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## Wisconsin Deer News



[Third deer tests positive for CWD at Rosholt deer farm](#) October 8, 2014

Wisconsin, WSAU News

... "This was found on a hunting preserve, this is the same preserve that's had two previous positives over the last year and a half or so ...

[Third deer positive for CWD in Marathon County](#) October 7, 2014 Wisconsin, The Stevens Point Journal

... The 5-year-old buck from Wilderness Whitetails hunting preserve near Eland was diagnosed Sept. 9 ... The state imposed a five-year quarantine on Wilderness Whitetails hunting preserve and its three affiliated game farms ... [CWD Chronic Wasting Disease]

[Sawyer County deer council kicks off era of citizen input](#) October 7, 2014 Wisconsin, Hayward WI

... To make citizens/hunters a real player in the deer management equation, in 2014 the state established County Deer Advisory Councils ... Three other appointed members, representing tourism, transportation, hunt/conservation, were not present. The urban members seat has not been filled... Only five members of the public were

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[Read the Wisconsin Deer Report](#) from 2012. [Read the Proposal to Implement Recommendations](#) based on the report from September, 2013. The [final recommendations](#).

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**Wisconsin Data:** In 2014 an estimated 1,182,000 white-tailed deer. Pre-hunt deer population estimated at about 1.4 million in 2013, about 1.5 million in 2012 Long lasting winters in 2012-13 and 2013-14 (worst in 20

present...

[DNR seeks volunteers to join deer goal-setting teams](#) October 7, 2014 Wisconsin, southernminn.com

...People interested in helping the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources establish deer population goals for large portions of northeastern, north-central and east-central Minnesota can apply online at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/mammals/deer/mgmt.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/mammals/deer/mgmt.html). ...Goal-setting blocks consist of multiple deer permit areas that have been grouped by habitat type...

[Second Deer Council meeting is Oct. 21](#) October 5, 2014 Wisconsin, WisNews ... Deer population objectives for Dodge County during the next three years will be the main topic of discussion at the second County Deer Advisory Council meeting ... Citizens are encouraged to attend their CDAC's October meeting and provide comments to the council.... Many county councils have vacant seats ...

[County deer groups seek management goals](#) October 2, 2014 Wisconsin, Outdoor News ... The first round of county deer advisory council meetings is nearing completion throughout each of the 72 counties in Wisconsin. The gatherings will collect public opinion and offer the DNR advice and suggestions on local deer populations, antlerless quotas, and season options... As recently as 2007, 5,468 deer were shot in the

## Wisconsin Wildlife

### [Wisconsin DNR reminds hunters to leave](#)

Minneapolis Star Tribune - Oct 01, 2014

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin wildlife officials are reminding waterfowl hunters to leave trumpeter swans and whooping cranes alone. Department of Natural Resources officials say more trumpeter swans and

[Wisconsin hunters need to upgrade Identify birds before shooting, WI](#)

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years) have reduced deer populations. In Sawyer County, 40% percent of deer tracked for a study died. To help rebuild herds 19 counties, about the northern third of the state, have no doe hunting in 2014. The largest "no doe" zone in 20 years. Fawn mortality was estimated at 43 percent. Populations in the Central Forest and the Central and Southern Farm areas fared better.

Estimated 1.14 million deer after 2011 hunting season and 1.16 million deer after 2010 hunting season. Estimated 990,000 deer in January 2010. Down significantly since 2000 based on legislated deer goals. Deer hunting estimated to have \$1.3 billion in economic impact on the state. About 650,000 deer licenses sold annually. [History of Deer Hunting in Wisconsin](#)

Two deer in Marathon County tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in 2014.

Since 2008, CWD has been detected in 35 counties in deer or elk.

Deer management was reorganized along county boundaries in 2014, each county is forming a County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) of six to eight members.

county, now down by more than 50 percent to 2,609 in 2013...

**Operation Deer Watch Closing, Still Time to Submit** September 30, 2014 Wisconsin, WDNR News

It's not too late to submit your [Operation Deer Watch](#) observations. Two months ago the Wisconsin DNR asked for the public's help to estimate the reproductive status of the deer herd by reporting observations of does, fawns and bucks. Operation Deer Watch survey ends today, Sept. 30 but wildlife watchers have until Oct. 17 to report their deer observations. Observations can be reported by going to the Wisconsin DNR homepage and keyword search "[deer watch](#)"

[Conservation Congress seeks more public input on long-term deer management](#) September 29, 2014

Wisconsin, Spooner Advocate

... "The decisions on the direction of the deer population has never had an opportunity for such public input in the state of Wisconsin," ...

#### Other estimates:

Estimated pre-hunt deer in 2008: 1.52

Estimated pre-hunt deer in 1993: 1.15 million.

About 150 elk in 2012. Approximately 800 wolves in 2013 (809 to 834), 600 to 1,000 in 2014, down from about 1,000 wolves in 2011.

From 40,000 to 50,000 coyotes, many of which contain wolf DNA. About 20,000 bears.

- [DataMine: Deer-hunting statistics, 1966-present](#)

- **To report a sick deer** observation please call the DNR call center toll free at 1-888-WDNR-INFO (1-888-936-7463), email [DNRInfo@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRInfo@Wisconsin.gov), or use the chat feature on the DNR website.

- **To report poaching**, call the DNR at 1-800-847-9367

#### Other useful links:

- [Wisconsin Deer Research Projects](#)

- [Operation Deer Watch](#) - volunteers collecting data for DNR

- [Deer Herd Status by County](#) -- [County Deer Advisory Councils](#)

- [UWSP White-tailed Deer Information](#) and for [Mule Deer](#)

- [Archived Public Chats with DNR](#) related to deer management

- [Wisconsin - Department of Natural Resources](#)

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**Tweets about deer in Wisconsin**

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### [DNR says deer feeding ban still will be enforced](#) September 25, 2014

Wisconsin, Spooner Advocate

... A ban on feeding white-tailed deer in Barron, Burnett, Polk, and Washburn counties – which was implemented May 10, 2012, due to the discovery of chronic wasting disease in a wild white-tailed deer on private land in Washburn County ...

