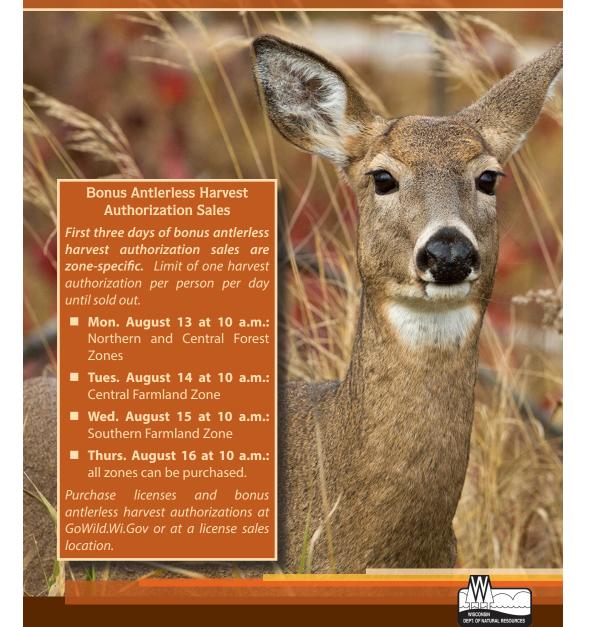
Wisconsin

2018 Antlerless Deer Hunting Guide





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Know your antlerless deer

An **antlerless deer** is any deer without antlers or with both antlers less than three inches in length. This includes almost all does, doe fawns, some buck fawns (also known as button or nubbin bucks), and mature bucks with broken or short antlers.



Where it all begins...

The information provided in this document starts with the County Deer Advisory Councils.

Want to provide input on the status of the deer herd in your area and how many antlerless deer should be harvested each year? Look no further than your local County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC).

Each county-based council consists of volunteers from the general public and professionals that represent the main stakeholder groups in deer management. CDACs discuss county deer management issues and provide recommendations to the department that directly affect the upcoming deer season and beyond. CDACs review scientific deer herd metrics and public feedback to develop recommendations, which include:

- 3-year population objectives: whether to increase, decrease or maintain the herd
- Antlerless harvest quotas
- Antlerless harvest goals and authorization (tag) levels
- Deer season structure

It's easy to get involved. Visit the department's website at *dnr.wi.gov* and search keyword "CDAC" to find upcoming meetings, public input opportunities, CDAC contact information and perhaps apply to become a council member. Current deer herd metrics, which the CDACs use to form their recommendations, are also fully accessible to the public by searching keyword "deer metrics."

CDACs are charged with:

- Gathering public opinion on deer population objectives, antlerless quotas and herd management strategies.
- Reviewing and considering scientific metrics on deer herd trends, impacts to habitat and agriculture, and human-deer interactions.
- Providing the department with recommendations on deer population objectives, antlerless quotas and herd management strategies.



CDAC Timeline

March	1st round of CDAC meetings
Early April	Online public input period
April	2nd round of CDAC meetings
May	Recommendations approved by Natural Resources Board

Management Zones, Units and Land Types

Deer Management Zones, Units and Sub-units

Wisconsin contains four Deer Management Zones (DMZs), each of which is further subdivided into several Deer Management Units (DMUs). The zone designation impacts antlerless harvest authorization availability and deer season structure (see map on page 5). DMU boundaries correspond to county boundaries in most cases, with the exceptions of tribal reservations,

certain islands and military property. Ten DMUs (Adams, Chippewa, Clark, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, Marinette, Monroe, Oconto and Wood) are each split by zone boundaries. Antlerless harvest authorization availability may vary between Forest (Zone 1) and Farmland (Zone 2) portions of these DMUs.

Public and Private Lands

The department is attempting to more closely regulate antierless harvest on public lands in an effort to allow hunters to see more deer and provide a better hunting experience. To



accomplish this, all hunters will select antlerless harvest authorizations based on the type of land they hunt: public access or private. Hunters who wish to pursue antlerless deer on both public access and private land must acquire antlerless harvest authorizations for each land type.

