

MINNESOTA 2023 DEER SEASON

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Red Lake Reservation

The Red Lake Reservation and scattered parcels of reservation land in the surrounding area are closed to non-band members of the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe except by authorization of the tribal council. Most of those lands are not posted, but they are marked in ownership plat books for Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Koochiching, and Roseau counties. Please see the 2023 Hunting and Trapping Regulations for more information.

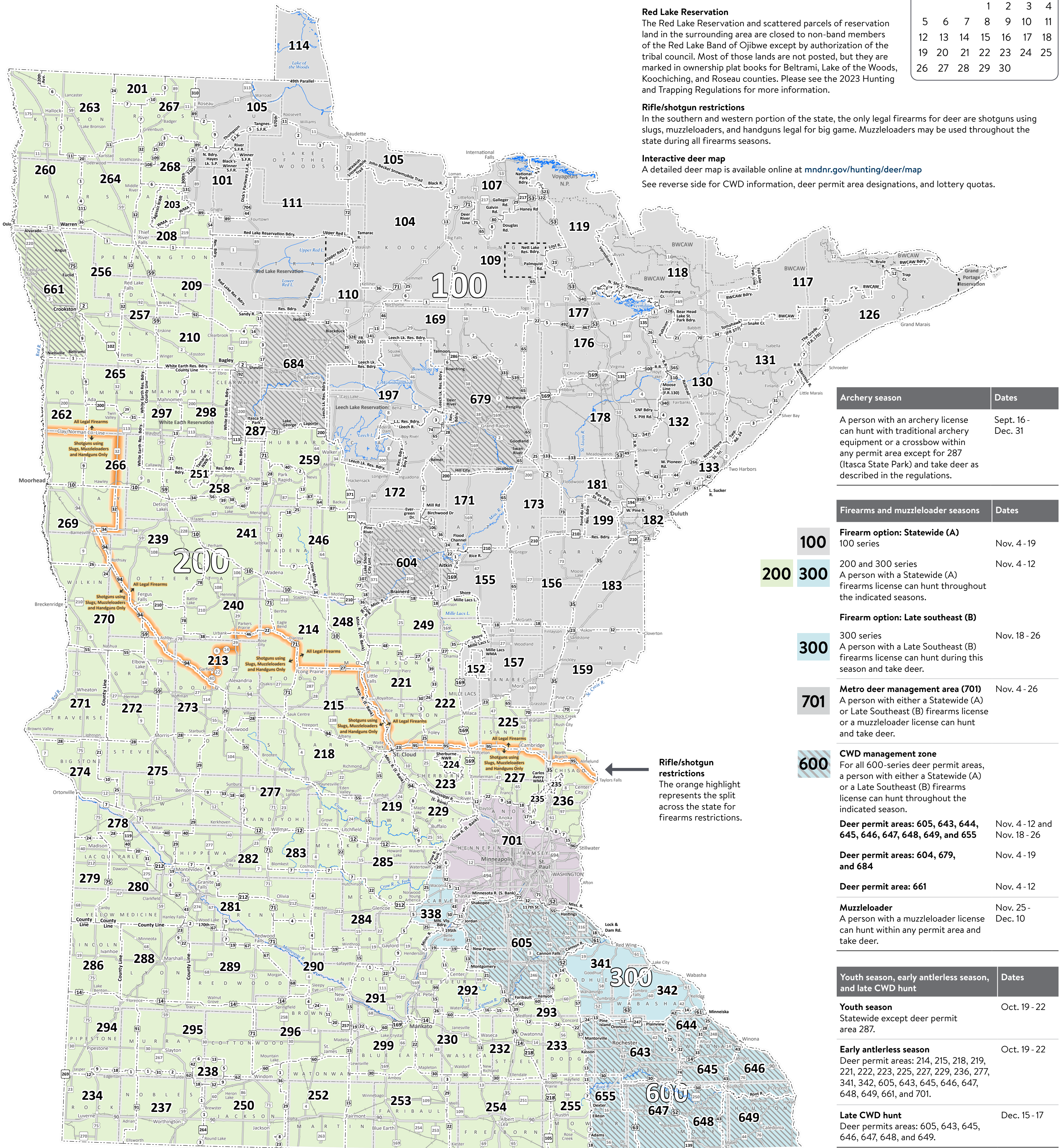
Rifle/shotgun restrictions

In the southern and western portion of the state, the only legal firearms for deer are shotguns using slugs, muzzleloaders, and handguns legal for big game. Muzzleloaders may be used throughout the state during all firearms seasons.