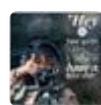
### ['Bambi went home': Deer rescue caught on dash cam](#) September 24, 2014

Wisconsin, Fox11

... A thunderstorm didn't stop two police officers from freeing a fawn that was stuck in a soccer net – and a police dashboard camera caught the whole thing....

**Town of Menasha (WI) police officers rescue a fawn that was stuck in a soccer net during a thunderstorm. - September 24, 2014**

### Tweets



**Joshua Schoemann** @joshomen  
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**Tanner McCulloch** @TannerMcCulloch

### DNR Weekly News



[Wisconsin deer hunting rule changes for 2014](#) September 23, 2014 The Sun

... he biggest change is that the old deer management units, (DMUs) are gone, except for a few metro units. Those old DMUs will be replaced with a separate county by county system. Gone also will be antlerless quotas, State Park Management, and taking their place will be four large deer management zones ...

**Wisconsin's public water systems continue to invest in upgrades**

Over past three years, nearly \$135 million invested by municipal water systems statewide - - MADISON -- More than 95 percent of Wisconsin's water suppliers meet or exceed health standards and the state's public water systems continue to make upgrades through a loan program administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, according to a new report.

**DNR, Conservation Congress to convene meeting on next steps for perch in Lake Michigan**

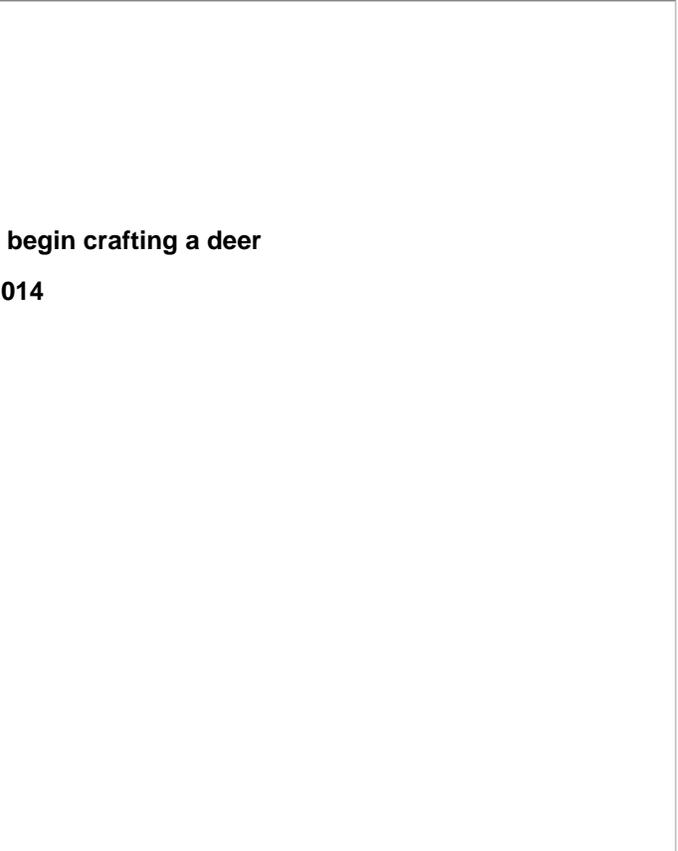
Public meeting set for Oct. 23 to discuss possible perch strategies, benefits for near-shore fishery - - MILWAUKEE -- To help identify potential options for yellow perch management in Lake Michigan, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Conservation Congress will convene a public meeting on October 23 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences.

**Ghouls, goblins and jack-o'-lanterns to haunt state parks this fall**

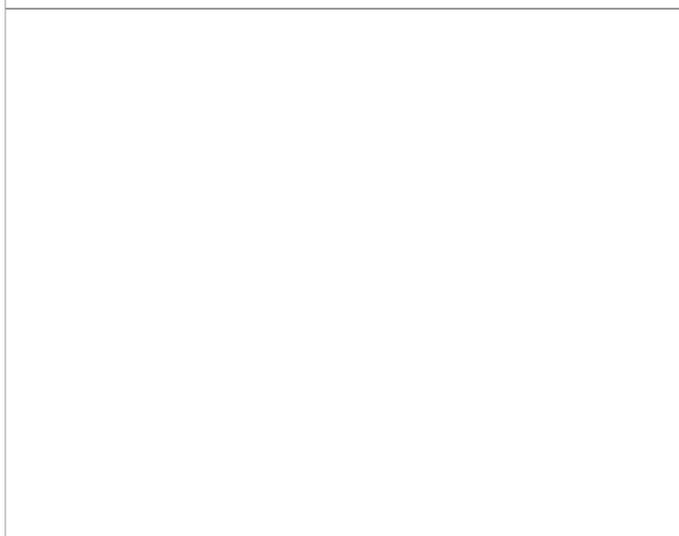
MADISON - From family friendly pumpkin carving and costume contests to hair-raising fright hikes where ghouls and goblins emerge along jack-o'-lantern lit trails, there are more than 20 opportunities to celebrate Halloween at Wisconsin state park properties this fall.

**October shows important progress for early deer hunting seasons and public participation**

**DNR Outdoor Report**



**Hunters met with the DNR Monday night in Suamico to begin crafting a deer management plan for Brown County, - September 22, 2014**



## Outdoor Report for October 2, 2014

Northern Region

## Outdoor Report for September 25, 2014

The nice weather and great colors caused fishing pressure to spike up on many Northwoods lakes. Most have been angling for musky, with fairly consistent action reported at nearly all times of the day. The most successful baits continue to be artificial baits but some anglers have been able to find large suckers, and they have also provided some good success. Most fish have been in the 34 to 40-inch size but there have been rumors of fish up to 46 inches landed in the last week. Water levels have dropped some on rivers and sturgeon anglers had fair success with most fish in the 40 to 54-inch size, but a couple legs 60 inch reported.

