

[DNR to lift baiting ban in UP's CWD zone](#) June 14, 2023 Michigan

Iron Mountain Daily News

... The Upper Peninsula's first and only case of known chronic wasting disease was confirmed Oct. 18, 2018, in Dickinson County's Waucedah Township. Later that year a roughly 10-mile-radius core surveillance area — encompassing 661 square miles — was created...

[State Department of Natural Resources updates deer hunting regulations in Lower Peninsula](#) June 20, 2023 Michigan, WKAR

... In 2018 ... regulation allowed hunters in parts of the Lower Peninsula where [chronic wasting] disease was spreading rampantly to harvest deer with any number points ... But statewide deer biologist Chad Stewart says there was no impact on hunters' behaviors and no change in the number of deer getting infected... "We are back to how we were before chronic wasting disease appeared," ...

[DNR to test for chronic wasting disease in Northern Michigan this year](#) October 2, 2023 9&10 News

... Starting in 2021, the DNR began a rotational approach to testing for CWD testing has occurred in and around areas where CWD has been detected. This has led to detection of CWD in 12 of Michigan's 83 counties ...

[DNR reports first CWD-positive deer in Ogemaw Co.](#) October 31, 2023 Michigan, WNEM Saginaw

... found in Klacking Township ... The 4-year-old doe was reported to be in poor condition, the DNR said, adding it was skinny, drooling, and did not show a fear of people...

[Chronic wasting disease found in new county](#) November 23, 2023 Michigan, The Mining Journal

... "Ogemaw County is our northernmost detection in our Lower Peninsula, so it represents a whole new geographic area that we've identified the disease in where it previously wasn't known to exist," DNR deer biologist Chad Stewart said...

CWD testing in northern Lower and Upper peninsulas October 2, 2024

Michigan, DNR News

This year, chronic wasting disease testing will still be focused in some areas of the northern Lower Peninsula as well as the Upper Peninsula. The counties for CWD testing in 2024 include Antrim, Arenac, Baraga, Benzie, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Dickinson, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Iosco, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Otsego and Schoolcraft.

In these counties, a variety of sites will be popping up with at least one of the following depending on the county: drop boxes, staffed submission sites, and partner processors and taxidermists to assist with collection efforts. To find out about available sites near where you hunt, see the [CWD testing page](#).

Historically, testing has occurred in and around areas where CWD has been detected to date.

Starting in 2021, the DNR began a rotational approach to testing for CWD around the state. With this approach, a group of counties is selected each year, with a desire to eventually test sufficient numbers of deer in every county across the state. This has led to detection of CWD in 13 of Michigan's 83 counties, with Ogemaw being the latest in the fall of 2023.

The goal of this approach is early disease detection, as management has the potential to be most effective when the disease is caught early. Most of these areas have not had a CWD detection or have not previously been part of intensive testing efforts, so little is known about disease status in these locations. To date, we have collected enough baseline information in 61 of our 83 counties

and are conducting surveillance in the remaining 22 counties to meet the baseline information needs in these areas.

[Game processors differ on CWD concerns](#) November 27, 2024 Michigan, The Mining Journal

... chronic wasting disease ... In 2023, the DNR tested just over 4,100 deer with 11 deer testing positive ... The state has close to 500 licensed processors and an unknown number of unlicensed ones ... In interviews, “Processors tended to discuss the fact that CWD is not known to affect human health,” ...