



DEER MANAGEMENT UNIT (DMU) 273 RESERVED DEER HUNTS

Application Period July 15 – August 15



DMU 273 is a public-land-only hunting area in Saginaw County comprised of **Shiawassee River State Game Area (SRSGA)** and **Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge (SNWR)**. DMU 273 is a cooperatively managed area defined in the [Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order \(Chapter 12, Sec. 12.73b\)](#).

A limited number of reserved deer hunting permits are available for specific areas and dates within DMU 273. Hunt applicants will be selected by random drawing; after the drawing, any leftover hunting permits will be issued to hunters on a first-come, first-served basis until quotas are met.

Please contact the area offices for specific concerns or questions about their respective properties:

- **For Shiawassee River SGA, contact Bay City DNR Customer Service Center**, 3580 State Park Drive, Bay City, MI 48706; phone 989-684-9141.
- **Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge**, 6975 Mower Rd., Saginaw, MI 48601; phone: 989-777-5930 opt. 2.

Note: Your reserved hunting permit is not a hunting license. Hunters must possess an appropriate hunting permit AND appropriate deer license(s) to harvest deer in DMU 273, and follow all 2016 statewide deer hunting regulations as well as the local rules and regulations applicable to the respective area.

How to Apply for a Reserved Deer Hunting Permit

- Review the hunt choices and area map on pages 3 and 4. Choose a hunt number. You may NOT apply for both SRSGA and SNWR as in past years.
- **IMPORTANT: Hunt choices at SNWR that begin with an asterisk (*) are special hunts reserved for individuals who meet specific eligibility requirements. If you apply for a special (*) hunt or the Youth Hunt, you agree to share contact information with officials coordinating these hunts. See pages 3 and 4 for details before applying for one of these hunts.**
- You may apply for one reserved deer hunting permit from July 15 – August 15 at any license agent, DNR Customer Service Center, or online at [E-License](#). It costs \$5 to apply. You will need one of the following forms of customer identification:
 - Valid Michigan driver's license
 - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
 - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or online at [E-License](#)).
- Youth up to 16 years of age may apply for the Youth Hunt as well as one regular season hunt choice. Adults are not eligible to apply for the youth hunt but may accompany a successful youth applicant during the hunt.
- You may apply in a partnership with **one** other person. The first applicant of each partnership chooses a hunt date and receives a "party ID" number, which is printed on his or her receipt. A new party ID number is issued each year. The other person in the party will need this party ID when applying to complete the partnership. **Make sure the party ID numbers are identical. Applicants who apply with more than one partner will be ineligible for the drawing.**
- **You are responsible for obtaining a DNR application receipt that correctly states your Customer ID and hunt choice.** Verify all information on the receipt and retain as proof that you applied. Ensure any application errors are corrected before the application deadline. Do not accept a receipt that is not legible. Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.
- **Applicants must obtain their drawing results online. No other notification will be provided.**

Drawing results will be posted at [DNR Hunt Drawings](#) on Sept. 1.

For assistance, call the DNR Bay City office at (989)684-9141, or SNWR at (989) 777-5930 opt. 2.

Successful Drawing Applicants and Leftover Permits

Successful applicants may obtain their permit from any DNR license agent or online at [E-License](#). There is no fee for the permit.

Any hunter is eligible for one leftover reserved hunting permit including those who also obtained a permit as a successful applicant in the drawing. Leftover permits, if available, may be obtained on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. ET through Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. ET or until quotas are met. There is no fee for leftover permits.

Daily Harvest Limit: There is a harvest limit of one deer per day at Shiawassee NWR. There is no daily limit at Shiawassee River SGA.

Your reserved deer hunting permit is not a kill tag. Hunters must possess deer license(s) valid for DMU 273 and follow all 2016 statewide deer hunting regulations as well as the local rules and regulations applicable to each managed area. Reminders:

- Deer and deer combo licenses are not valid for antlerless deer during firearm and muzzleloader deer seasons. An Antlerless-Only Managed Deer Hunt permit is required (details below).
- Youths 10-16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. Youth less than 10 who are hunting under the Mentored Youth Hunting License must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. Additional restrictions apply; see [Mentored Youth Hunting](#) for details. If hunting at Shiawassee River SGA, the accompanying adult must obtain and carry a permit to be on state land during the designated hunt period; this permit can be obtained from the St. Charles Field Office at no charge.

For more information, refer to the [Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest](#). Hunters are also encouraged to review the [Wildlife Conservation Order](#) for a complete listing of hunting regulations and legal descriptions.

