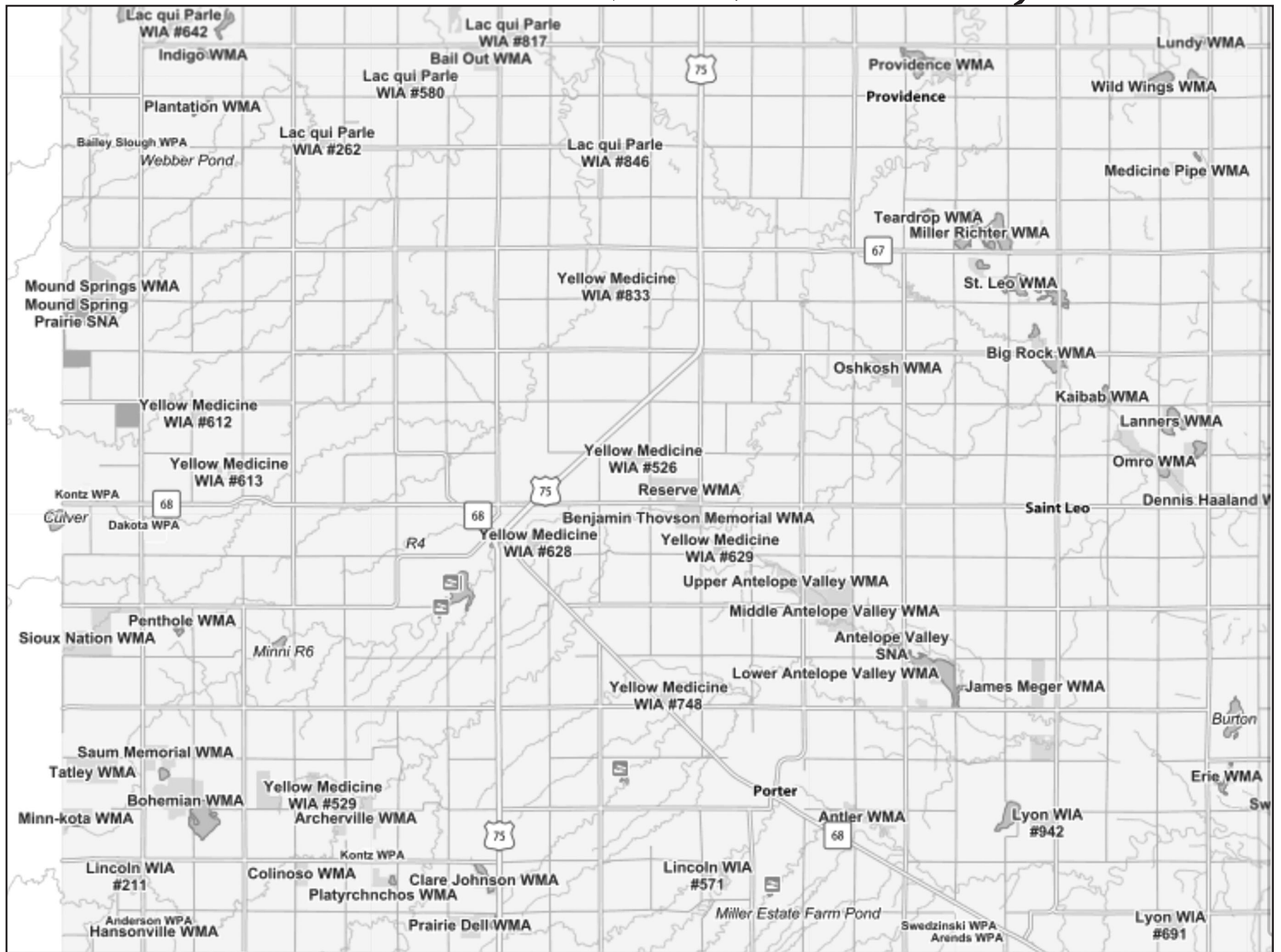


# SHOOT

*It's time to gear up*

## Walk In Access (WIA) near Canby



FROM THE MINNESOTA DNR WEBSITE

## Pheasants Forever, DNR join forces to get new hunters into fields, forests

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Pheasants Forever are inviting hunters to join the Hunter Mentor Challenge and take someone hunting who has never hunted before or has not hunted in a while.

