# **DEER PERMIT AREA 224 HUNTING INFORMATION**

## **2023 Deer Hunting Information**

Designation: Two-deer limit

Firearm Options: Shotgun using slugs,

muzzleloaders and handguns legal for big game **Special Regulations:** See the Sherburne NWR

hunting brochure.

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/visit-

us/activities/hunting

#### Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 16 - Dec. 31 Youth: Oct. 19 - 22 Early Antlerless: N/A Firearm A: Nov. 4 - 12 Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 25 - Dec. 10

<b>Land Cover Types</b>	<u>% Tot.</u>	
Woody Cover	34	
Grassland and Wetlands	52	
Annual Row Crops	1	
Open Water	11	
Developed	2	

#### **Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)**

47 Sq. Mi.

#### **Lands Open to Public Hunting**

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.	
State Wildlife Management Area	0	
State Forest	0	
Misc. State Land	0	
County Managed Land	0	
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	48	
USFS Land (National Forest)	0	
Privately Owned Lands		
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0	
Walk-In Access	0	
Total for Public Hunting	48	

#### Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 224 includes all of the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge (SNWR). This public area attracts hundreds of archery and firearms hunters. Through the past 40 years, many human residences have been built next to the refuge border. Generally, deer populations are adequately managed through moderate-to conservative (Either-sex and Lottery) management designations. Deer depredation complaints are usually moderate in DPA 224, but new specialty crop operations close to the refuge have had increased negative interactions in recent years. During severe winters, deer tend to move out onto private lands where more high energy foods are present.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Peter Borash, 320-223-7871

Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information CWD testing options

## **2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics**

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 12 Hunter Success: 31%

#### **2022 Deer Harvest**

	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Total
	Male	Male	Female	Female	
Firearms	104	11	53	16	184
Archery	25	3	20	2	50
Muzzleloader	3	2	7	1	13
Total Harvest	132	16	80	19	247



