

DEER PERMIT AREA 643 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Five-deer limit - Early Antlerless

Firearm Options: Shotgun using slugs, muzzleloaders and handguns legal for big game

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: Oct. 16-19

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 16

Late SE Firearms: Nov. 22 – 30

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: Dec. 19-21

Land Cover Types

	% Tot.
Woody Cover	14
Grassland and Wetlands	27
Annual Row Crops	46
Open Water	0
Developed	12

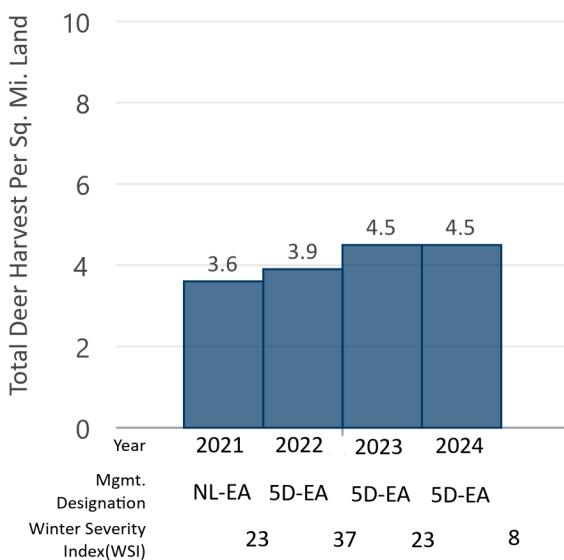
Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

671 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	4
State Forest	1
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	3
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	8

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 643 is located on the west edge of the driftless area, a rugged region of bluffs and valleys that contains some of the state's best deer habitat. Most of DPA 643 is privately owned, but there are both large and small State Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) available for public hunting in addition to a limited amount of State Forest land. Some of the WMAs in this DPA have restrictions on legal weapon types - please refer to the 2025 hunting regulations and the MN DNR Recreation Compass for details. DPA 643 is a designated CWD Disease Management DPA. However, deer populations in DPA 643 appear to be at or slightly above the goal set in 2021 to stabilize the population based on buck harvest and hunter success rates. Thus, a 5-Deer limit with an Early Antlerless season designation will be implemented in 2025 to continue to keep this area close to goal. Hunters may tag up to three bucks in this DPA - one each with an archery, firearms, and/or muzzleloader license. Please refer to the hunting regulations for details regarding carcass movement restrictions, CWD sampling protocols, and DNR-provided carcass dumpsters and quartering stations.

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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 Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 6

Hunter Success: 49%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	935	184	669	159	1947
Archery	421	74	408	68	971
Muzzleloader	31	9	56	14	110
Total Harvest	1387	267	1133	241	3028

2025 Designations