"When you pay it forward and recruit someone new into hunting, it can be a life-changing moment for both of you," said Colby Kerber, Hunting Heritage Program manager

with Pheasants Forever. "There is satisfaction and a sense of achievement when an experienced hunter shares their wealth of knowledge with someone new, and it can also help a seasoned hunter learn valuable new things."

When Minnesota hunters make a pledge through the Hunter Mentor Challenge to take a new hunter to the fields or forests, they will qualify for a discount code for ALPS Out-

doorZ gear and be entered to win a custom YETI cooler from Pheasants Forever.

The program is open to all types of hunting in Minnesota that are legal and in-season — including, but not limited to, pheasants, grouse, waterfowl, squirrels, deer, or wild turkey in the fall and spring. People can also participate by taking someone hunting who hasn't hunted for a few years.

Participation is simple:

hunters visit the DNR page on the Pheasants Forever website where they take the pledge (link is external). After taking the pledge, hunters are asked to take action by mentoring a novice or returning hunter during the 2022-23 season and snapping a picture or short

video of the hunting trip. The last step is to submit contact information, a story, and a photo or video on the submission page to be entered for prize giveaways. All online entries must be received by June 30, 2023.

## Southwest Minnesota Hunting Seasons

Pheasant Season  
Oct. 15 - Jan. 1

Deer Hunt  
Archery Season  
Sept. 17 - Dec. 31

Deer Hunt  
Youth  
Oct. 20 - Oct. 23

Deer Hunt  
Firearm Season  
100A  
Nov. 5 - Nov. 20

Deer Hunt  
Firearm Season  
200A & 300A  
Nov. 5 - Nov. 13

Deer Hunt  
Firearm Season  
300B  
Nov. 19 - Nov. 27

Deer Hunt  
Muzzleloader Season  
Nov. 26 - Dec. 11

Goose & Duck  
Oct. 8 - Dec. 28

Small Game  
Oct. 22 - March 15

Furbearer Trapping  
Seasons  
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# STRAIGHT! *for hunting season!*

## DNR invites deer hunters to share wildlife observations

With archery deer season underway and scouting for the upcoming firearms deer season starting in earnest, now is an ideal time for hunters to start using the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources online log for deer and other wildlife sightings.

"We're asking deer hunters to share their observations of wildlife to help broaden our knowledge about deer and other wildlife species," said Eric Michel, DNR ungulate research scientist. "This is the questionnaire's third year using a community science approach, and we're hoping to build on the helpful results from the last two years."

The DNR uses the results to compare what hunters report to the population estimates that are an important tool for managing wildlife.

Using a mobile device or desktop computer, hunters can enter information on the DNR website about wildlife they see while hunting including deer, turkey, bear, fisher, and other species. Hunters also

will be able to report specific information about any deer they harvest, including antler size.

Hunters are encouraged to fill out a report after each hunt even if they don't see any deer that day. Filling out a report even if no deer are observed is important as it allows for an accurate estimate of the number of deer observed per hour of field observations, which provides a useful comparison to deer density modeling results.

The questionnaire will remain open through the end of the year.

The DNR first developed a version of this survey following a 2016 report from the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor requesting more checks of the model used to estimate deer populations for each deer permit area. The observation surveys are a way to compare hunter-provided data with DNR population estimates.

"We're confident in the model we use to estimate

trends in deer populations," Michel said. "By participating in this questionnaire, hunters provide another way to check our estimates of deer populations, in addition to observations from DNR wildlife managers."

The DNR works with the public to establish deer population goals for areas throughout the state. Each year, wildlife managers use deer population estimates generated by the statistical models to figure out what level of deer harvest will move a local deer population closer to goal. The DNR then sets hunting regulations using past hunter participation and success rates, with the aim of harvest moving the population toward goal.

The DNR will report results from hunters' observations in an annual research summary online. Results from 2021 and previous hunter observation survey results are available on the DNR website.



### SUCCESSFUL HUNT

Jesse Engesmoe (taking the picture) was joined for an early morning hunt on October 8 by (L-R) his son, Evan, Colton Ruther, and Liam MacArthur, and their dog, Willow, resulting in them bringing in eight wood ducks.



### ONE LAST HUNT

Rick Olsen, along with his nephew David Olsen and his dog Sadie, had a successful day of hunting on Oct. 15. This was 11-year-old Sadie's retirement hunt, and she had a perfect flush and retrieval of both birds.



### FAMILY HUNT

Cousins, Brennan Giese (above) and Quintin McClain brought home some birds after their joint pheasant hunt on Sunday.



*Happy Hunting*

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