## Outdoor Report for September 18, 2014

Cooler temperatures in the last week had many people thinking autumn, which will officially arrive next Monday with the autumnal equinox. Although most trees are still green, leaves are starting to change colors, with some maples and sumac showing reds and ash trees starting to turn yellow and purple. Colors have reached about 20 percent in some counties on the Department of Tourism's Fall Color Report (exit DNR).

## Outdoor Report for September 11, 2014

Areas of Wisconsin have received from 5 to 7 inches of rain since the beginning of September and water levels are very high on lakes, rivers and streams. In the north, many streams and rivers are at or near flood stage, and lake levels are nearing the top of many people's docks.

## [Are Deer Safe To Eat?](#) September 21, 2014

Wisconsin, NewsBlaze

... Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in deer and elk ... State officials assured residents they couldn't get the fatal human brain disease Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) if they avoided the deer's "brain, eyeballs, spinal cord, spleen or lymph nodes" and if they wore latex gloves. But there were two medical reports that suggested otherwise: A 2002 CDC report titled "Fatal Degenerative Neurologic Illnesses in Men Who Participated in Wild Game Feasts-Wisconsin, 2002." And an Archives of Neurology report called "Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease In Unusually Young Patients Who Consumed Venison." ...

## [With breeding season approaching, beware of deer in your headlights](#) September 20, 2014

Wisconsin, La Crosse Tribune

... The number of people killed or injured in Wisconsin vehicle-deer crashes has risen since 1979, although they have declined since their peak of 847 in 1999, according to the

## Tweets from WDNR

Wisconsin Department of Transportation... State Farm's report underscores that, projecting that drivers in Wisconsin will hit 47,669 deer this year...

Portage, [City leaders' proposal targets problem deer](#) September 18, 2014

Wisconsin, Channel 3000

... Portage City Administrator Shawn Murphy calls the deer problem a potential liability, saying previous ideas, like building fences and hiring hunters, have just become too expensive... paying current portage officers, like Jason Stenburg, to harvest up to 50 deer per year. "I look forward to that," ...

[DNR localizes deer herd management](#) September 17, 2014 Wisconsin, Beaver Dam Daily Citizen  
... The council is represented by a variety of personnel who are directly related to the issues surrounding deer in Dodge County. From biologists and foresters to law enforcement and agriculture, the council,

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**Wisconsin DNR** @WDNR

Halloween In The Park: candlelight & campfire 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sat. @ Kohl  
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Wild Edible: search for wild edible & Kohler-Andrae State Park [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)

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Knife Knowledge: learn proper hand p.m. Sat. @ Newport State Park [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)

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Fold the Flock for Passenger Pigeon & make a paper one, 1 p.m. Sat. @ [dnr.wi.gov/calendar/event...](http://dnr.wi.gov/calendar/event...)

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Animal Feeding Day: Watch turtles & a.m.-noon Sat. @ Devil's Lake [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)



**Wisconsin DNR** @WDNR

Crex Photo Club: Learn more about images. 10 a.m.-noon Sat. @ Crex M [dnr.wi.gov/calendar/event...](http://dnr.wi.gov/calendar/event...)



**Wisconsin DNR** @WDNR

Up-Close Exploring Nature Program techniques, 10 a.m. Sat. @ Kettle M [dnr.wi.gov/calendar/event...](http://dnr.wi.gov/calendar/event...)

along with public input is focusing on local herds, local habitats and local statistics...

[County Deer Advisory Councils Give Hunters a Voice](#) September 17, 2014

Wisconsin, WBAY

... For the first time Wisconsin DNR officials are asking hunters to join with county leaders in tourism, agriculture, forestry, and transportation, to develop recommendations on deer populations and harvest quotas. ..

[Portage police could be used to kill deer](#)

September 17, 2014 Wisconsin, WisNews

... City Administrator Shawn Murphy told city budget-makers this week to expect a proposal to buy equipment and acquire permits and certifications necessary to allow city personnel to act as sharpshooters to control the local deer population...

[Wisconsin ranks 7th in deer collisions, numbers show decline](#) September 16,

2014 WKOW

... Drivers are nearly 3.7 percent less likely to collide with a deer in the next 12 months than they were last year...

[State urges area hunters to have deer tested for Chronic Wasting Disease](#) September 15,

2014 Wisconsin, WSAU News

... Deer hunters are being asked to save deer heads or to use partnering taxidermists so they can test animals for Chronic Wasting Disease. This is especially true in certain central Wisconsin areas ... Last year, five CWD-positive wild deer were discovered in

[INTERIM REPORT OF FINDINGS BY, WISCONSIN WHITE-TAILED DEER TRUSTEE AND REVIEW COMMITTEE](#) MARCH,

2012 Drs. James C. Kroll (Trustee), David C. Guynn, Jr. and Gary L Alt, Presented to, Wisconsin Department of Administration Madison, Wisconsin

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#### Interim Report Summary

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#### Deer Trustee Calls for Involvement of People

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Central Wisconsin...

[County deer councils will start to gather information](#) September 13, 2014

Wisconsin, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel  
... For the first time, a system of County Deer Advisory Councils will develop recommendations for Wisconsin deer management. The councils were among the recommendations of the Wisconsin White-tailed Deer Trustees Report, a process initiated in 2011 by Gov. Scott Walker...

[Deer hunters help track CWD](#) September 13, 2014 Wisconsin, WSAU News

... "Within Portage, Adams, Juneau, and Marathon Counties, what we're asking hunters to do is if they're located within those surveillance areas, provide us with their adult deer heads." Those four counties have had deer test positive for the disease before ...

