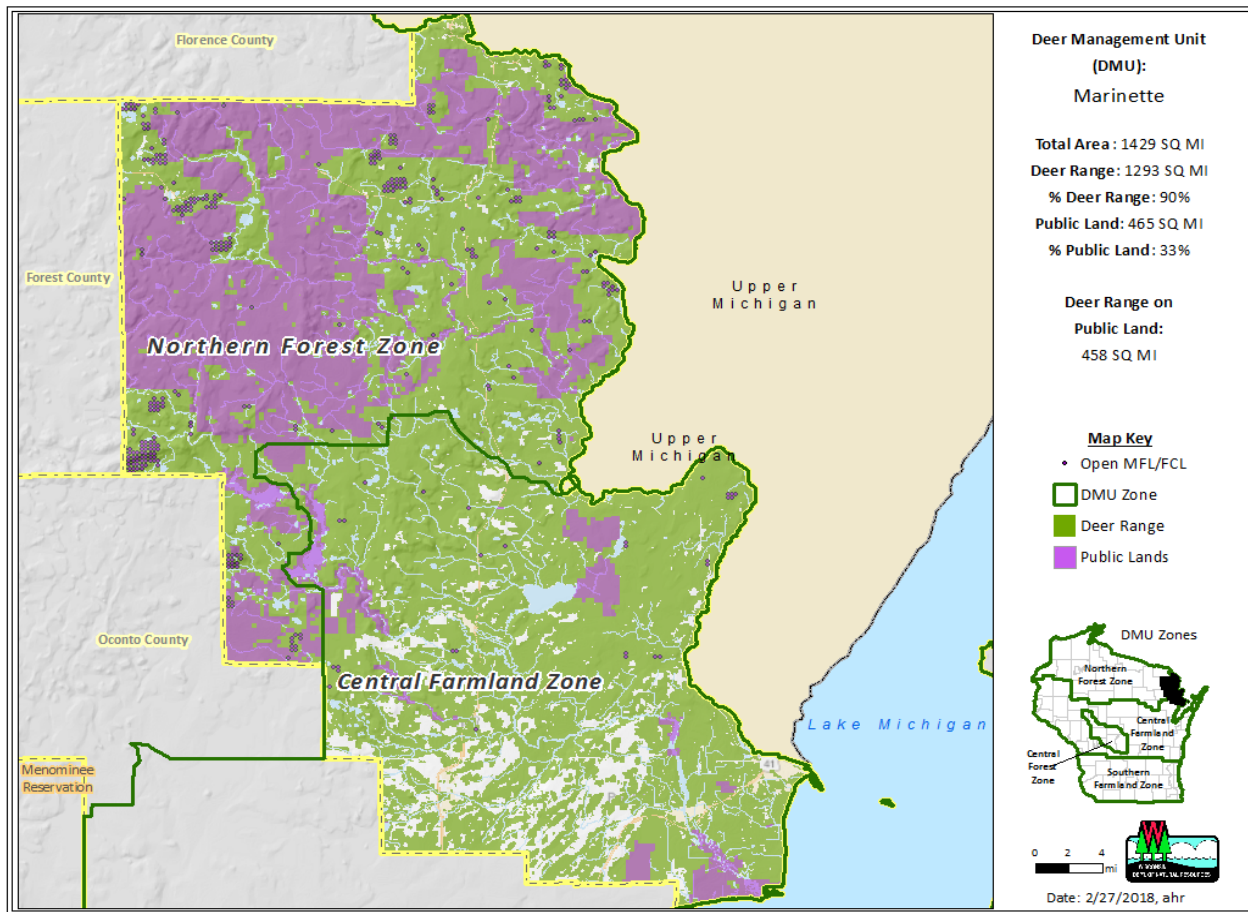


Marinette County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Marinette County Deer Management Unit is divided between the Northern Forest Zone (about 54% of the county) and the Central Farmland Zone (about 46% of the county), with the dividing line between the two zones following Parkway Road, County Highway C, State Highway 141, and State Highway 180 to the oxbow of the Menominee River. Approximately 90% of Marinette County is considered suitable deer range. In the Northern Forest Zone of the unit, habitat quality is considered good although it varies depending on forest type. Public hunting opportunities are abundant with 54.2% (417.5 square miles) of the Northern Forest Zone open to public use. Public hunting occurs on state, county, and industrial forest properties, as well as on open Managed Forest Law (MFL) enrolled lands. Public lands include the Marinette County Forest (majority of public land), Menominee River State Recreation Area, Pike Wild River, Dunbar Barrens State Natural Area, Miscauno Wildlife Area, Town Corner Wildlife Area, Amberg Wildlife Area, Big Eagle Creek Fishery Area, Peshtigo River State Forest, and Governor Thompson State Park. Moderate to heavy hunting pressure occurs within the Northern Forest Zone. In the Central Farmland Zone of Marinette County, the mix of woodlands and agriculture produces good quality deer habitat that supports good herd productivity. Though a majority (92.6%) of the land is privately-owned, several state and county lands are open to the public, including southern portions of Marinette County Forest, Lake Noquebay Wildlife Area, Peshtigo River State Forest, Peshtigo Harbor Unit of Green Bay West Shore Wildlife Area, and various Fishery Areas (Wausaukee River, North Branch Beaver Creek, Middle Inlet, and Montana Lake). Deer population numbers within the Central Farmland Zone have been increasing for several years, resulting in significant agricultural damage. The current deer management objectives for the Marinette County Deer Management Unit are to increase the population in the Northern Forest Zone and decrease the population in the Central Farmland Zone.