

DEER PERMIT AREA 172 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (250)

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	77
Grassland and Wetlands	8
Annual Row Crops	1
Open Water	11
Developed	3

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

688 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	15
State Forest	26
Misc. State Land	36
County Managed Land	208
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	152
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0.1
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	437.1

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 172 includes northern Crow Wing, central and northeastern Cass Counties along with a sliver along the western edge of Itasca County. Rolling hills and lakes dot this mostly forested DPA. Much of the land within the DPA is in public ownership, giving hunters ample places to hunt. The goal for this permit area is to increase the population by 25%, however the deer herd in this permit area is still working to recover from winters with deep snow in 2021-22 and 2022-23 which impacted winter survival. A low Lottery again this year will protect does from harvest and help increase the deer population in this area.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information Optional CWD testing

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

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

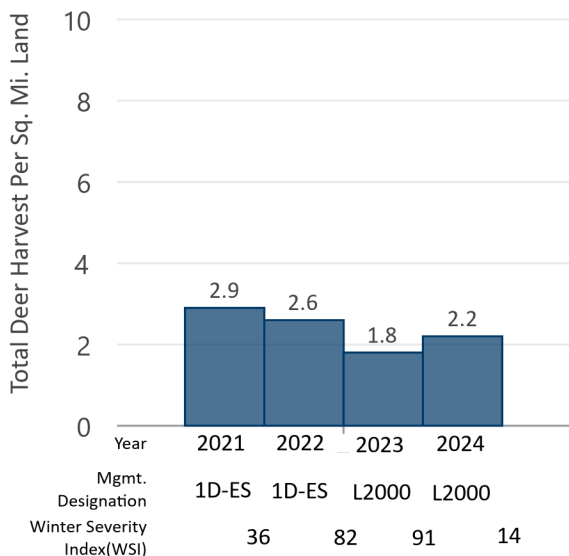
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 11

Hunter Success: 17%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	1153	44	133	25	1355
Archery	79	7	67	6	159
Muzzleloader	15	0	6	1	22
Total Harvest	1247	51	206	32	1536

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

