose here. Since the deer population has been in a state of decline, a Bucks-only strategy will remain in effect for the 2024 hunting seasons.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

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

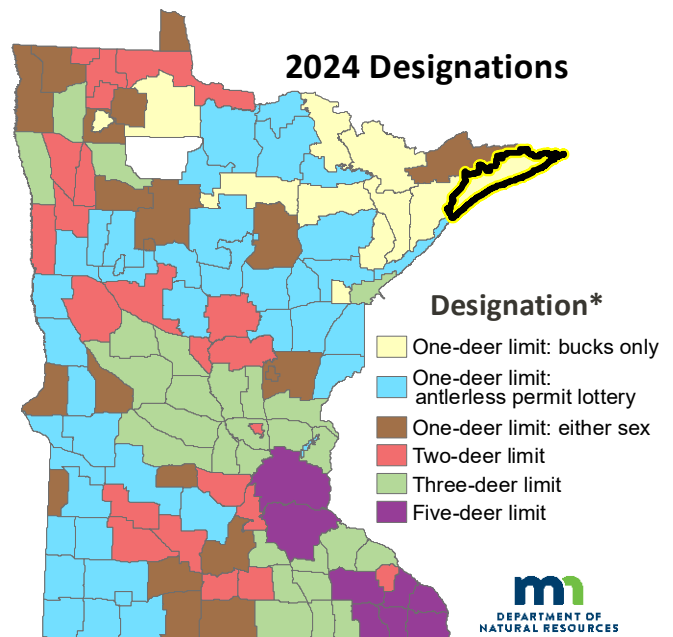
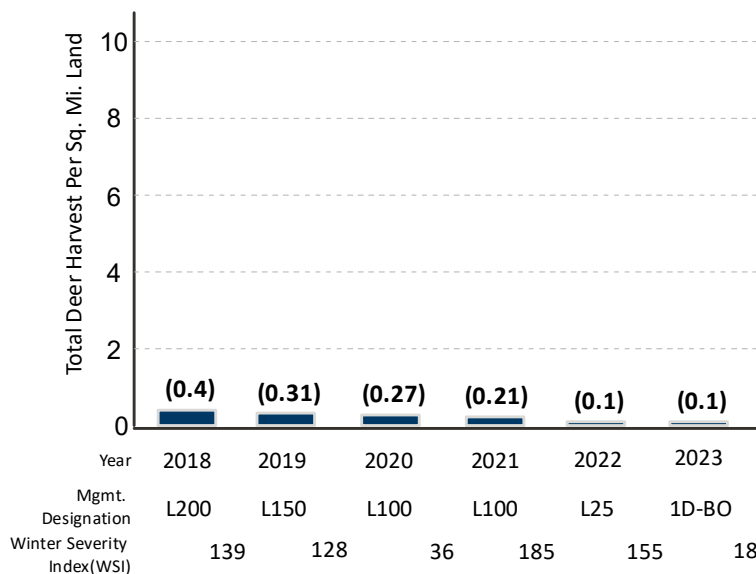
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 1
Hunter Success: 7%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	54	0	0	0	54
Archery	7	0	1	0	8
Muzzleloader	0	0	0	0	0
Total Harvest	61	0	1	0	62

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



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details



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