[DNR issues either-sex permits in CWD zone](#) September 11, 2014 Wisconsin, Spooner Advocate

... During the bow and gun deer hunting seasons the DNR – in cooperation with local businesses – will continue to collect lymph nodes or deer heads for CWD [chronic wasting disease] surveillance testing. Anyone who shoots an adult deer within a 10-mile radius of Shell Lake is asked to contribute a sample for testing...

[CDAC to discuss deer population](#) September 11, 2014 Wisconsin, WisNews

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"Estimating the number of deer you have is the La Brea Tar Pit of deer management" Dr. James Kroll

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#### End of Earn a Buck

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The state has developed a survey system that uses observations from people around the state, a program that has gotten some

... Deer population objectives that will be used to help formulate hunting opportunities over the next three years will be the topic of discussion at Badger Den Room, Mackenzie Center, W7303 County Rd CS, Poynette, Wis. on Sept. 16 starting at 7 p.m. The subject will be addressed by the Columbia County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) ...

### [Calling all hunters, tell us what you see](#)

September 9, 2014 Wisconsin, WDNR News

The September 13 archery and crossbow openers mark the beginning of the 2014 deer hunting seasons and the start of the sixth annual Deer Hunter Wildlife Survey, an easy-to-do survey where hunters can record their observations of deer and other wildlife while out hunting. The Deer Hunter Wildlife Survey is a fun opportunity for hunters to share their enthusiasm for wildlife while helping our survey efforts," says Department of Natural Resources Secretary Cathy Stepp. At the end of each year, participants who provide their email address will receive a personalized summary of all recorded wildlife from that season. Participants can access the survey webpage by going to the DNR website and searching keyword "[Deer Hunter Wildlife](#)." Once there, begin by filling out a tally sheet either electronically or print it from the site.

### [Deer Advisory Councils to meet in Sawyer County](#) September 8, 2014

Wisconsin, Hayward WI

... Planning for the 2015 deer hunting season is under way, and the Wisconsin Department

significant press attention. [Wisconsin Deer Hunter Wildlife Survey](#) "The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is asking for your help in monitoring the relative abundance and distribution of deer and other mammalian/avian wildlife species in the state....Since deer hunters often spend many quiet observation hours in the woods, you can provide valuable information about species that are often very difficult to measure. Past efforts in Wisconsin and other states (Ohio, Iowa and Missouri) have provided wildlife agencies with valuable information for managing many wildlife species.

### [WISCONSIN'S DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM](#) Bureau of Integrated Science

Services, at 608-266-0531 for more information. ... tion goals for sections of the state called deer management units.

- [Deer Rehabilitation Policy - WDNR](#) June 7, 2011 Information about deer rehabilitation in Wisconsin.

of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Conservation Congress encourage anyone interested in discussing their local deer herd to attend a County Deer Advisory Council meeting this fall. Three advisory council meetings will be held in Sawyer County — Tuesday, Sept. 23 and Tuesday, Oct. 21, both from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hayward Veterans Community Center; and in December ...

[Program Aims At Deer Health](#) September 7, 2014 Wisconsin, Valley News

... Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) ... The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, represented by Ralph Fritsch of Townsend, offered five suggestions ... DMAP landowners not be allowed to lease deer hunting rights on the property. ... the DMAP enrollee could leverage the program to charge higher lease rates... WWF would like to see baiting and feeding prohibited on DMAP lands where antlerless tags are issued....

**New deer hunting regulations are coming in Fall 2014. Get your questions answered now!** September 5, 2014 Wisconsin, WDNR News

09/05/2014

Have you taken a look at the new deer management unit boundaries? Do you know when and where antlerless-only seasons occur this year? Learn how these and other new rules will affect your hunting season. DNR experts will be on hand to answer all your questions regarding new deer season regulations during TWO online chats on

- [Wisconsin Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan](#)

- [White-tailed deer research projects](#)

- [Wisconsin Deer Information](#)

**Petting Zoos With Deer in Wisconsin** Central Wisconsin: Wisconsin Deer Park ([wisdeerpark.com](#)) in Wisconsin Dells; Here is a review from [Tripadvisor.com](#): I go to this every year, I went multiple times on my last visit. I absolutely LOVE this place! You get one on one with deer! I love animals and nature. And being with them is just amazing. And even though it's in the city part of the Dells you don't really hear outside noise when you're there. It's really peaceful and fun. Definitely check this out if you love deer and other animals.

*Southwestern Wisconsin:* Peck's Farm Market East ([pecksfarmmarketeast.com](#))

*Southeastern Wisconsin:* Lake Geneva Animal Gardens ([animalgardens.com](#))

*Norther Wisconsin:* Wilderness Walk Zoo and Recreation Park

([wildernesswalkhaywardwi.com](#))

Tuesday, Sept. 9 at noon and 7 p.m. To participate, please visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search keyword "[expert](#)." For more information, visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), search keyword "[deer](#)" and click the link for the [rule changes FAQ document](#).

Portage, [City's deer eradication program likely dead](#) September 5, 2014 Wisconsin, WisNews ... The city has periodically hired sharpshooters ... Or as Common Council member Rick Dodd called it, "deer reduction program ... because we didn't eradicate anything." ...

[Mystery of Three-Legged Wisconsin Buck Solved](#) September 1, 2014

Wisconsin, QDMA.com

... Its right hind leg had been crippled in some mishap and was sticking almost straight out behind the deer, useless, stiff and withered by muscle atrophy. In a classic example of the neurological connection between antler growth and skeletal structure, the buck's left antler – on the opposite side of its body – was deformed...

