DEER PERMIT AREA 604 HUNTING INFORMATION

2023 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Two-deer limit 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: Nov. 4 - 19 Muzzleloader: Nov. 25 - Dec. 10 Late CWD Hunts: N/A

| Land Cover Types | <u>% Tot.</u> | | |
|------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Woody Cover | 56 | | |
| Grassland and Wetlands | 16 | | |
| Annual Row Crops | 1 | | |
| Open Water | 18 | | |
| Developed | 8 | | |

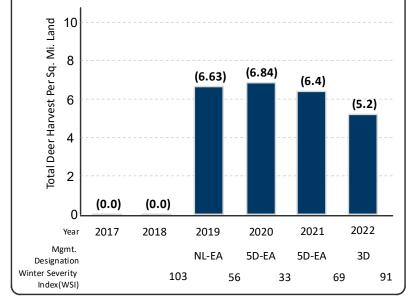
Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)

673 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

| Publically Owned Lands Sq. Mi | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|--|
| State Wildlife Management Area | 2 | |
| State Forest | 11 | |
| Misc. State Land | 14 | |
| County Managed Land | 78 | |
| USFWS Land (WPA and NWR) | 0 | |
| USFS Land (National Forest) | 0 | |
| Privately Owned Lands | | |
| Forest Legacy/Forests for Future | 5 | |
| Walk-In Access | 0 | |
| Total for Public Hunting | 110 | |

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



Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area 604 is designated as a CWD Management Zone and has been since 2019. After the establishment of this CWD Management zone in 2019, hunting seasons were liberalized for a number of years which lowered the deer population in the area. Recent goal setting for this deer permit area established a goal to stabilize the deer population. With that goal in mind, hunters in this permit area may harvest up to twodeer this fall. This area contains both pine and hardwood forests with lakes dotting the landscape and contains a mix of private and public lands.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 4-5

Carcass movement restrictions in effect

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Cass and Crow Wing Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

| Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: | 12 |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Hunter Success: | 32% |

2022 Deer Harvest

| | Adult | Fawn | Adult | Fawn | Total |
|---------------|-------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| | Male | Male | Female | Female | |
| Firearms | 1274 | 321 | 1036 | 241 | 2872 |
| Archery | 170 | 30 | 326 | 44 | 570 |
| Muzzleloader | 21 | 11 | 45 | 9 | 86 |
| Total Harvest | 1465 | 362 | 1407 | 294 | 3528 |

