

DEER PERMIT AREA 604 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 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. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: N/A

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 23

Late SE Firearms: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: N/A

Land Cover Types

	% Tot.
Woody Cover	56
Grassland and Wetlands	16
Annual Row Crops	1
Open Water	18
Developed	8

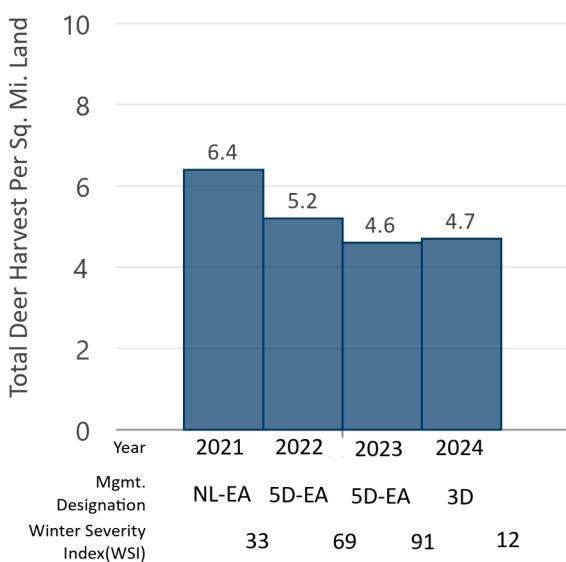
Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

673 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	2
State Forest	12
Misc. State Land	19
County Managed Land	74
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	112

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 604 is designated as a CWD Management Zone and has been since 2019. This area contains both pine and hardwood forests with lakes dotting the landscape and contains a mix of private and public lands. Recent goal setting for this deer permit area established a goal to stabilize the deer population. Buck harvest numbers for the past 3 years indicate this population is stable. With a relatively mild winter last year, I expect the herd is in good condition and can sustain a 2-deer limit again this fall.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 8-9

Carcass movement restrictions in effect

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

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 12

Hunter Success: 31%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	1306	236	750	171	2463
Archery	270	46	291	32	639
Muzzleloader	12	6	39	8	65
Total Harvest	1588	288	1080	211	3167

2025 Designations

