

DEER PERMIT AREA 197 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (200)

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	60
Grassland and Wetlands	9
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	28
Developed	2

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

973 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	12
State Forest	170
Misc. State Land	37
County Managed Land	43
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	406
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	1
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	669

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 197 is located primarily within Cass and Itasca Counties, with small portions extending into Hubbard and Beltrami Counties. Harvest strategies for DPA 197 are made in consultation and coordination with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) Division of Resource Management wildlife biologists. While private lands along the permit area edges have higher deer numbers than most tribal and public hunting land across the permit area, the population remains under goal for this DPA. Maintaining a low Lottery designation in 2025 will help move this deer population towards goal.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information Optional CWD testing

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

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

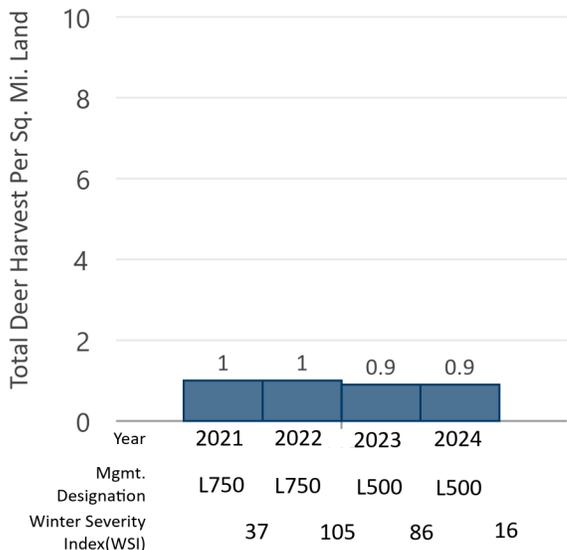
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 5

Hunter Success: 17%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	670	15	73	10	768
Archery	20	5	25	0	50
Muzzleloader	7	0	6	0	13
Total Harvest	697	20	104	10	831

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