Interactive deer map

A detailed deer map is available online at mndnr.gov/hunting/deer/map

See reverse side for CWD information, deer permit area designations, and lottery quotas.



Archery season

Dates
Sept. 16 - Dec. 31

A person with an archery license can hunt with traditional archery equipment or a crossbow within any permit area except for 287 (Itasca State Park) and take deer as described in the regulations.

Firearms and muzzleloader seasons

Dates
Nov. 4 - 19
Nov. 4 - 12
Nov. 18 - 26
Nov. 4 - 26
Nov. 4 - 12 and Nov. 18 - 26
Nov. 4 - 19 and 684
Nov. 4 - 12
Nov. 25 - Dec. 10

Firearm option: Statewide (A)
100 series
200 and 300 series
A person with a Statewide (A) firearms license can hunt throughout the indicated seasons.

Firearm option: Late southeast (B)
300 series
A person with a Late Southeast (B) firearms license can hunt during this season and take deer.

Metro deer management area (701)
A person with either a Statewide (A) or Late Southeast (B) firearms license or a muzzleloader license can hunt and take deer.

CWD management zone (600)
For all 600-series deer permit areas, a person with either a Statewide (A) or Late Southeast (B) firearms license can hunt throughout the indicated season.

Deer permit areas: 605, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, and 655

Deer permit areas: 604, 679, and 684

Deer permit area: 661

Muzzleloader
A person with a muzzleloader license can hunt within any permit area and take deer.

Youth season, early antlerless season, and late CWD hunt

Dates
Oct. 19 - 22
Oct. 19 - 22
Dec. 15 - 17

Youth season
Statewide except deer permit area 287.

Early antlerless season
Deer permit areas: 214, 215, 218, 219, 221, 222, 223, 225, 227, 229, 236, 277, 341, 342, 605, 643, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 661, and 701.

Late CWD hunt
Deer permit areas: 605, 643, 645, 646, 647, 648, and 649.

100
200 300
300
701
600

Rifle/shotgun restrictions
The orange highlight represents the split across the state for firearms restrictions.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) ZONES AND SAMPLING STATIONS

CWD sampling requirements

***NEW**—Sample submission for CWD testing is mandatory for all hunters that harvest deer 1 year old or older in a CWD surveillance zone or management zone on opening weekend of firearms A season (Nov. 4 - 5), regardless of weapon type. Sampling stations are listed on pages 79-82 of the 2023 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or online at mndnr.gov/cwd.

After the mandatory sampling weekend, hunters in a management zone may bring the head of their harvested deer to self-service sampling stations to voluntarily provide samples for testing during the remaining firearms season. Hunters statewide can use

the partner sampling program, mail-in sampling program (details on pages 77 and 78), or contact their area wildlife office to make an appointment.

- CWD Testing Areas: mndnr.gov/cwd
- CWD Test Results: mndnr.gov/cwdcheck

Deer feeding and attractant bans

Deer feeding and attractant bans are in place near areas where CWD has been detected. Find details and a map on page 86 of the 2023 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

Carcass movement restrictions

Moving whole carcasses in Minnesota is restricted in certain circumstances. Whole carcasses are defined as those with the head, brain tissue, and the spinal column of the deer attached.

