

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

The 2019 Custer State Park Deer season was open November 1-30 for Any Deer and Any Whitetail licenses and from December 1-15 for Antlerless Whitetail muzzleloader licenses. Only archery equipment could be used from November 1-15. A total of 87 licenses were issued.

All license holders that provided an email address when they applied for their license were surveyed by email and those that did not respond or did not provide an email were sent paper surveys. A total of 79 responses were received for a 91% return rate. Those responding reported hunting an average of 3.44 days, which projected to 299 recreation days for the season.

The harvest projection for the Custer State Park Deer season was 53 deer (26 adult whitetail bucks, 23 adult whitetail does, 1 fawn whitetail doe, and 3 adult mule deer bucks). The overall season harvest success rate was 61%.

Summary comparison of the 2010-2019 seasons

Year	Apps	Licenses	Whitetail		Mule		Total	Success	Avg Days Hunted
			Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does			
2010	1,336	47	8	44	2	0	52	84%	6.3
2011	1,831	47	10	23	2	0	35	88%	2.6
2012	1,825	12	10	0	1	0	11	92%	3.5
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

2019 Custer State Park Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 17 March 2020

Unit/Type	Licenses				Harvest Projections										Mean Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted	
	Resident				Whitetail								Mule Deer				Total Deer
	Appl. 1st	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does				
						Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Harvested	CI (95%)		
CU1-01	677	5	5	80%	75%	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	+/-1	5.25	4.75
CU1-11	492	33	32	94%	77%	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	+/-1	5.60	6.07
CU1-13	30	50	50	90%	49%	0	0	23	1	0	0	0	0	24	+/-2	6.00	1.62
	1,199	88	87	90.8%	61%	26	0	23	1	3	0	0	0	53	+/-4	5.81	3.44

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

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