

Wilson's Creek NB Deer Monitoring

White-tailed deer were monitored between 2005 and 2014 on Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Missouri using methods developed by the Heartland Inventory and Monitoring Network. See:

<http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/units/htln/deer.cfm>. An index of deer density was used to identify annual changes in the deer population within the survey area of the battlefield. The index of deer density declined sharply between 2005 and 2007, coincident with an outbreak of hemorrhagic disease. Population size, though variable, has increased significantly above the 2007 low. Overall, deer numbers on the battlefield have increased an average of 7.9 % annually since initiating surveys.

