

SPRING CUSTER STATE PARK TURKEY

In 2023, 704 hunters applied for the 100 resident licenses available for the Spring Custer State Park Turkey season, which was open from April 22 through May 21. All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

All hunters that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123, and the response rate was 80%. Surveys were sent via email invitations to respond online. The reported success rate was 41% and the projected harvest was 41 male turkeys. Hunters averaged 2.51 days of hunting for a projected total of 251 days of recreation for the season.

Summary comparison of the 2014-2023 Custer State Park Spring Turkey seasons

Year	Licenses Sold	Harvest	Success	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
2014	135	78	58%	2.71	5.56
2015	135	50	37%	2.56	4.83
2016	100	49	49%	2.08	6.05
2017	100	58	58%	1.88	6.29
2018	100	43	43%	2.21	5.33
2019	100	48	48%	2.15	5.81
2020	98	55	57%	2.23	5.75
2021	100	47	47%	2.81	5.54
2022	100	42	42%	3.30	4.86
2023	100	41	41%	2.51	5.41

2023 Custer State Park Spring Turkey Harvest

Unit/Type	Appl. 1st Choice *	Licenses		Response Rate	Unit Success	LCI	UCI	Harvest Projections			Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score
		Resident Avail.	Sold					Toms	Jakes	Total Harvest		
CU1-32	704	100	100	80%	41%	36%	46%	39	1	41	2.51	5.41

Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.