

# DEER PERMIT AREA 197 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2024 Deer Hunting Information

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

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** Special CWD related regulations in this area. See [mndnr.gov/cwd](http://mndnr.gov/cwd) for details

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

### Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

973 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically 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
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>669</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 197: Harvest strategies are made in consultation and compromise with the Leech Lake Reservation. The Reservation also issues their own Either-sex deer permits to band members in addition to DNR antlerless lottery permits. The permit area goal is to increase the deer population by 25%. Private lands along the permit edges have much higher deer numbers, whereas areas where most tribal and public land hunting takes place have very low deer numbers. Reducing antlerless lottery permits to 200 is necessary to increase deer numbers towards the goal. For those landowners in areas of higher deer numbers, there are additional opportunities to harvest antlerless deer during the archery and the youth season.

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### Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 9-10

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

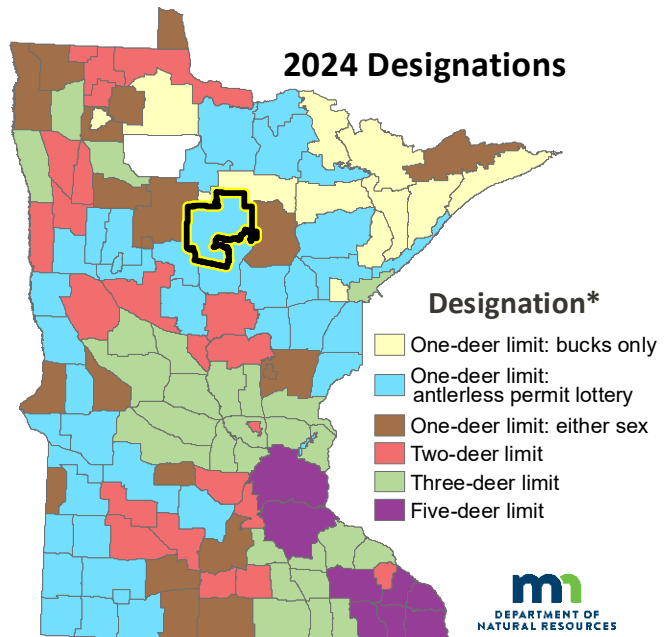
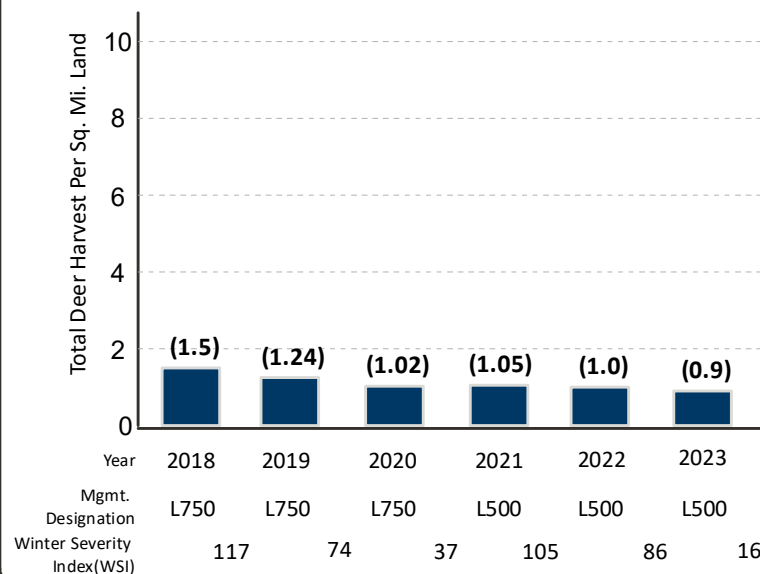
### 2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 5  
Hunter Success: 18%

### 2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	645	29	134	15	823
Archery	16	2	19	2	39
Muzzleloader	6	1	2	0	9
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>871</b>

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



\* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details