**2014 Wisconsin Fall Hunting and Trapping Forecast is now available!** August 30, 2014  
DNR News

With a number of 2014 fall hunting and trapping seasons just around the corner, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will once again offer a [Fall Hunting and Trapping Forecast](#). ... In 2014, 19 county units, in whole or in part, are designated as buck-only units. This approach will encourage

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#### Wisconsin Deer Park

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herd growth. ... During the 2013 deer season, the department sampled 6,662 deer statewide from within and outside of the former CWD-MZ. With over 6,000 deer tested, 357 tested positive... Since 2002, CWD prevalence within our western monitoring area in the former CWD-MZ has shown an overall increasing trend in all sex and age classes... counties within the Central Farmland and Southern Farmland zones hold abundant deer populations ... Quotas for management units within the Central Forest Zone have been reduced following two harsh winters and a decline in deer numbers ... Conditions during the winter of 2013-2014 were severe across northern Wisconsin ... Fawn mortality averaged approximately 43 percent, and adult deer mortality was measured at 10 percent...

[Deer management program benefits from debate over rules](#) August 30, 2014

Wisconsin, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel ... the state's Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) ... The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, represented by Ralph Fritsch of Townsend, offered five suggestions ... it would prefer DMAP landowners not be allowed to lease deer hunting rights on the property.

Among the issues: If a DMAP landowner can obtain antlerless tags and others in the area can't, the DMAP enrollee could leverage the program to charge higher lease rates...

[Banner deer year expected in 'K/D'](#) August 29, 2014 Wisconsin, Green Bay Press Gazette

... deer sightings are up throughout the farmland region of Kewaunee and Door counties. The "let 'em go, let 'em grow" mantra — the passing up of young bucks to allow more to achieve their body and antler growth potential — appears to have morphed into a "let 'em go, let it (the herd) grow" ...

Eau Claire, [Relaxed deer hunt rules reasonable](#) August 28, 2014 Wisconsin, Eau Claire Leader-Telegram

... the deer herd ... appears to be healthy. City officials say an urban deer survey done in 1993 concluded that there were about 400 whitetails roaming the city limits. Most would agree that number appears to have increased ... The new ordinance allows bowhunters to shoot deer on smaller parcels as long as they are at least 50 yards from a home or have the owner's written permission...

[County Deer Advisory Councils will provide great opportunity for local input and deer herd management throughout Wisconsin](#) August 26, 2014 Wisconsin, DNR News

Planning for the 2015 deer hunting season is underway, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Conservation Congress encourage anyone interested in discussing their local deer herd to attend a County Deer Advisory Council meeting this fall... To find a [meeting location in your area \[PDF\]](#) and learn more about County Deer Advisory Councils, visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search keyword "[CDAC](#)."

Eau Claire, [More land, lower fee proposed for urban deer hunt](#) August 23, 2014

Wisconsin, Eau Claire Leader

... the city's ordinance change would relax that requirement so bowhunters could use smaller private parcels as long as they're 50 yards from a home or have that homeowners' permission. Obtaining a city permit for hunting deer also would drop from \$45 to \$20 ...

[Deer Hunting in Wisconsin](#) August 20, 2014 Realtree

... While the state is trying to make its complex system more simple, it also seems willing to ignore the fact that CWD is expanding in southern Wisconsin, relaxing regulations and eliminating seasons meant to curtail the disease, a result of serious pressure from the hunting community ...

[Landowners allowed to sell antlerless deer permits](#) August 13, 2014

Wisconsin, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel ·

... Landowners enrolled in the state's fledgling Deer Management Assistance Program will be allowed to sell antlerless deer permits under a rule approved Wednesday by the Natural Resources Board.... Deer Management Assistance Programs are run in more than a dozen states...

[Bayport authorizes fall bow hunt; Aim is to control deer herd, focusing on Point Road neighborhood](#) August 13, 2014 Wisconsin, Stillwater Gazette

...The nonprofit "River Valley Deer

Management” will attempt to cull deer herds in Bayport through a bow hunt this fall. [From their website: RiverValley Deer Management LLC is a Wisconsin corporation made up of six Hudson residents with decades of archery experience.] ... Residents on Point Road generally favor thinning the herd, according to a survey conducted by city staff...

[Dept. of Natural Resources: Natural Resources Board approves 2014 crossbow deer hunting season](#) August 13, 2014

Wisconsin, WisPolitics

... The Natural Resources Board approved today the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' recommendations to establish a deer hunting season in which the use of a crossbow is allowed... The crossbow deer hunting season will run concurrent with the archery season...

[Wisconsin DNR Launches Statewide Trail-Camera Survey](#) August 8, 2014 Bowhunting

... The “Snapshot Wisconsin” project hopes to work with citizens statewide to monitor and maintain about 4,000 trail-cameras to document what’s living on the state’s diverse landscapes. The survey will use a statewide grid with four trail-cameras in every 6-by-6-mile township, or one every nine square miles... To learn more about “Snapshot Wisconsin,” [CLICK HERE](#)

### **Change in Wisconsin Deer Hunting Rules**

August 5, 2014 WNDR News

Deer management unit boundaries have

changed as a result of an extensive two-year review of Wisconsin's deer management program. Deer hunters are encouraged to check the [2014 deer management unit designations map](#) and [2014 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations booklet](#) for information regarding management units.

#### [Fines, probation in wild animal poisoning case](#)

August 5, 2014 Wisconsin, Fond du Lac

Reporter

... The poisoning used baits designed to kill predators in order to improve deer hunting, U.S. Attorney John Vaudreuil has said...

#### [Annual Operation Deer Watch to help measure deer populations now underway](#)

August 4, 2014 Wisconsin, WHBL

... The program enlists sportsmen and women as well as homeowners to help survey the deer population. The DNR is sending out 14,000 invitations to hunters who took part in the deer hunt last year to get keep track of the deer they see, but the public is also invited to help. [Operation Deer Watch](#)

#### [Crossbows ready to make entrance during deer season](#)

August 2, 2014

Wisconsin, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

... . Beginning this fall, all legal hunters in Wisconsin, regardless of age or physical ability, will be able to use a crossbow to hunt deer in a season concurrent to the archery deer season... Michigan has allowed crossbow use during its archery deer season since 2009. The first year, 19% of hunters used a

crossbow during the Michigan archery deer season. In 2011, it increased to 37%; in 2012, it was 43.7%; and in 2013, it was 49.5%...