Antlerless-Only Managed Deer Hunt Permit

- Licensed deer hunters who possess a reserved deer hunting permit may purchase a “bonus” Managed Deer Hunt permit (antlerless deer kill tag) for \$20. A Managed Deer Hunt permit is valid only for your reserved hunt period; be sure to purchase a Managed Deer Hunt permit that is valid for the area printed on your reserved hunting permit (DMU 273 State Game Area or DMU 273 Federal Refuge).
- A Managed Deer Hunt permit is required to participate in antlerless-only hunts that occur during the firearm and muzzleloader seasons. Deer and Deer Combo licenses are not valid for antlerless deer harvest during these hunts.
- A Managed Deer Hunt permit is optional for archery seasons, but may be purchased if you wish to harvest an antlerless deer without using your deer or deer combo license.

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DMU 273 Hunt Units (See Figure 1, Color-Keyed Map).

Hunt Area	Hunt Unit	Description of area open to hunting
SRSGA	1	State Game Area - Managed Waterfowl Hunting Areas Excludes general hunting areas (Hunt Unit 2) and all non-huntable / restricted areas, such as the state wildlife refuge, safety zones, etc.
	2	State Game Area - General Hunting Areas Excludes managed waterfowl hunting areas (Hunt Unit 1) and all non-huntable / restricted areas, such as the SRSGA wildlife refuge, safety zones, etc.
SNWR	3	National Wildlife Refuge Excludes closed tracts of land and all non-huntable / restricted areas. View detailed area maps online, at Shiawassee NWR Hunting .

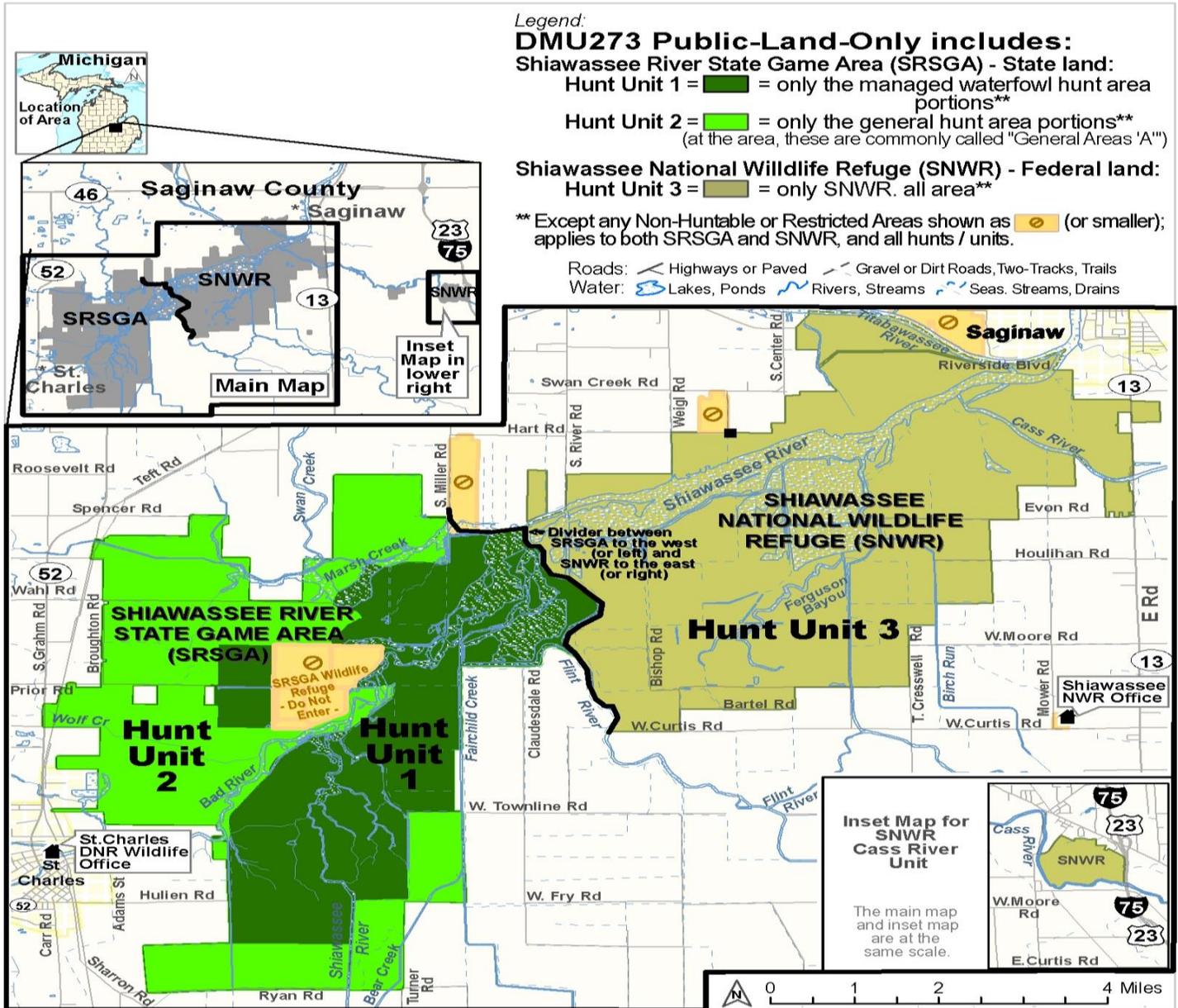


Figure 1: DMU 273 Hunt Area Map.