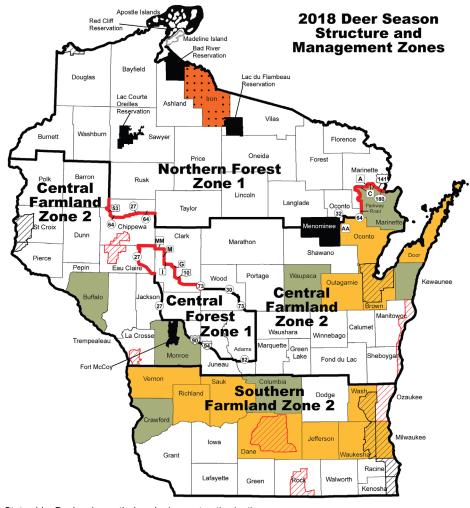
Public Access Land Defined

For the purposes of purchasing and using public land antlerless harvest authorizations, public access land is defined as any land that is open to the public for deer hunting, either by ownership or under lease or contract. Public access lands include:

- Federal, State, County or Municipal, Stewardship and utilities properties open for public deer hunting
- Managed Forest Law (MFL) lands designated as open for public deer hunting
- Forest Crop Law (FCL) lands designated as *open* for public deer hunting
- Voluntary Public Access (VPA) lands leased for public deer hunting

All other lands not listed are considered PRIVATE. You must have permission to hunt on all private lands.

Season Structure and Deer Management Zones



Statewide: Bucks plus antlerless by harvest authorization

New for 2018:	 Buck-only: all seasons. No antierless harvest authorizations available
Modified DMZ Boundary	Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt: Dec. 24 - Jan. 1
Modified or creation of Metro sub-unit	Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt + either-sex Extended Archery/Crossbow (though Jan. 31, 2019)
	Metro sub-units: see page 13 for more information on boundary lines and page 7 for season dates.
	Non-quota area: no harvest authorizations issued by the DNR

Antlerless Deer Hunting Requirements

Requirements for hunting antlerless deer in Wisconsin

- Proof of hunter education if born after Jan. 1, 1973 (unless participating in the mentored hunting program or if you have completed military basic training).
- A deer hunting license. All licenses include one statewide buck authorization and one or more antlerless deer harvest authorizations valid only in the DMU of choice.
- An antlerless deer harvest authorization, either included with the hunting license and/or a bonus antlerless harvest authorization purchased where available. Know the zone, deer management unit and land type where you plan to hunt before selecting antlerless harvest authorizations.

Deer Hunting Licenses

To view the full list of licenses and prices, go to *dnr.wi.gov* and search "**Go Wild**." Purchase licenses and select harvest authorizations through Go Wild or visit a license agent or DNR service center.

License	Authorized Weapons	Harvest authorizations Included		
Archer	Bows only	One bow/crossbow buck harvest authorization; Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorization(s)		
Crossbow	Crossbows only	One bow/crossbow buck harvest authorization; Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorization(s)		
Archer/crossbow upgrade	Bow and crossbow, when purchased with either an archer or crossbow license	None (if purchasing both archer and crossbow privileges, hunters only receive one set of harvest authorizations)		
Gun	Legal firearms, bows and crossbows (firearm season only)	One gun buck harvest authorization; Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorization(s)		
Sports (also includes small game and general fishing)	Legal firearms, bows and crossbows (firearm season only)	One gun buck harvest authorization; Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorization(s)		
Conservation Patron	Bows, crossbows and legal firearms during the appropriate seasons	One gun buck harvest authorization; one bow buck harvest authorization; two sets of Farmland (Zone 2) anterlerless harvest authorizations		

Antlerless Deer Seasons

Regular Deer Seasons

You may harvest antlerless deer in addition to bucks during all of the following seasons. The bag limit is one antlerless deer per unused antlerless deer harvest authorization valid for the specified zone, DMU and land type, and one antlered deer per buck harvest authorization. Blaze orange/pink clothing is required for firearm seasons.

- ♠ Archery & Crossbow: Sept. 15 Dec. 5 and Dec. 10 - Jan. 6, 2019 (through Jan. 31, 2019 in metro sub-units and DMUs with an extended archery/crossbow season). See map on p. 5.
- **Wouth Gun Deer (age 15 & under):** Oct. 6 & 7
- Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities (sponsored properties only): Oct. 6 - 14
- 9-day Gun Deer: Nov. 17 25 (through Dec. 5 in metro sub-units)
- **Muzzleloader:** Nov. 26 Dec. 5

Antlerless-only Deer Seasons

You may harvest **only** antlerless deer during the late seasons below, regardless of weapon type used. The bag limit is one antlerless deer per unused antlerless deer harvest authorization valid for the specified zone, DMU and land type. Blaze orange/pink clothing is required for these seasons.



