



More Harm Than Good

You're on a Quest!

Discover the world of deer in northern New England by examining their habits as well as human habits! Learning about the natural abilities and adaptations of deer helps us determine what we should – and should not – do for wildlife during the winter months.

Materials needed:

- Computer with Internet access
- Pen and paper for notes
- State map

Investigate with your family!

- Talk with family members, neighbors, relatives, and community members about deer wandering into their area or yards. What are the deer eating? Do any deer have antlers? How many deer do they see at one time? Are there young deer?
- Discuss with your family what might be the factors that cause deer population decline. Why is the winter season the most difficult for deer?

Which predators might be the biggest threat to deer:	Make a list of what deer might eat:	Create a list of reasons why people like to feed deer:

These Web sites will help you locate your state government's fish and wildlife agency to identify deer feeding sites:

- In Maine:** <http://www.state.me.us/ifw/index.html>
- In Vermont:** <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/fw/fwhomel/index.htm>
- In New Hampshire:** <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/>