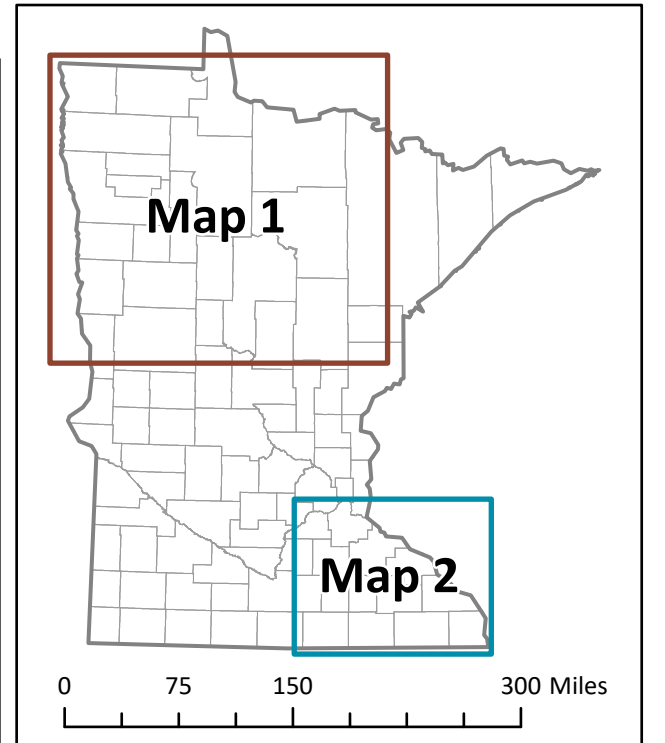
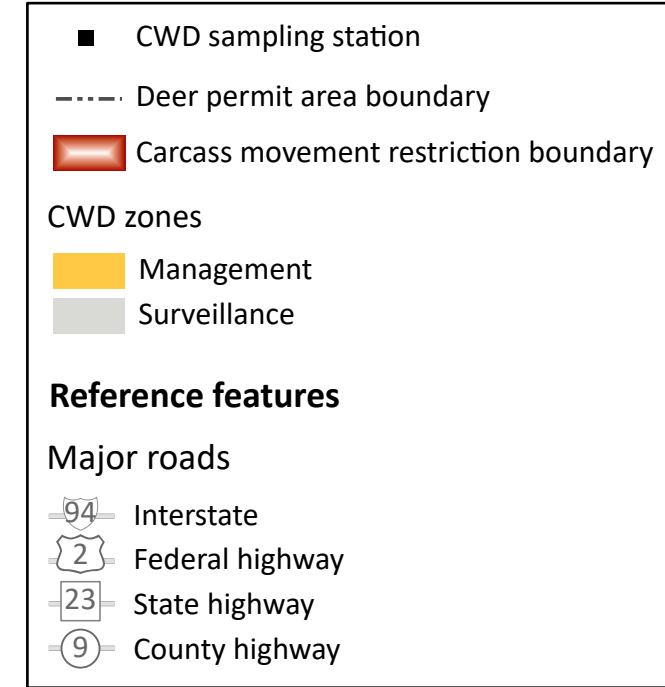
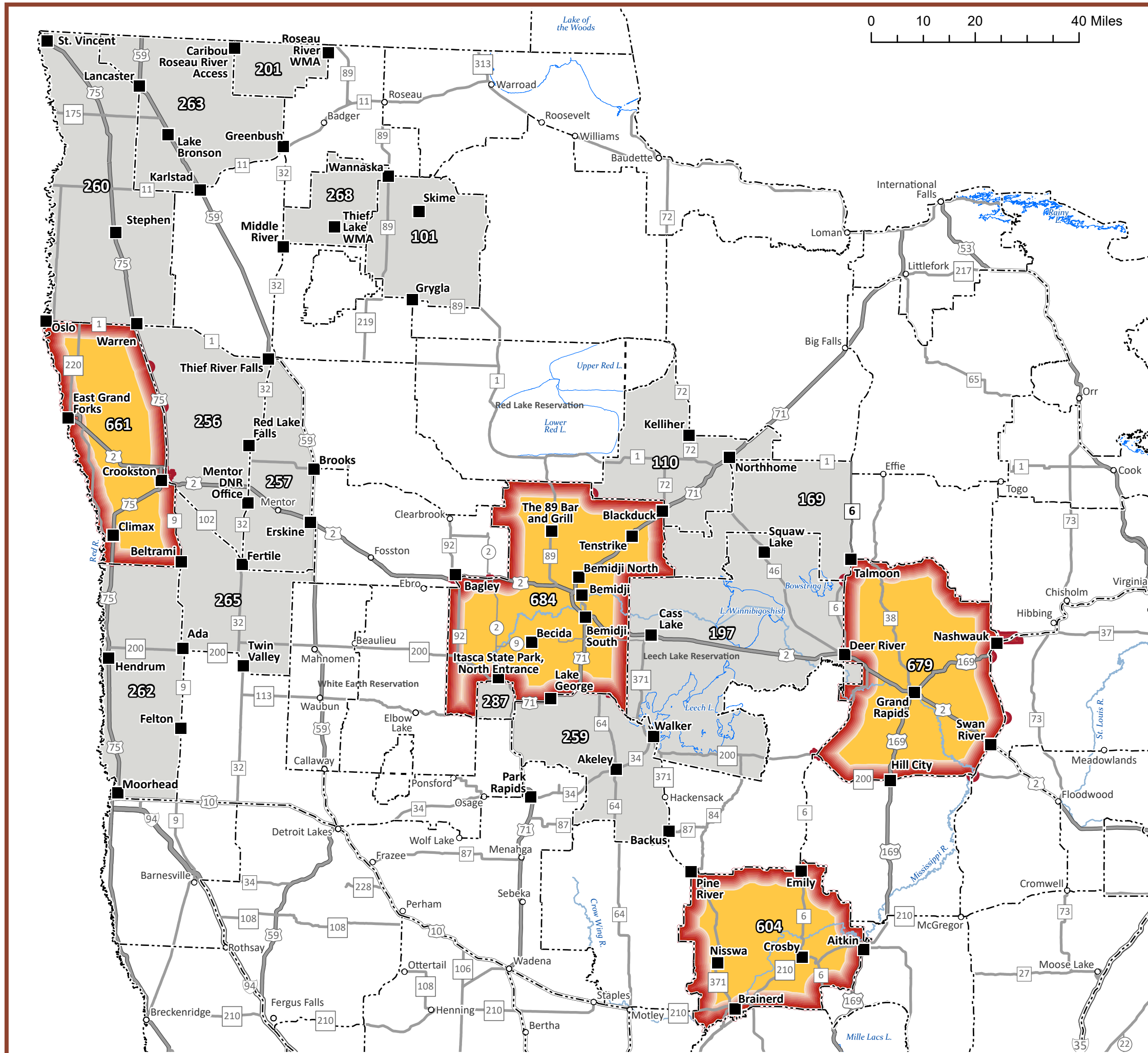
Whole carcasses of cervidae, including deer, elk and moose species, harvested anywhere outside of Minnesota may not be brought into the state. (Nonresidents transporting whole or partial carcasses on a direct route through Minnesota are exempt from this restriction.)

