

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

The 2023 Custer State Park Deer season was open November 1-30. A total of 20 licenses were issued.

All hunters that listed an email address were surveyed using Survey123 Software. A total of 19 responses were received for a 95% return rate. Those responding reported hunting an average of 5.79 days, which projected to 116 recreation days for the season.

The harvest projection for the Custer State Park Deer season was 18 adult whitetail bucks. The overall season harvest success rate was 89%.

Summary comparison of the 2014-2023 seasons

Year	Apps	Licenses	Whitetail		Mule		Total	Success	Avg Days Hunted
			Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does			
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
2023	1,063	20	18	0	0	0	18	89%	5.8

2023 Custer State Park Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 17-Apr-24

Unit/Type	Licenses			Harvest Projections								Mean Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted
	Resident			Whitetail				Total Deer	Harvested	CI (95%)			
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Bucks		Does							
				Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn						
CU1-11	1,063	20	20	95%	89%	18	0	0	0	18	+/-1	4.74	5.79

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

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