[The Wild Side: New deer management program](#) August 1, 2014

Wisconsin, Starjournalnow

... Each county in the state is currently forming a County Deer Advisory Council or CDAC. This council will be made up of six to eight members who volunteer and apply to participate. Any applicant must represent an identified stakeholder group. Naturally, hunters will be at the table, but other groups will include agriculture, forestry, tourism, transportation and someone from a municipality to represent urban or metropolitan deer issues...

[Wisconsin asks public to help survey deer herd](#) July 29, 2014 Minneapolis Star Tribune

... The DNR will launch Operation Deer Watch this week – asking the public to report the number of deer they see from Aug. 1 to Sept. 30... This unique collaboration of data from the public, along with deer observations collected by DNR staff, provides valuable information regarding the reproductive status of Wisconsin's deer herd in 2014... For more information, videos, and past results, go to the [DNR website](#) and search "[deer watch](#)."

[Wisconsin towns fight repeal of bow ban](#) July 25, 2014 Watch Dog

... the state's new law that repeals local bans on using crossbows and other bow weapon

... To comply with state law, the city of Racine will have to allow bow hunting on private land, but officials are pushing for a new ordinance to ban the activity in city parks and other public land ...

[New crossbow deer hunting season will be offered in 2014](#) July 23, 2014 Wisconsin, Star Journal

... The crossbow deer hunting season will run concurrent with the regular archer season. During open firearm seasons, a gun deer license will authorize bow and crossbow use ...

['Snapshot Wisconsin' project to put eye on wildlife](#) July 19, 2014 Wisconsin, Wisconsin Rapids Tribune

... The "Snapshot Wisconsin" project hopes to work with citizens across the state to monitor and maintain about 4,000 trail cameras ... Stenglein hopes the study will help the DNR piece together a comprehensive map showing wildlife numbers and distribution patterns, and how they change by season. Currently, much of what we know about wildlife populations is based on harvest data ...

[Offended by rotting deer carcasses](#) July 13, 2014 Wisconsin, La Crosse Tribune

... In Wisconsin we celebrate whitetail deer as the state mammal. So we honor the deer hit by our vehicles by letting them rot on the roadside for months. Presently there are seven such deer in the I-90-La Crosse River area...

[Wisconsin DNR, UW working on new land](#)[map](#) July 4, 2014 La Crosse Tribune

... The DNR and UW-Madison plan to use fresh data from satellites to map more than 40 types of land cover in Wisconsin...

[Car-killed deer assessments shed light on deer nutritional condition](#) July 1, 2014

Wisconsin, WDNR News

Following a record-breaking harsh winter, a statewide effort to assess the condition of car-killed deer is helping researchers understand winter's impacts on Wisconsin's deer herd. This information is in addition to radio telemetry monitoring of deer over the last four years that has also provided insight into winter's impacts on deer ... 522 deer were sampled statewide during a period when fat reserves were at their lowest point of the year...

In the southern portion of the state, 40 percent of adult deer sampled had rump fat, while rump fat was present in only 14 percent of adult deer sampled in the north. A greater proportion of deer in the north had little or no organ fat, as opposed to deer in the south. Similarly, bone marrow condition was better in the south than the north, and adults were more likely to have fatty marrow than juveniles in both the north and south.

[Scientist defends passive CWD approach](#)

June 30, 2014 Wisconsin, Sheboygan Press

... The deer herd in the CWD core area has not collapsed and few if any sick deer are ever

observed or photographed in thousands of game camera photos ... Despite over \$40 million in spending and herculean efforts by the DNR initially to eradicate and now to contain or control CWD, these efforts have not stopped or controlled the spread of CWD...

[Program advocating hunting launches in Wisconsin](#) June 28, 2014 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

... The Wisconsin program is funded by the National Shooting Sports Foundation of Newtown, Conn.... a trade association for the firearms industry... Estimates of the annual economic impact of hunting in Wisconsin range from \$1 to \$4 billion, depending on formulas used...

[State's deer population not threatened by wolves](#) June 26, 2014 Wisconsin, Madison

... The DNR estimates that a wolf kills about 20 deer a year. International Wolf Center statistics show Wisconsin had between 809 and 834 wolves in the winter of 2013. That would mean the yearly wolf take would be less than 17,000 ...

[DNR Deer Management Assistance Program off to a solid start](#) June 25, 2014

Wisconsin, Wisconsin Rapids Tribune

... DMAP will give landowners the tools and technical assistance needed to manage their property for deer and other wildlife. The program encourages sound land stewardship practices on private and public land and is intended to improve relationships between

landowners, hunters and DNR... DMAP enrollment statistics illustrate the public's interest in hands-on wildlife management...

[Passive approach to CWD worth a try](#) June 21, 2014 Wisconsin, Madison.com

... deer were reduced to infectious vermin, disposed of in landfills and even compared to 55-gallon drums of toxic waste by a Natural Resources Board member. These efforts have not substantially reduced the deer population or the prevalence of CWD ... Wisconsin and other states have concluded that CWD eradication is not a realistic disease management objective... More than 95 percent of the deer testing positive for CWD do not show clinical signs of the disease and appear perfectly healthy...

[DNR plan aims to let landowners in deer program sell antlerless tags](#) June 21, 2014

Wisconsin, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel  
... Enrollment in the program, begun earlier this year, is off to a slow start ... the DNR had received 114 applications for DMAP ... This would be the first time the DNR would allow the transfer of what could be dozens of tags by an individual landowner or co-op on property not open to the general public...

