

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

The 2022 Custer State Park Deer season was open November 1-30 for 'any whitetail' licenses and from December 1-15 for 'antlerless whitetail' licenses. Only archery equipment could be used from November 1-15. A total of 75 licenses were issued.

All hunters that listed an email address were surveyed using Survey123 Software. A total of 52 responses were received for a 70% return rate. Those responding reported hunting an average of 3.30 days, which projected to 248 recreation days for the season.

The harvest projection for the Custer State Park Deer season was 42 deer (14 adult whitetail bucks, 26 adult whitetail does, and 2 fawn whitetail does). The overall season harvest success rate was 56%.

Summary comparison of the 2013-2022 seasons

Year	Apps	Licenses	Whitetail		Mule		Total	Success	Avg Days Hunted
			Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does			
2013	1,474	30	7	17	0	0	24	80%	3.3
2014	1,755	30	8	13	0	0	21	68%	2.2
2015	1,866	29	8	15	0	0	23	79%	2.9
2016	2,088	40	10	19	0	0	29	72%	2.3
2017	2,391	64	30	11	1	0	42	66%	3.5
2018	2,503	64	26	9	0	0	36	56%	2.6
2019	1,199	87	26	24	3	0	53	61%	3.4
2020	1,080	88	28	25	3	0	56	63%	3.3
2021	1,091	73	20	23	0	0	43	59%	3.1
2022	1,029	75	14	28	0	0	42	56%	3.3

2022 Custer State Park Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 25-Apr-23

Unit/Type	Licenses				Harvest Projections										Total Deer	Mean Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted		
	Resident				Whitetail					Mule Deer									
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Bucks	Does	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult				Fawn	
CU1-11	990	25	25	76%	58%	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	+/-3	-	-
CU1-13	39	50	50	67%	55%	0	0	26	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	+/-5	-	-
	1,029	75	75	70.3%	56%	14	0	26	2	0	0	0	0	0	42	+/-8	5.45	3.30	

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

* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.