Whole carcasses of deer harvested in a CWD management zone (shown on maps 1 and 2) must remain in that particular zone until a “not detected” test is confirmed. However, the meat or quarters can leave the zone immediately.

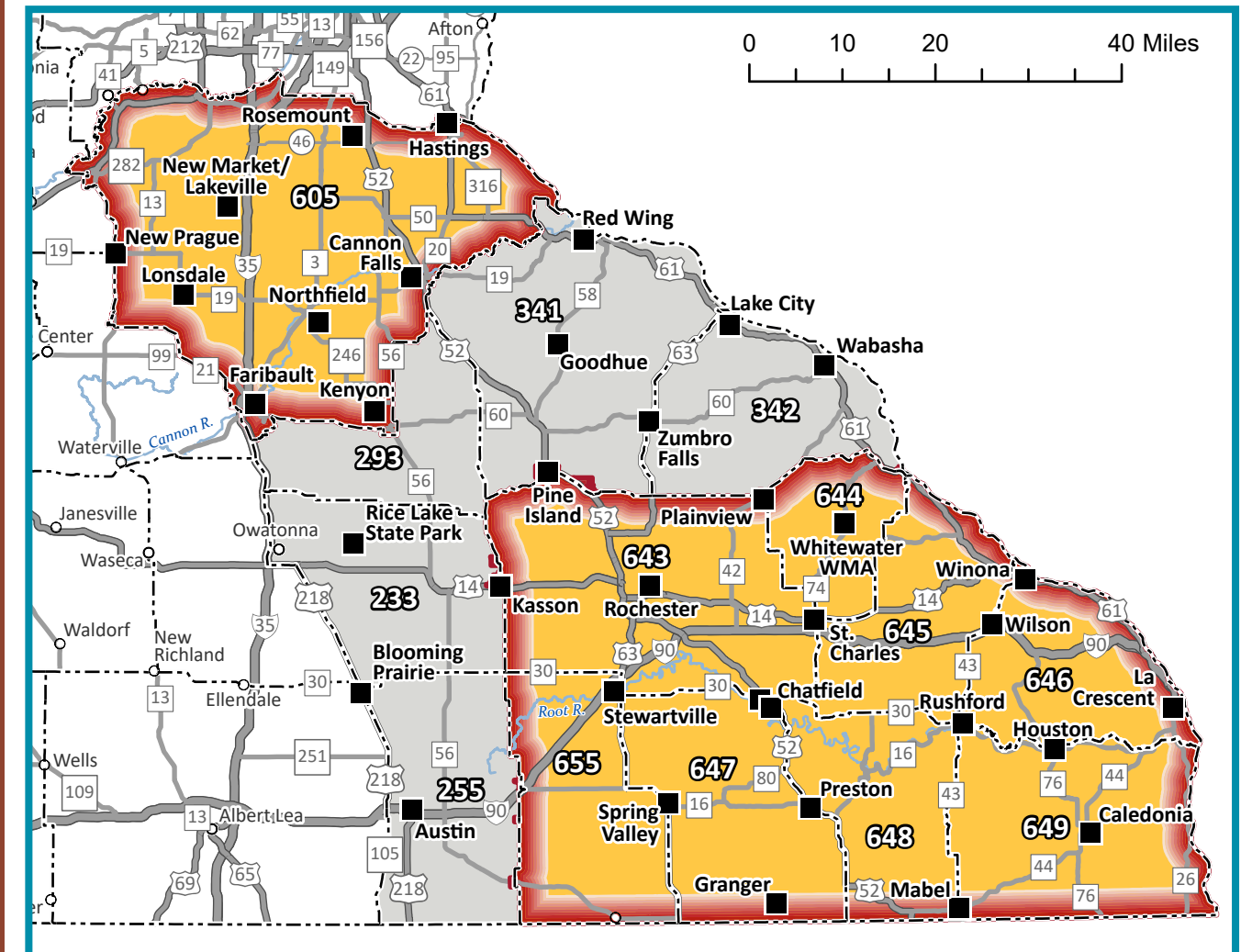
There are no carcass movement restrictions for deer harvested in Minnesota outside of the CWD management zones.

More information on carcass movement restrictions can be found on page 78 of the 2023 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