[A tale of two predators: the wolf and the bear](#) June 19, 2014 Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Journal Sentinel  
... Many sportspeople erroneously blame the 600 to 1,000 wolves in Wisconsin as the major culprit in the lowering of deer populations in

the north. Bears are incredibly efficient at preying on fawns but, again for the most part, are given a pass by hunters... somewhere in the neighborhood of 20,000 bears in Wisconsin ...

[June is dangerous month for highway deer crashes](#) June 18, 2014 Wisconsin, Wausau Daily Herald

... In 10 of the last 17 years, June registered as the first or second-worst month for injuries from vehicle-deer collisions... While mother deer are busy watching newborns, yearlings — deer born last summer — are less cautious and roam unsupervised. ...

[Wolves aren't biggest threat for deer](#) June 16, 2014 Wisconsin, Fond du Lac Reporter

... Wolves were not linked to any fawn deaths in the Northern Forest study area near Winter, and starvation was the top fawn-killer in the Eastern farmlands study area near Shawano... some does — probably yearlings and 2-year-olds that are still growing — apparently couldn't produce milk after giving birth...

[Research shows wolves not linked to fawn deaths in Northern Forest](#) June 13, 2014 Wisconsin, Madison

... attached radio-collars to 139 newborn fawns over the past three springs ... Roughly 31 percent died each year, with most succumbing soon after birth. Of fawns monitored, 14 percent (20) died of starvation/disease, 7 percent fell to coyotes, 3

percent were road-kills, 2 percent died of unknown causes, 1 percent fell to bobcats, 1 percent fell to bears and 2 percent fell to predators that couldn't be identified ...

[Drivers beware: June is the worst month for crashes with deer](#) June 9, 2014

Wisconsin, FOX 6 Now

... It's typically the time many search for a place to give birth and yearlings separate from their mother... 18,313 deer vs. motor vehicle crashes were reported in 2013...

[Updated Deer Studies from Wisconsin](#) June 5, 2014 WDNR

The following studies have been updated and posted to the Wisconsin DNR site, find them using the link above: White-tailed Deer Population Status, 2013 By Robert E. Rolley.

Summer Deer Observations, 2013, By Daniel J. Storm. Deer Hunter Wildlife Survey, 2013, By Jes Rees and Brian Dhuey. Chronic Wasting Disease in Wisconsin Deer, 2013, By Erin Larson. Winter Severity Indices, 2012-2013, By Daniel J. Storm

[Lead shot threatens eagles, study says](#) June 5, 2014 Wisconsin, Quad City Times

... Bald eagles are dying because they are eating the remains of deer that have been shot using lead ammunition, according to a two-year study conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service... the study tested the livers of 168 dead eagles ... and found that 48 percent had detectable concentrations of lead while 21 percent had concentrations

considered lethal...

[What's Killing the Deer?](#) June 4, 2014

Wisconsin, International Wolf Center

... between 1997 and 2012, comparing four DMUs inhabited by wolf packs to three DMUs in east-central Wisconsin where wolves were absent. The number of harvested bucks dropped significantly between the 2007 and 2008 seasons not only in the wolf DMUs but in the wolf-free DMUs as well. The decline occurred again in 2009. Whatever caused the decline surely did not involve the wolves ...Wolves certainly eat their fair share of deer, roughly 20 adult-sized deer per wolf per year...

D Pere, [Communities not ready to act on urban deer](#) June 4, 2014 Wisconsin, Appleton Post

... De Pere's City Council this week voted to accept its Park Department recommendation to take no action. ...

[Deer preserve fined ... CWD](#) June 3, 2014

Wisconsin, Penn Live

... a Wisconsin deer hunting preserve agreed to a civil forfeiture for failing to test hunter-killed deer for chronic wasting disease, with the preserve's non-compliance with state regulations first identified in 2010... "CWD surveillance is a priority for this department so the rules exist for a good reason," said State Veterinarian Paul McGraw...

[Mad Cow-like Disease Growing in Deer Thanks to Deer Breeders](#) June 1, 2014

Wisconsin, OpEdNews

... Like mad cow disease, widely believed to stem from the cost-cutting practice of feeding cows to cows, chronic wasting disease may also have man-made origins. In the mid-1960s, the Department of Wildlife ran a series of nutritional studies on wild deer and elk at the Foothills Wildlife Research Facility in Fort Collins, Colorado and soon after the studies began, however, Foothills deer and elk began dying from a mysterious disease ...

[Doing nothing about CWD means nothing](#) May 30, 2014 Wisconsin, Green Bay Press-Gazette

... a [2012 research paper](#) by Stacie Robinson, Ph.D., and Professor Michael Samuel at the University of Wisconsin-Madison... "Wild cervid (deer) populations are unlikely to evolve quickly enough for selection to influence disease management, although long-term selective breeding may be feasible for captive cervids." [p. 1057] ... the paper also states: Although relying on genetic change may not be viable for short-term disease management, CWD could exert considerable force to drive genetic evolution of host populations on an ecologically relevant timescale, especially in unharvested populations where greater CWD prevalence and mortality risk may lead to stronger selective pressure. [p. 1057]

**Wisconsin: How widespread was the drop in the kill of antlerless deer in the northern part of the state? We take a closer look at last fall's hunt. - May 30, 2014**



[Rare Albino White-tailed Deer of Boulder](#)

[Junction Wisconsin](#) May 30, 2014

lifeinthethnorthwoods



[Wisconsin DOT warns about car-deer crashes in June](#) May 30, 2014 WTAQ

... deer have become more active this time of year, as does look for places to give birth, and young deer separate from their mothers ...

[Natural Resources Board approves 2014 deer hunting season structure](#) May 28, 2014

Wisconsin, WDNR News

... "With the severity of this past winter, recommending a buck only hunting season for much of Northern Wisconsin is a first step in allowing the deer population to recover," said DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp... In 2014, 19 counties (all or in whole) and four tribal reservation deer management units will allow buck only hunting with an antlerless quota of zero for most hunters. New deer management units will follow county lines and reservation boundaries. .. The board also established the boundaries of an updated CWD affected area. This area will include 35 counties where CWD has been detected in either wild or game farm deer or elk since 2008...

