



2018 RESERVED DEER HUNT DEER MANAGEMENT UNIT 273 Application Period July 15 – August 15

Deer Management Unit (DMU) 273 is a public-land-only hunting area in Saginaw County comprised of both **Shiawassee River State Game Area (SGA)** and **Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. 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 hunt access permits are available for specific areas and dates within DMU 273. Hunt applicants will be selected by random drawing; after the drawing, any leftover access permits will be issued to hunters on a first-come, first-served basis until quotas are met. **Access permits are not transferable.**

BAITING AND FEEDING ARE PROHIBITED. Contact local offices with questions about pre-hunt scouting and other area-specific concerns.

Location and contact information:

- **Shiawassee River SGA**, 225 E. Spruce Street, St. Charles, MI 48655. For assistance, contact the Bay City DNR Customer Service Center, 3580 State Park Drive, Bay City, MI 48706; Phone 989-684-9141.
- **Shiawassee NWR**, 6975 Mower Rd., Saginaw, MI 48601; Phone 989-777-5930 opt. 3. Hunting information is available online at [Shiawassee NWR Hunting](#). **Restrictions apply for some reserved hunt periods; see page 2 for details.**

Note: *Your reserved deer hunt access permit is not a hunting license.* Hunters must possess the appropriate access permit AND appropriate deer license(s) to harvest deer in DMU 273 and must follow all 2018 statewide deer hunting regulations as well as rules and regulations established for each managed area.

How to Apply for a Reserved Deer Hunt Access Permit

- Review hunt choices and area map on pages 3 and 4. Choose **one** hunt number.
- **IMPORTANT: Non-Ambulatory hunts at Shiawassee NWR are subject to special restrictions and requirements. See page 2 before you apply.**
- You may apply for one reserved deer hunt access 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 online at mi.gov/deer on September 4.
For assistance, call the DNR Bay City office at 989-684-9141, or SNWR at 989-777-5930 opt. 3.

Shiawassee NWR Hunters Only

- Shiawassee NWR hunters may harvest one deer per access permit. All deer must be tagged with a valid deer license in accordance with state deer regulations.
- Non-ambulatory hunts (hunt numbers 0207 – 0210) are reserved for hunters with permanent mobility impairment whose disability requires use of a personal assistive mobility device (such as a wheelchair).
- If you apply for a non-ambulatory hunt, you agree to share your contact information with officials coordinating these hunts. Participants must contact hunt coordinators by Sept. 15. Refer to the [Shiawassee NWR Hunting](#) web page for contact information.
- Unsuccessful applicants for an “Any Deer” (either sex) hunting access permit will not be automatically entered into a drawing for an antlerless-only permit. If available, leftover antlerless-only hunting access permits may be obtained after the drawing on a first-come, first-served basis until quotas are met.

Successful Drawing Applicants and Leftover Access Permits

Successful applicants may obtain their reserved deer hunt access permit from any DNR license agent or online at [E-License](#). Access permits obtained online will be sent to the hunter in a confirmation email (**scroll to second page**). There is no fee for the permit. **Access permits will NOT be mailed to successful applicants.**

Leftover access permits, if available, may be obtained on a first-come, first-served basis beginning **Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. ET.** from any DNR license agent or online at [E-License](#). Any hunter is eligible for one leftover access permit including those who also obtained a permit as a successful applicant in the drawing. There is no fee for leftover permits.

Your reserved deer hunt access permit is not a kill tag. Hunters must possess deer license(s) valid for DMU 273 and follow all 2018 statewide deer hunting regulations as well as the local rules and regulations applicable to the 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).
- Youth hunters 10-16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. Youth under 10 years old 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.