- **(1)** Statewide Antlerless-Only Hunt: Dec. 6 9
- In DMUs offering the hunt, only antlerless deer may be harvested regardless of weapon type used. In DMUs not offering the hunt, hunters may harvest bucks with a bow or crossbow. Certain disabled and military hunters can also harvest bucks with a gun in Holiday Hunt DMUs.

Know before you go...

This pamphlet contains basic information on hunting antlerless deer in Wisconsin. For information on additional rules and regulations, consult the *Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* before you go afield. Visit *dnr.wi.gov* and search "hunting regulations." For additional deer hunting tools and tips, search keyword "deer."

Antlerless Harvest Authorization Types

At time of purchase, specify **Zone, Deer Management Unit and land type (public access or private)**

Carry one or more form(s) of proof of a license and deer harvest authorizations while afield. You are not required to validate or attach your harvest authorization upon harvest, but the harvest authorization number is required for deer registration. Forms of proof include:

- A paper copy
- A Go Wild conservation card
- A Go Wild-authenticated Wisconsin driver's license
- A DNR-issued digital PDF file displayed on an electronic device

You are eligible for one or more of the following types of antlerless deer harvest authorizations. Some harvest authorizations are issued with a license and others are available for purchase. Harvest authorizations can be selected or purchased at *GoWild.WI.Gov* or at a point of sale.

Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless deer harvest authorization: included with each deer license where available, not weapon-specific.

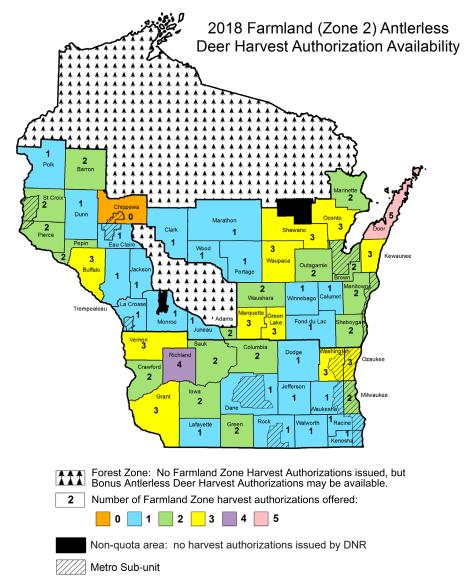
Bonus antlerless deer harvest authorization: not included with a license and not weapon-specific. The cost for each harvest authorization is \$12 for residents, \$20 for non-residents and \$5 for youth under age 12. Bonus antlerless harvest authorizations are sold beginning on Aug. 13 at the rate of one per hunter per day until sold out.



Jr. antlerless deer harvest authorization: included with a Junior deer hunting license for youth under age 18; valid statewide on the land type specified, and not weapon-specific.

Hunters with disabilities: hunters with a valid Class A or C disabled permit may use **one** Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorization to take a deer in any unit statewide, including buck-only units. If you purchase an archer/crossbow AND gun license, or a Conservation Patron license, you may use **two** Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorizations to take a deer in any unit statewide, including buck-only units. This authorization may be used on both land types during the **gun hunt for hunters with disabilities** but only on the designated land type during all other deer seasons. See the 2018 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for details.

Farmland (Zone 2) Antlerless Harvest Authorizations



Each deer hunting license includes at least one Farmland (Zone 2) harvest authorization where offered; the number issued depends on where you intend to hunt. Choose a Deer Management Unit from the map above, and then specify a land type for each harvest authorization offered in that county. Conservation Patron license holders and those purchasing both a bow/crossbow and gun license may choose two counties for which to receive harvest authorizations.

Bonus Antlerless Harvest Authorizations

At time of purchase, specify **Zone, Deer Management Unit and land type (public access or private)**

Bonus antlerless harvest authorizations may be available for purchase in all but one DMU (Iron County). You may want to purchase a bonus antlerless harvest authorization if the DMU in which you plan to hunt does not offer Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorizations, if you plans to hunt in more than one DMU or if you want to harvest additional deer in Farmland (Zone 2) DMUs.

