

# 2026 RESIDENT ARCHERY DEER



Draw	Application Opens	Application Closes	Results Available
Access Permit	06/10/2026	07/01/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/03/2026

Over the Counter	Purchases Open	Purchases Close
ST1, ER1, WR1, LM1	06/10/2026	01/01/2027, 12:00 AM CDT

## LICENSE AVAILABILITY

Unit <i>General Area</i>	Type	Resident
ST1 <i>Statewide*</i>	02	Unlimited
ER1 <i>All counties east of the Missouri River</i>	02	Unlimited
WR1 <i>All counties west of the Missouri River*</i>	02	Unlimited
LM1 <i>Open antlerless units</i>	13	Unlimited
Good Earth State Park <i>Access Permit</i>	AP	5
Adams Hmstd & NP <i>Access Permit</i>	AP	10
WRD-27L <i>Access Permit</i>	AP	20
WRD-35L <i>Access Permit</i>	AP	400

### Open Antlerless Deer Units LM1-13

*East River:* 03A, 05A, 06A, 18A, 22A, 23A, 26A, 28A, 29A, 32A, 42A, 43A, 47A, 48A, 51A, 52A, 55A, 57A, 63A

*West River:* 02A, 15A, 15B, 20A, 24A, 24B, 30A, 30B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 39A, 39B, 45C, 49A, 53A, 53C, 58A, 58D, 64A

## IMPORTANT SEASON INFORMATION

Hunters may possess no more than three archery deer licenses with the following restrictions:

- Maximum one statewide any buck deer license (ST1-02); if you have this statewide license, you are ineligible for both the ER1-02 and WR1-02 archery license
- Maximum one East River any buck deer license (ER1-02) and/or one West River any buck deer license (WR1-02)
- Maximum one antlerless whitetail LM1 license (LM1-13)

\*Custer State Park, National Wildlife Refuges, and Waubay Lake Game Bird Refuge are closed to archery deer hunting.

## ACCESS PERMITS

In addition to a regular license, a FREE limited issue Access Permit is required to hunt certain areas during this season. Note, you must first purchase the license type that is valid for these areas, then apply for the Access Permits online.

For more information, visit [gfp.sd.gov/pages/access-permit](https://gfp.sd.gov/pages/access-permit).

## FEE SCHEDULE

License Types	Resident
02 - one any buck deer	\$45
13 - one antlerless whitetail deer	\$24
AP - Access Permit	\$0

## RETURN POLICY *(NEW FOR 2026)*

**Return Deadline:** August 1, 2026

**Return Fee:** \$10 - Residents

A fee will be assessed if a customer returns their license. They will also be ineligible for any subsequent draws that year for that respective season.

## SEASON DATES

September 1, 2026 to January 1, 2027

**Some state parks, recreation areas, nature areas, and lakeside use areas are open to archery deer hunting.**

October 1, 2026 - January 1, 2027

## GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Visit <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license/> to view application information, residency and age requirements, landowner preference, preference points, and license fee explanations.

[Unit Descriptions and Map](#)

[Interactive Hunting Unit Map](#)

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**NOTE: All applications must be submitted [online](#).**