[DNR proposes bigger 'no doe' zone to help rebuild deer herd](#) May 21, 2014

Wisconsin, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

... Under rules proposed by the Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin hunters in 19 counties will be prohibited from shooting an antlerless deer in 2014, the largest such "no doe" zone in more than two decades... "The goal is to help them rebuild by not taking does." ... consecutive severe winters ...

Newport, [Second-annual deer hunt to take place in Newport](#) May 21, 2014

Wisconsin, Pierce County Herald

... desired maximum number of deer per square mile is 20. The city of Newport is approximately 1.66 square miles. Using a multiplier of 30 percent to estimate the actual deer population, the DNR concluded that the

number of deer in Newport to be 52.

“Technically we should only have 10 deer,” City Administrator Deb Hill said. “So we have 42 deer too many.” [do the math: 1.66 square miles times 20 deer per square mile is 33 deer, not 10]

#### [Deer hunting changes for northwoods](#)

[hunters](#) May 17, 2014 Wisconsin, Fox11

... the worst winter in the last 20 years for the northwoods deer population... A survey of collared deer in Sawyer County revealed 40% of those animals died, that's an increase of 17% over last year... DNR wants to suspend antlerless hunting in the northern third of the state...

#### [Specialist thins deer herd on Sheboygan's](#)

[north side](#) May 16, 2014

Wisconsin, Sheboygan Press

... The city spent \$7,000 this year to hire a specialist to begin shooting deer — primarily does — in a controlled area near the river using a rifle outfitted with a silencer device. The effort took longer than anticipated, as the harsh winter meant deer either perished or moved to other areas in search of food...

#### [De Pere to leave deer alone; Ashwaubenon](#)

[undecided](#) May 15, 2014 Wisconsin, Fox11

... in Ashwaubenon ... In seven square miles, 134 deer were counted. The Department of Natural Resources recommends 25 deer per mile. That means by the February count Ashwaubenon is below the commendation ... De Pere officials say ... “The community

says they're not a problem, so it's not really my place to say we should be hunting them...

[Heavy winter kill likely means no doe hunt in northern Wisconsin this fall](#) May 14,

2014 Madison

... Winter weather killed so many Wisconsin deer over the last two years that state officials plan to take the unusual step of recommending that no antlerless deer licenses be issued in the northern third of the state for the upcoming hunt. A year without antlerless tags should help deer numbers build back up ...

[DNR collecting road kill deer for research](#) May 13, 2014 Wisconsin, Upper Michigans Source

... "What we're looking for are different types of fat deposits on the body of the deer to help with determining the condition of the White-Tailed deer in the severe winter we had," said Joshua Martinez, a Wildlife Biologist with the Wisconsin DNR... If you find a deer carcass in Florence County, the DNR is asking that you call them at (715) 528-4400 ext. 119 to reach Josh Martinez.

[Survival and Cause-Specific Mortality of White-tailed Deer](#) [Video and slideshow

presentation] May 9, 2014 Wisconsin, WDNR News

This study was designed to provide rigorous estimates of the buck recovery rate or its Deer Skarliscomponents (buck survival and cause-specific mortality), and hence increased accuracy of SAK (Sex-Age-Kill) population

estimates. Additionally, this study will enhance our understanding of the effects and magnitude of hunter bias on estimates of cause- and age-specific mortality rates on male deer, and a greater understanding of spatial and temporal effects on variation in mortality of male deer across Wisconsin.

[Wisconsin's white and albino deer](#) May 6, 2014 Wisconsin, manitowochub.htrnews.com ... a 'pocket' in Sauk County in which white or albino deer have lived and thrived for decades. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has had regulations making it illegal to hunt these animals since 1940... a question on the ballot (# 35) at the Spring Hearings that asked whether or not the state of Wisconsin should 'legalize the harvest of white and albino deer statewide'. The vote tally was 1,915 yes votes and 3,939 voting no ...

[US Losing War Against Deer Disease, CWD](#) May 6, 2014 Wisconsin, NewsBlaze ... Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials in Wisconsin and other states assured the public that deer meat was safe, even if it harbored CWD, as long as they avoided eating a deer's brain, eyeballs, spinal cord, spleen and lymph nodes-the parts also implicated in mad cow disease. But scientific articles suggested most of the animal contained prions including its kidneys, pancreas, liver, muscle, blood, fat and saliva, antler velvet and birthing material...

[Zero antlerless deer quota recommended in](#)[2014](#) April 25, 2014

Spoooner Advocate ·

... [Northwestern Wisconsin] ... the deer herd is in bad shape following the most severe winter on record and needs to rebuild...

Washburn and Burnett counties ... DNR biologists in both counties will recommend zero antlerless quotas, making it a buck-only hunt...A few years ago I asked how many people in the audience would be in favor of zero antlerless tags. Almost every hand went up.” “The DNR didn’t listen, now here we are,” said another member of the audience...

[Second deer at Marathon County hunting](#)[preserve found to have CWD](#) April 20, 2014

Wisconsin, Wisconsin Rapids Tribune

... There’s no way to tell whether the CWD-positive deer from Wilderness Whitetails has infected wild deer in the area, officials say, or vice-versa. Wilderness Whitetails is enclosed by a single fence, so it’s possible that a wild deer could have close contact with infected, captured deer. “There have been photos from across the country showing wild deer and captive deer standing nose to nose,”

...

[Confusion reigns at DNR deer forum](#) April 19,

2014 Wisconsin, Sheboygan Press

... Since a lot of public land is overpressured, many believe making it harder to get a tag for a doe on public would help the herds rebound in those areas, making for more of a quality experience ... People who are interested can

check out how Kewaunee and Door County attendees voted, and the statewide numbers, at <http://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/springhearing.html>.

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