



## Why is a White-tailed Deer Management Plan needed?

The NPS is in the early stages of developing a plan to manage white-tailed deer at Saratoga National Historical Park.



### Plan Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to provide an adaptive white-tailed deer management framework that supports a healthy deer population while also protecting the park's resources.

### Need for a Plan

The plan is needed to preserve the park's cultural and natural resources and landscape, and to protect human health and safety. The plan is needed to manage the impact deer overabundance has on:

- Maintaining the cultural landscape of the forest and field configuration of the 1777 battlefield. Managing the landscape's character-defining features is hindered by deer overbrowse.
- Protecting natural forest regeneration and forest health, which is currently at high risk of failure and being replaced by invasive plants.
- Protecting and restoring native vegetation and wildlife biodiversity, including habitat for birds and threatened and endangered species.
- Protecting health and safety of park visitors and staff.

**We want to hear from you!**  
**Comment period closes July 17, 2026.**

