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[Minnesota researchers explore how road design can reduce deer collisions](#) November 3, 2023 KSTP-TV

...driver speed is one of the main factors in predicting deer-vehicle collisions ... If you have that area of opening on the side of the road, deer are more visible and that makes it possible to slow down ... On average, about 1,300 car-deer crashes are reported ... each year. However, researchers found the actual number could be 10 to 20 times higher than that ...

[Minnesota sees decrease in deer-related crashes: "This is a real head-scratcher"](#)

October 19, 2023 CBS News

... the rate of November crashes over the last decade is lower in Minnesota compared to neighboring states, with last November's crash frequency being the lowest in the past 10 years...

[U of M researchers seeking to cut down state's number of car-deer crashes](#) November 7, 2022 Minnesota, CBS Minnesota

... \$200,000 study funded by the Minnesota Department of Transportation ... roads with higher speed limits have higher rates of reporting deer crashes based on several factors including proximity to law enforcement and how much damage is caused by the crash...

[Here's Why Minnesota Is No Longer Installing Deer Crossing Signs](#) November 1, 2022 106.9 KROC

... The department of transportation says, "Research has shown that deer crossing warning signs do not reduce deer-vehicle crashes Signs that alert drivers to

infrequent encounters or possible situations, such as deer crossing, children at play, or playground warning signs do not have a consistent impact on driver behavior." ...

[Minnesota Researchers Will Count Dead Deer to Prevent Future Vehicle Collisions](#)

April 7, 2022 Field & Stream

... Drivers officially report 2,000 deer-vehicle collisions to authorities in Minnesota each year. Yet, State Farm records show 42,874 claims in the state last year alone... By gathering better data, the study ultimately hopes to reduce the number of collisions ...

[Minnesota is getting its first highway crossing for animals](#) December 4, 2020

Bring Me The News

... a special crossing for deer and other wildlife near Claremont in Dodge County... this is the first structure designed primarily as a deer crossing in Minnesota ...

[1 in 88 Minnesota drivers will hit deer this year](#) September 16, 2014 SC Times

... Minnesota drivers will face a 1-in-88 chance of hitting a deer on the state's highways this year ... In Minnesota the most frequent months for deer collision are November and October, when hunters are afield and deer are mating ...

[Roads aren't the best habitat for animals](#) June 2, 2012 Minnesota, Albert Lea Tribune
... Deer living in the best habitats can satisfy their daily requirements in a smaller area... Deer have the smallest home ranges during summer and the largest in the fall. According to the DNR, the average annual home range size for radio-tagged deer in Missouri is about a square mile. A Minnesota DNR study found that radio-tagged deer traveled an average of five to 10 miles to find suitable winter habitat...

[Deer-crossing and children-at-play signs may soon be rare on Minnesota Roads](#)

October 11, 2013 Minneapolis Star Tribune

... MnDOT has been taking down deer-crossing signs on state highways since 2005. The reason, said MnDOT state signing engineer Heather Lott, is because there's no evidence that they have reduced deer-vehicle crashes or caused drivers to slow down... the state Department of Natural Resources takes a different approach. This week, it issued its annual safety reminder about deer, advising drivers to "look for deer-crossing signs that are posted in high-risk areas" to avoid collisions ... [active signs and mobile signs have been shown to reduce collisions, but are more expensive

[Increased deer movement during fall results in dangers to motorists](#) October 12, 2011
Minnesota, Coon Rapids ECM Publishers

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety reminds motorists that the deer breeding season and crop harvest activity are the primary factors for increased deer movement during the autumn, resulting in a danger to motorists — especially motorcyclists....

[Majority of fatalities are deer vs. motorcyclists](#) October 1, 2014 Minnesota, Northland's NewsCenter

... Seventeen of Minnesota's 18 deer-vehicle crash fatalities from 2011-2013 were motorcyclists. Out of the 7,010 deer-vehicle crashes reported to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) during those three years, there were 68 serious injuries, of which 64 were motorcyclists...

[Minnesota's Experience with Deer Warning System](#) [PDF] August 11, 2011
...This system was installed in April of 2007. Daily inspections were made by a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Park Ranger of the project area to locate deer carcasses, as these are the best indication of DVCs. During the evaluation period from May through November of 2007, seven deer carcasses were observed in the project area, compared to 20 during the same period in 2006, a 65% reduction in DVCs....

[More Deer Collisions in Metro Minnesota County](#) October 8, 2012 Claims Journal
... State safety officials say Hennepin County... leads the state in the most collisions between deer and vehicles in Minnesota ... a smaller deer population than more rural counties in Minnesota, but it has many more people behind the wheel. The county had 508 collisions with deer from 2009 to 2011...

[Motorcycle-deer crashes piling up in Minnesota, Wisconsin](#) May 27, 2018 Bring Me The News

... [According to Minnesota DPS statistics](#), collisions with deer caused 27 deaths between 2012 and 2016, as well as a further 137 serious injuries. The DPS says deer collisions are particularly dangerous for motorcyclists, who accounted for 14 of 15 deaths between 2013-15...

