

Deer Habitat and Accessibility

Bancroft-Minden and French-Severn Forest

Scale 1:6,000
1 Centimetre = 60.00 Meters
200 0 200 400 600 800 1,000 Meters

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Purpose

The purpose of this map is to assist in the planning of locations to legally hunt deer on crown land areas.

Habitat Suitability Assessment

To obtain the habitat suitability and deer carrying capacity data the Ontario Landscape Tool program was used with the raw eFRI (electronic Forest Resource Inventory) data to evaluate the forest polygons from the FRI for their suitability.

Accessibility

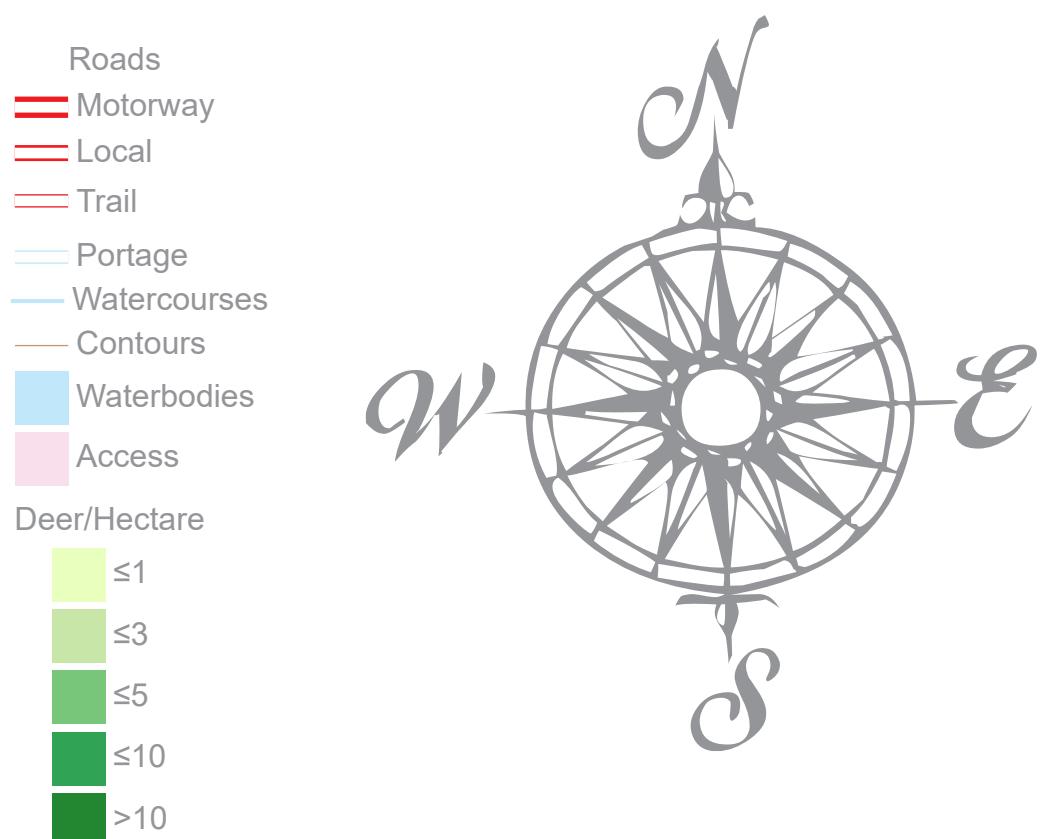
Having areas that are isolated for habitat suitability is great, but it doesn't mean anything if people can't get to those areas to hunt the animals the assessment was made for. Creating a buffer around accessibility points such as roads, trails and waterbodies are a great way to showcase the areas that are both suitable and easier to get to with either a boat or a vehicle.

Ethical Hunting

Knowing where to go, how to get there and what you're going to have to do to get that animal back to camp or off to the butcher once it has been harvested is detrimental to planning a successful hunt.

Planning the Hunt

When an animal is harvested, a life is taken. Of course, most hunters respect the animal by ensuring minimal waste occurs. One of the best ways to ensure that is by eliminating the damage that is done to the animal before and during processing. Dragging it through the woods or processing it in harsh conditions is never a good way to show your respect.



Source: Algonquin Highlands Frost Center Ski & Snowshoe Trail Map/2015; LiD: Contour/2018; Ontario Trail Network/OTN; Ontario Road Network/ORN; Ontario Hydro Network/OHN; Waterbodies, OHN Watercourses/2020; FRI FrenchSevernForest/2011; FRI BancroftMindenForest/2008; OMNRF: Ontario Landscape Tool/2020.