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

- Hunters who have obtained a reserved deer hunt access permit may optionally purchase one \$20 Managed Deer Hunt permit (kill tag), **valid for an antlerless deer only**, from any DNR license agent or online at [E-License](#). Managed Deer Hunt permits (and all other kill tags) obtained online will be mailed to the purchaser; allow 7 business days for mail delivery.
- The antlerless-only Managed Deer Hunt permit is valid only for the area printed on the permit (**DMU 273 State Game Area or DMU 273 Federal Refuge**) and may only be used during your reserved hunting period.
- 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-hunttable / restricted areas, such as the SRSGA/State Wildlife Refuge, safety zones, etc.
	2	State Game Area - General Hunting Areas ("General 'A' Areas): Excludes managed waterfowl hunting areas (Hunt Unit 1) and all non-hunttable / restricted areas, such as the SRSGA Wildlife Refuge, safety zones, etc.
SNWR	3	National Wildlife Refuge: Excludes closed tracts of land and all non-hunttable / restricted areas. View detailed area maps online, at Shiawassee NWR Hunting .

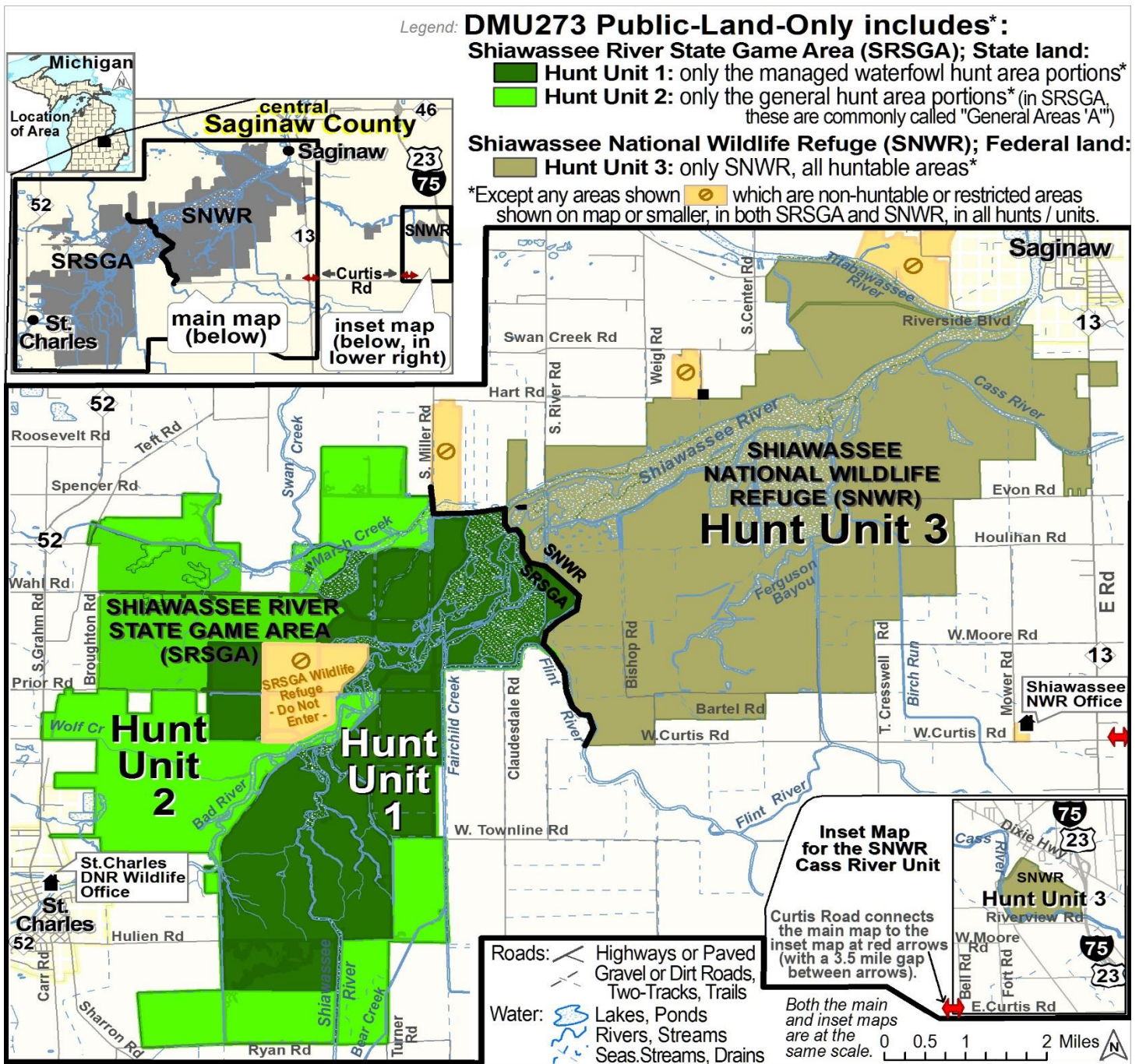


Figure 1: DMU 273 Hunt Area Map (see hunt choices, page 4). Additional information and detailed maps (including parking lot locations) are available online at [Shiawassee River State Game Area](#) and [Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge](#), or try the DNR's interactive mapping application [Mi-HUNT](#).

