

SPRING CUSTER STATE PARK TURKEY

In 2020, 597 hunters applied for the 100 resident licenses available for the Spring Custer State Park Turkey season, which was open from April 11 through May 17. All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

All hunters were surveyed and 83 responded for a response rate of 85%. Surveys were sent via email and regular mail. The reported success rate was 57% and the projected harvest was 55 male turkeys. Hunters averaged 2.23 days of hunting for a projected total of 219 days of recreation for the season.

Summary comparison of the 2011-2020 Custer State Park Spring Turkey seasons

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Licenses Sold</i> | <i>Harvest</i> | <i>Success</i> | <i>Avg. Days Hunted</i> | <i>Average Satisfaction</i> |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2011 | 135 | 59 | 44% | 3.00 | NA |
| 2012 | 135 | 64 | 47% | 2.24 | 5.57 |
| 2013 | 135 | 57 | 43% | 2.18 | 5.77 |
| 2014 | 135 | 78 | 58% | 2.71 | 5.56 |
| 2015 | 135 | 50 | 37% | 2.56 | 4.83 |
| 2016 | 100 | 49 | 49% | 2.08 | 6.05 |
| 2017 | 100 | 58 | 58% | 1.88 | 6.29 |
| 2018 | 100 | 43 | 43% | 2.21 | 5.33 |
| 2019 | 100 | 48 | 48% | 2.15 | 5.81 |
| 2020 | 98 | 55 | 57% | 2.23 | 5.75 |

2020 Custer State Park Spring Turkey Harvest

| <i>Unit/Type</i> | <i>Appl. 1st Choice *</i> | <i>Licenses Resident</i> | | <i>Response Rate</i> | <i>Unit Success</i> | <i>LCI</i> | <i>UCI</i> | <i>Harvest Projections</i> | | | <i>Average Days Hunted</i> | <i>Mean Satisfctn Score</i> |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | <i>Avail.</i> | <i>Sold</i> | | | | | <i>Toms</i> | <i>Jakes</i> | <i>Total Harvest</i> | | |
| CU1-32 | 597 | 100 | 98 | 85% | 57% | 52% | 61% | 52 | 4 | 55 | 2.23 | 5.75 |

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