

# **MOUNTAIN GOAT**

The 2019 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 3,807 applicants for those two licenses. Both hunters were successful, one harvested a billy and one a nanny, and reported hunting 24 total days, an average of 12 days per hunter.

Comparison of the 2007-2019 Black Hills Mountain Goat seasons

<b>Year</b>	<b>Apps/License</b>	<b>Billies Harvested</b>	<b>Nannies Harvested</b>	<b>Success</b>	<b>Avg. Days Hunted</b>
2007-2014	No Season				
2015	3,758/2	1	1	100%	4.3
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

# **BIGHORN SHEEP**

The 2019 season for Bighorn Sheep was open from September 1 through December 31. The traditional unit 1 in Pennington County west of SD Highway 79 was closed in 2018. In addition to unit 2 in Custer County west of Highway 79, unit 3 was created in 2018 in the area surrounding the northern portion of Badlands National Park with one license available. There were 4,823 applicants for the three any-bighorn licenses (3,359 for unit 2 and 1,464 for unit 3). An additional license was auctioned to the highest bidder and was valid in unit 2. All hunters were surveyed and all were successful at harvesting a ram. The four hunters reported an average of 18.5 days hunting. The Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep season remained closed in 2019.

Comparison of the 2010-2019 Black Hills Bighorn Sheep seasons

<b>Year</b>	<b>Apps/License</b>	<b>Rams Harvested</b>	<b>Ewes Harvested</b>	<b>Success</b>	<b>Avg. Days Hunted</b>
2010	3,643/5	5	0	100%	23.0
2011	3,614/3	3	0	100%	6.7
2012	3,381/2	2	0	100%	6.0
2013	4,033/2(+1)	3	0	100%	4.5
2014	4,336/2(+1)	3	0	100%	9.2
2015	4,757/2(+1)	3	0	100%	13.0
2016	4,538/2(+1)	3	0	100%	4.0
2017	4,357/2(+1)	3	0	100%	16.7
2018	4,410/3(+1)	4	0	100%	6.0
2019	4,823/3(+1)	4	0	100%	18.5

Comparison of the 2001-2019 Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep seasons

<b>Year</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>Licenses</b>	<b>Ram Harvest</b>	<b>Success</b>	<b>Avg. Days Hunted</b>
2001	2,466	3	3	100%	1.7
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				