Bonus Antlerless Harvest Authorization Price

- \$12 each for Wisconsin residents and certain qualified non-residents (visit *dnr.wi.gov* and search "**military**" for additional information)
- \$20 each for non-residents
- \$5 each for youth ages 11 and younger

Limits: One bonus antlerless harvest authorization per day, where available, until the unit is sold out or until the hunting season ends.

Donate your Deer!

Donate a deer to help a family in need! Deer are being accepted at participating meat processors beginning August 1. You may also donate a deer hide or make a monetary donation to help cover the cost of processing the deer. Follow these steps to donate a deer:

- Properly field dress and register the deer. Write down your registration confirmation number, which will be used when dropping off the deer.
- ♠ Contact one of the participating meat processors (visit dnr.wi.gov, and search keyword "deer donation") to verify they have space to accept the deer.
- Drop deer off at a participating processor by February 1, 2018. Donate the entire deer to receive the processing for free (head or antlers may be removed for mounting).

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Sign the log sheet indicating your desire to donate the deer while at the processor.

Deer from certain CWD-affected counties must be tested for CWD either before or after donating.

Find more information on venison donation and a list of participating meat processors at *dnr.wi.gov*, keywords "deer donation."

Bonus Antlerless Harvest Authorizations

The tables below contain the total number of bonus antlerless harvest authorizations offered. For the most up-to-date numbers, visit *dnr.wi.gov* and search "antlerless tag availability."

Deer Management Unit	Zone Type	Public Land Auth.	Private Land Auth.
Adams	Farmland	100	900
Adams	Forest	1500	8550
Ashland	Forest	0	975
Ashland - Madeline Island	Forest	75	50
Ashland - Bad River Reservation	Forest	0	0
Barron	Farmland	750	2500
Bayfield	Forest	4325	5300
Bayfield - Red Cliff Reservation	Forest	0	0
Brown	Farmland	100	1000
Buffalo	Farmland	250	1500
Burnett	Forest	1200	6900
Calumet	Farmland	100	400
Chippewa	Farmland	1025	7000
Chippewa	Forest	50	800
Clark	Farmland	75	1 <i>75</i> 0
Clark	Forest	1200	1825
Columbia	Farmland	1000	3000
Crawford	Farmland	0	2800
Dane	Farmland	700	2500
Dodge	Farmland	125	1325
Door	Farmland	500	1500
Douglas	Forest	950	950
Dunn	Farmland	500	3750
Eau Claire	Farmland	50	1125
Eau Claire	Forest	100	425
Florence	Forest	1200	2250
Fond du Lac	Farmland	1000	7400
Forest	Forest	100	200
Grant	Farmland	350	2500
Green	Farmland	300	1750
Green Lake	Farmland	500	1000
lowa	Farmland	650	3000
Iron	Forest	0	0
Iron - Lac du Flambeau Reservation	Forest	0	0
Jackson	Farmland	0	1650
Jackson	Forest	350	350
Jefferson	Farmland	225	2100
Juneau	Farmland	25	1050
Juneau	Forest	50	675
Kenosha	Farmland	0	0
Kewaunee	Farmland	300	1100
La Crosse	Farmland	275	750
Lafayette	Farmland	125	1125
Langlade	Forest	1800	5475
Lincoln	Forest	1600	6400

