

MOUNTAIN GOAT

The 2022 season for Mountain Goats in the Black Hills was open from September 1 through December 31. There were two licenses issued for the Mountain Goat season in the Black Hills. There were 4,359 applicants for those two licenses. Both hunters were successful, each harvested a billy, and reported hunting 23 total days.

Comparison of the 2016-2022 Black Hills Mountain Goat seasons

Year	Apps/Licenses	Billies Harvested	Nannies Harvested	Success	Avg. Days Hunted
2016	3,564/2	2	0	100%	8.0
2017	3,505/2	2	0	100%	14.0
2018	3,511/2	1	1	100%	11.0
2019	3,807/2	1	1	100%	12.0
2020	3,970/2	2	0	100%	8.0
2021	3,983/2	1	1	100%	4.0
2022	4,359/2	2	0	100%	11.5

BIGHORN SHEEP

The 2022 seasons for Bighorn Sheep were open from September 1 through December 31. Three licenses were available in unit 2 and four licenses in unit 4. There were 5,179 applicants for the seven any-bighorn licenses (3,402 for unit 2, and 1,777 for unit 4). An additional license was auctioned to the highest bidder and was valid in any open unit. All hunters were successful at harvesting a ram and reported an average of 1.7 days hunting. Three licenses were available for the Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep season; all successfully harvested rams, also in an average of 1.7 days of hunting.

Comparison of the 2014-2022 Bighorn Sheep seasons

Year	Applications	Licenses	Rams Harvested	Success	Avg. Days Hunted
2014	4,336	3	3	100%	9.2
2015	4,757	3	3	100%	13.0
2016	4,538	3	3	100%	4.0
2017	4,357	3	3	100%	16.7
2018	4,410	4	4	100%	6.0
2019	4,823	4	4	100%	18.5
2020	4,885	7	7	100%	5.3
2021	4,951	7	7	100%	12.6
2022	5,179	8	8	100%	1.7

Comparison of the 2002-2022 Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep seasons

Year	Applications	Licenses	Rams Harvested	Success	Avg. Days Hunted
2002	2,424	2	2	100%	2.5
2003	2,506	2	2	100%	1.5
2004	2,725	3	3	100%	4.0
2005-2019	CLOSED	-	-	-	-
2020	3,390	1	1	100%	6
2021	3,159	1	1	100%	1
2022	4,109	3	3	100%	1.7