

DEER PERMIT AREA 169 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: bucks only

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	86
Grassland and Wetlands	5
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	6
Developed	2

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

940 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	9
State Forest	212
Misc. State Land	39
County Managed Land	169
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	236
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	52
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	717

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 169 is primarily located within Itasca County, with small portions that extend into Koochiching and Beltrami Counties. This DPA has areas of extensive public land that currently have very few deer interspersed with pockets of private land with slightly higher deer densities. Progress towards increasing deer numbers in DPA 169 has been challenging and the population remains under goal despite conservative harvest designations since 2021 goal setting. A continued conservative harvest strategy of Bucks-Only in 2025 is needed to start moving this population in the right direction.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information Optional CWD testing

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Beltrami and Itasca Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

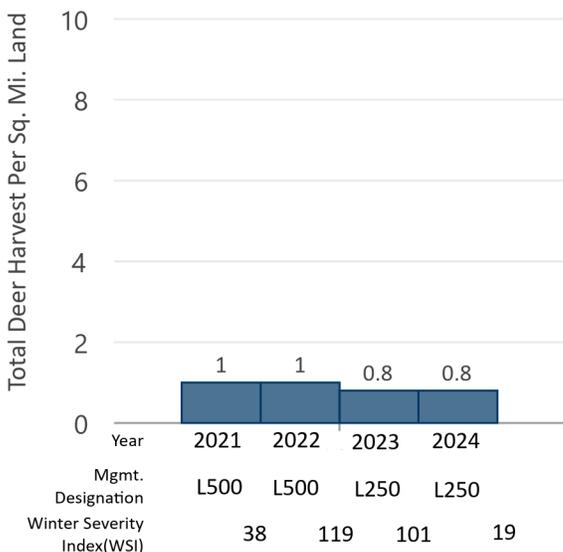
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 5

Hunter Success: 15%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	740	1	20	2	763
Archery	20	1	5	0	26
Muzzleloader	5	0	0	0	5
Total Harvest	765	2	25	2	794

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