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Deer Management Unit	Zone Type	Public Land Auth.	Private Land Auth.
Manitowoc	Farmland	300	2000
Marathon	Farmland	0	1500
Marinette	Farmland	500	2750
Marinette	Forest	1400	2100
Marquette	Farmland	2000	8000
Milwaukee	Farmland	75	600
Monroe	Farmland	600	1500
Monroe	Forest	50	150
Oconto	Farmland	450	1825
Oconto	Forest	325	750
Oneida	Forest	800	1900
Oneida - Lac du Flambeau Reservation	Forest	0	0
Outagamie	Farmland	600	1400
Ozaukee	Farmland	300	700
Pepin	Farmland	150	900
Pierce	Farmland	300	1200
Polk	Farmland	2500	7500
Portage	Farmland	300	1500
Price	Forest	0	1925
Racine	Farmland	0	0
Richland	Farmland	500	2000
Rock	Farmland	600	900
Rusk	Forest	425	3875
Sauk	Farmland	750	3800
Sawyer	Forest	450	1450
Sawyer - Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation	Forest	0	0
Shawano	Farmland	750	3450
Sheboygan	Farmland	0	0
St. Croix	Farmland	300	2000
Taylor	Forest	500	5000
Trempealeau	Farmland	200	4300
Vernon	Farmland	200	1200
Vilas	Forest	400	1000
Vilas - Lac du Flambeau Reservation	Forest	0	0
Walworth	Farmland	300	475
Washburn	Forest	2025	6050
Washington	Farmland	400	1350
Waukesha	Farmland	750	1850
Waupaca	Farmland	300	5000
Waushara	Farmland	600	1200
Winnebago	Farmland	350	1000
Wood	Farmland	0	500
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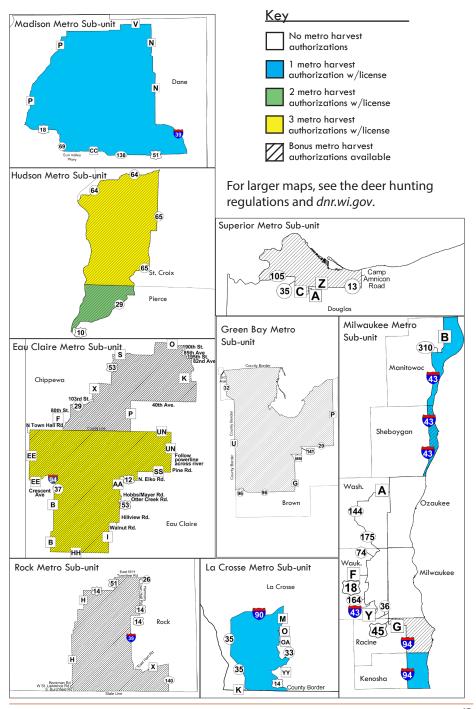
Metro Sub-unit Antlerless Harvest Authorizations

Eight metropolitan sub-units in 17 counties exist around major urban areas and offer extended hunting seasons. Their boundaries are contained within larger DMUs. Counties containing metro sub-units may offer one or more metro sub-unit antlerless harvest authorizations with a license, metro bonus antlerless harvest authorizations for purchase, or a combination of both. All metro sub-unit harvest authorizations are valid only in the zone, county, metro sub-unit and land type (public access or private) specified at the time of purchase. Metro sub-units offer extended hunting seasons. To hunt antlerless deer in one or more of the metro sub-units, your options are to:

- Select a Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorization(s) for the county in which the metro sub-unit is located. Farmland (Zone 2) harvest authorizations may be used in the entire DMU, including metro sub-units.
- 2. Select a metro sub-unit specific harvest authorization (included with your license purchase in Dane, Eau Claire, Kenosha, La Crosse, Manitowoc, Pierce, Sheboygan and St. Croix counties).
- 3. Purchase bonus antlerless harvest authorizations that are specific to that metro sub-unit (available in Brown, Chippewa, Douglas, Eau Claire, Pierce, Racine, Rock, St. Croix and Sheboygan counties).

Country	Bonus	for sale	landad at a cost			
County	Public	Private	Included at no cost			
Brown	50	150	0			
Chippewa	100	900	0			
Dane	0	0	1			
Douglas	200	100	0			
Eau Claire	50	450	3			
Kenosha	0	0	1			
La Crosse	0	0	1			
Manitowoc	0	0	1			
Milwaukee	0	0	0			
Ozaukee	0	0	0			
Pierce	50	50	2			
Racine	0	50	0			
Rock	100	300	0			
Sheboygan	20	80	1			
St. Croix	150	300	3			
Washington	0	0	0			
Waukesha	0	0	0			

Metro Sub-unit Boundaries



Chronic Wasting Disease

Enjoy Deer Hunting While Helping to Monitor CWD!



Once your deer is down after an exciting hunt and your thoughts turn to venison, consider getting your deer tested for chronic wasting disease. CWD was first detected in Wisconsin in 2002, and monitoring continues to be a high priority. Venison is some of the finest and healthiest meat on earth, so enjoy it to the fullest by having it tested for CWD. Search *dnr.wi.gov*, keyword "**CWD**" for more information on the disease and what you can do to reduce inadvertent transmission of CWD to wild deer.