HUNT CHOICES – DMU 273

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. 22 - Sep. 23	30	Units 1 & 2 State Regs	Youth Hunt	0101
1 & 2	Oct. 1 - Oct. 15	50	Units 1 & 2 State Regs	Archery	0102
1 & 2	Oct. 16 - Oct. 30	50	Units 1 & 2 State Regs	Archery	0103
1 & 2	Oct. 31 - Nov. 14	50	Units 1 & 2 State Regs	Archery	0104
2 Only	Nov. 15 - Nov. 19	50	Unit 2 State Regs	Limited Firearm	0105
2 Only	Nov. 20 - Nov. 24	50	Unit 2 State Regs	Limited Firearm	0106
2 Only	Nov. 25 - Nov. 30	50	Unit 2 State Regs	Limited Firearm	0107
2 Only	Dec. 1 - Dec. 6	50	Unit 2 State Regs	Archery	0115
2 Only	Dec. 7 - Dec. 11	50	Unit 2 State Regs	Muzzleloader OR Archery	0108
2 Only	Dec. 7 - Dec. 11	25	Unit 2 Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader OR Archery	0109
1 & 2	Dec. 12 - Dec. 17	50	Units 1 & 2 State Regs	Muzzleloader OR Archery	0110
1 & 2	Dec. 12 - Dec. 17	25	Units 1 & 2 Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader OR Archery	0111
1 & 2	Dec. 18 - Dec. 23	50	Units 1 & 2 State Regs	Muzzleloader OR Archery	0112
1 & 2	Dec. 18 - Dec. 23	25	Units 1 & 2 Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader OR Archery	0113
1 & 2	Dec. 18 - Jan. 1	50	Units 1 & 2 State Regs	Archery	0114

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

Hunt Unit	Season Dates	Permits Available	Permit Description	Hunt Type	Hunt Number
3	Sep. 22- Sep. 23	10	Unit 3 Youth Antlerless	Youth Hunt	0201
3	Sep. 22 - Sep. 23	5	Unit 3 Youth Any Deer	Youth Hunt	0202
3	Oct. 5 - Oct. 11	15	Unit 3 Any Deer	Archery	0203
3	Oct. 5 - Oct. 11	50	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Archery	0204
3	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1	30	Unit 3 Any Deer	Archery	0205
3	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1	50	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Archery	0206
3	Nov. 15 - Nov. 16	9	*Unit 3 NonAmb Antlerless	*Non-Ambulatory	0207
3	Nov. 15 - Nov. 16	9	*Unit 3 NonAmb Any Deer	*Non-Ambulatory	0208
3	Nov. 17 - Nov. 18	9	*Unit 3 NonAmb Antlerless	*Non-Ambulatory	0209
3	Nov. 17 - Nov. 18	9	*Unit 3 NonAmb Any Deer	*Non-Ambulatory	0210
3	Nov. 19 - Nov. 24	15	Unit 3 Any Deer	Limited Firearm	0211
3	Nov. 19 - Nov. 24	55	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Limited Firearm	0212
3	Nov. 25 - Nov. 30	15	Unit 3 Any Deer	Limited Firearm	0213
3	Nov. 25 - Nov. 30	55	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Limited Firearm	0214
3	Dec. 7 - Dec. 13	15	Unit 3 Any Deer	Muzzleloader	0215
3	Dec. 7 - Dec. 13	60	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	0216
3	Dec. 14 - Dec. 20	70	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	0217
3	Dec. 26 - Jan. 1	50	Unit 3 Antlerless Only	Archery	0218

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