Additional maps are available online; view a detailed map for [Shiawassee River State Game Area](#), [Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge](#), or try the DNR's interactive mapping application [Mi-HUNT](#).

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Shiawassee River State Game Area (Michigan Department of Natural Resources)

Hunt Unit	Season Dates	Permits Available	Permit Description	Hunt Type	Hunt Number
1 & 2	Sep. 17 - Sep. 18	30	Units 1 & 2 Any Deer	Youth Hunt	0101
1 & 2	Oct. 1 - Oct. 15	50	Units 1 & 2 Any Deer	Archery	0102
1 & 2	Oct. 1 - Oct. 15	30	Units 1 & 2 Antlerless Only	Archery	0103
1 & 2	Oct. 16 - Oct. 30	50	Units 1 & 2 Any Deer	Archery	0104
1 & 2	Oct. 16 - Oct. 30	30	Units 1 & 2 Antlerless Only	Archery	0105
1 & 2	Oct. 31 - Nov. 14	50	Units 1 & 2 Any Deer	Archery	0106
1 & 2	Oct. 31 - Nov. 14	30	Units 1 & 2 Antlerless Only	Archery	0107
2 Only	Nov. 15 - Nov. 19	50	Unit 2 Any Deer	Limited Firearm	0108
2 Only	Nov. 15 - Nov. 19	30	Unit 2 Antlerless Only	Limited Firearm	0109
2 Only	Nov. 20 - Nov. 24	50	Unit 2 Any Deer	Limited Firearm	0110
2 Only	Nov. 20 - Nov. 24	30	Unit 2 Antlerless Only	Limited Firearm	0111
2 Only	Nov. 25 - Nov. 30	50	Units 2 Any Deer	Limited Firearm	0112
2 Only	Nov. 25 - Nov. 30	30	Unit 2 Antlerless Only	Limited Firearm	0113
2 Only	Dec. 2 - Dec. 6	50	Unit 2 Any Deer	Muzzleloader	0114
2 Only	Dec. 2 - Dec. 6	30	Unit 2 Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	0115
2 Only	Dec. 7 - Dec. 12	50	Unit 2 Any Deer	Muzzleloader	0116
2 Only	Dec. 7 - Dec. 12	30	Unit 2 Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	0117
2 Only	Dec. 13 - Dec. 18	50	Unit 2 Any Deer	Muzzleloader	0118
2 Only	Dec. 13 - Dec. 18	30	Unit 2 Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	0119
1 & 2	Dec. 19 - Jan. 1	50	Units 1 & 2 Any Deer	Archery	0120
1 & 2	Dec. 19 - Jan. 1	30	Units 1 & 2 Antlerless Only	Archery	0121

Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

Hunt Unit	Season Dates	Permits Available	Permit Description	Hunt Type	Hunt Number
3	Sep. 17 - Sep. 18	10	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Youth Hunt	0201
3	Sep. 17 - Sep. 18	5	Unit 3 Any Deer	Youth Hunt	0202
3	Oct. 1 - Oct. 5	10	Unit 3 Any Deer	Archery	0203
3	Oct. 1 - Oct. 5	75	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Archery	0204
3	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	25	Unit 3 Any Deer	Archery	0205
3	Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	75	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Archery	0206
3	Nov. 15 - Nov. 16	9	*Unit 3 Antlerless Nonamb	*Non-ambulatory	0207
3	Nov. 15 - Nov. 16	9	*Unit 3 Any Deer Nonamb	*Non-ambulatory	0208
3	Nov. 17 - Nov. 18	9	*Unit 3 Antlerless Nonamb	*Non-ambulatory	0209
3	Nov. 17 - Nov. 18	9	*Unit 3 Any Deer Nonamb	*Non-ambulatory	0210
3	Nov. 20 - Nov. 24	5	Unit 3 Any Deer	Limited Firearm	0211
3	Nov. 20 - Nov. 24	80	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Limited Firearm	0212
3	Nov. 26 - Nov. 30	5	Unit 3 Any Deer	Limited Firearm	0213
3	Nov. 26 - Nov. 30	80	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Limited Firearm	0214
3	Dec. 4 - Dec. 8	10	Unit 3 Any Deer	Muzzleloader	0215
3	Dec. 4 - Dec. 8	50	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	0216
3	Dec. 11 - Dec. 15	80	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	0217
3	Dec. 26 - Jan. 1	50	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Archery	0218