DEER PERMIT AREA 197 HUNTING INFORMATION

2023 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (500)
Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms
Special Regulations: Special CWD related regulations in this area. See mndnr.gov/cwd for details
Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 16 - Dec. 31
Youth: Oct. 19 - 22
Early Antlerless: N/A
Firearm A: Nov. 4 - 19
Firearm B: N/A
Muzzleloader: Nov. 25 - Dec. 10
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 2022 (Non-water)

973 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	15
State Forest	84
Misc. State Land	41
County Managed Land	45
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	455
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	1
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	641

Wildlife Manager Report

Harvest strategies for deer permit area (DPA) 197 are made in consultation and compromise with the Leech Lake Reservation. The goal is to increase the population 25%. The Reservation also issues their own either sex deer permits to band members in addition to DNR antlerless permits. 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. Because DPA 197 is adjacent to CWD Management zones, 500 antlerless permits will again be offered to allow for continued CWD testing. 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. 4-5

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

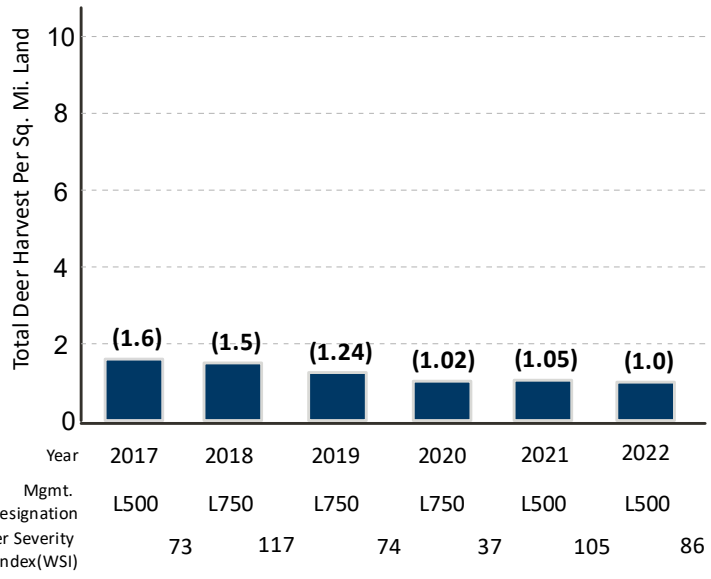
2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

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

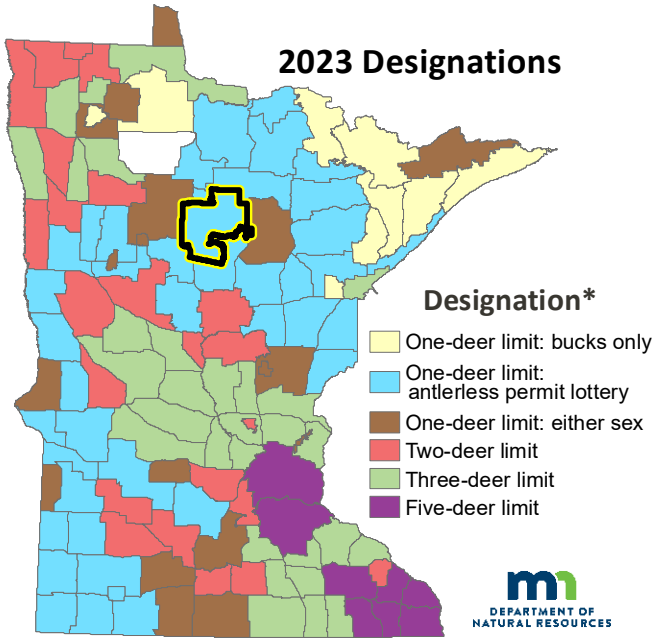
2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	676	33	153	21	883
Archery	24	1	21	1	47
Muzzleloader	14	0	6	0	20
Total Harvest	714	34	180	22	950

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2017 - 2022/23



2023 Designations



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* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details

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