CWD Testing at No Cost to You!

You have several options for testing your deer for CWD that allow you to enjoy the hunt while providing important monitoring information. DNR sampling stations and drop-off kiosks offer this service at no charge; visit *dnr.wi.gov* and search keyword "**CWD sampling**" for details. If a deer tests positive, you will receive a replacement harvest authorization through Go Wild. Any parts of a CWD-positive deer that you do not choose to keep should be properly disposed of so that they end up in a landfill.

Carcass Movement Restrictions

To prevent the spread of CWD to disease-free counties and states, carcass transportation restrictions are in place. You may not move a carcass from a CWD-affected county or state to another area unless:

- you are transporting deer carcasses or parts to an adjacent Wisconsin deer management unit or to a licensed taxidermist or licensed meat processor within 72 hours of the deer being registered.
- you are transporting the following cervid parts outside a CWD-affected area: meat that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately), quarters or other portions of meat to which no part of the spinal column is attached, meat that has been deboned, hides with no heads attached, finished taxidermy heads, antlers, clean skulls or skull plates with no lymphoid or brain tissue attached, or upper canine teeth (also known as buglers, whistlers or ivories).

Baiting and Feeding

Deer baiting and feeding are prohibited in over half of Wisconsin counties; go to *dnr.wi.gov* and search "**baiting and feeding**" for full details on where bans are in place.

Non-Resident Hunters

If you are a non-resident hunter, be sure to check the carcass transportation requirements for your home state or province. For more information, visit the CWD Alliance website at: www.cwd-info.org.

Deer Registration Information

Register Your Deer—It's Required!

- 1. Register your deer by 5 p.m. the day after recovery in the DMU of harvest or an adjoining DMU. Registration is required by law.
- 2. Choose a registration method:
 - Online (easiest and fastest): Go to gamereg.wi.gov on your computer or mobile device and start by entering the unique harvest authorization number on the deer harvest authorization.
 - Phone: Call 1-844-426-3734 (844-GAME-REG) and start by entering the unique harvest authorization number found on the deer harvest authorization.
 - Visit an in-person registration station and use the computer or mobile device provided. Find a registration station by going to dnr.wi.gov and searching "registration stations" or by calling 888-936-7463.
- 3. Before you register, have the deer harvest authorization number handy. A list of your harvest authorization numbers is available in the My GameReg section of your Go Wild account at *GoWild.WI.Gov*. Answer questions as asked. A 10-character confirmation number in the format W12-345-6789 is provided upon completion. Record this number for your records.

County Codes for Phone-In Deer Registration

When prompted, please enter the code (given below) for the county where you harvested the deer. Some counties (for instance Waukesha, Waupaca and Waushara) have the same code. In those cases, you will have a second prompt to select the exact county.

County	Enter	County	Enter	County	Enter	County	Enter
Adams	232	Florence	356	Marathon	627	Rusk	787
Ashland	274	Fond du Lac	366	Marinette	627	St. Croix	724
Barron	227	Forest	367	Marquette	627	Sauk	728
Bayfield	229	Grant	472	Menominee	636	Sawyer	729
Brown	276	Green	473	Milwaukee	649	Shawano	742
Buffalo	283	Green Lake	473	Monroe	666	Sheboygan	743
Burnett	287	lowa	469	Oconto	626	Taylor	829
Calumet	225	Iron	476	Oneida	663	Trempealeau	873
Chippewa	244	Jackson	522	Outagamie	688	Vernon	837
Clark	252	Jefferson	533	Ozaukee	692	Vilas	845
Columbia	265	Juneau	586	Pepin	737	Walworth	925
Crawford	272	Kenosha	536	Pierce	743	Washburn	927
Dane	326	Kewaunee	539	Polk	765	Washington	927
Dodge	363	La Crosse	522	Portage	767	Waukesha	928
Door	366	Lafayette	523	Price	774	Waupaca	928
Douglas	368	Langlade	526	Racine	722	Waushara	928
Dunn	386	Lincoln	546	Richland	742	Winnebago	946
Eau Claire	328	Manitowoc	626	Rock	762	Wood	966

Questions?

Contact the DNR Call Center toll-free or visit the website 1-888-WDNR INFO (1-888-936-7463) • local 608-266-2621

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