

DEER PERMIT AREA 224 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 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. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: N/A

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 16

Late SE Firearms: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	34
Grassland and Wetlands	52
Annual Row Crops	1
Open Water	11
Developed	2

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

47 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly 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)	46
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	46

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 and thousands of outdoor enthusiasts throughout the year. Through the past 40 years, many residences have been built next to the refuge border. Generally, deer populations are adequately managed through moderate-to conservative (Either-Sex or Lottery) management designations, but recent mild winters have led to higher overall deer populations. Due to the higher deer populations, Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge staff have requested a 2-Deer limit for the 2025 seasons. Also, note that certain areas of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge are closed to hunting. Please see their website for maps and details.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Peter Borash, 320-223-7869

Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Sherburne County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

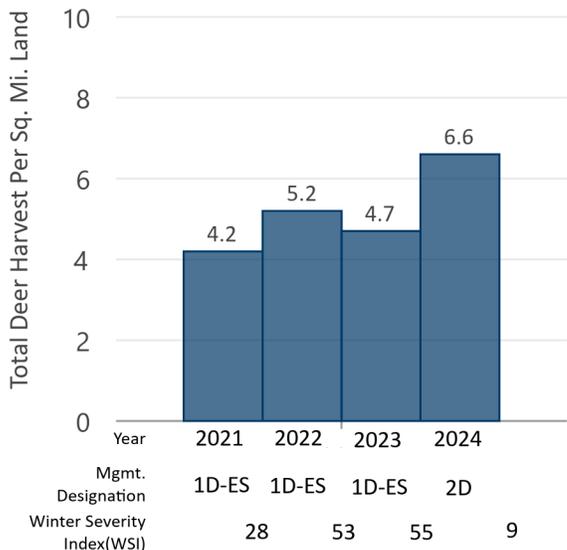
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 12

Hunter Success: 40%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	117	21	72	12	222
Archery	34	6	29	3	72
Muzzleloader	2	1	10	3	16
Total Harvest	153	28	111	18	310

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