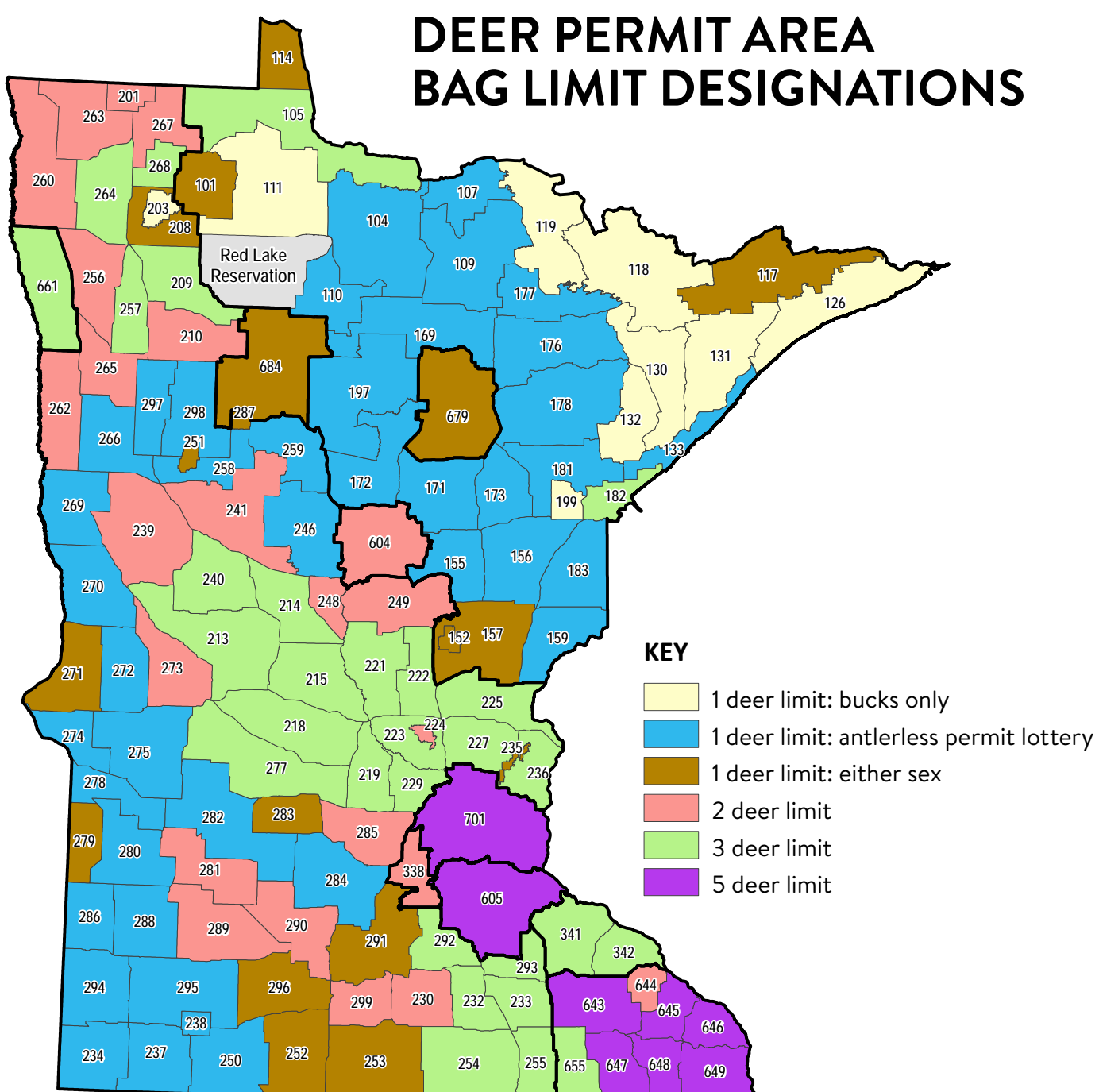
Map 1



Map 2



DEER PERMIT AREA BAG LIMIT DESIGNATIONS



Antlerless lottery permit quotas

Area number	Number of permits	Area number	Number of permits
104	25	246	2000
107	400	250	550
109	25	258	500
110	500	259	2000
133	25	266	500
155	250	269	350
156	250	270	150
159	500	272	150
169	25	274	400
171	250	275	600
172	500	278	600
173	150	280	150
176	25	282	25
177	400	284	200
178	150	286	500
181	100	288	500
183	250	294	500
197	500	295	550
234	350	297	25
237	200	298	100
238	125		

More information

See reverse side for the deer season area map and rifle/shotgun restrictions. Information and open permit areas for the early antlerless season and late CWD hunt are shown on the reverse side.

Deer permit area bag limit designations are listed by individual deer permit area on pages 71 and 72 of the 2023 Hunting Regulations.

Information on the limit for antlered bucks is on page 76 of the 2023 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

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2023 DEER SEASON AREA MAP

- Season dates
- Permit area boundaries
- Permit area designations
- Antlerless permit availability
- Rifle/shotgun boundary
- CWD sampling and regulations

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