

MOUNTAIN GOAT

The 2016 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 3,758 applicants for those two licenses. Both hunters harvested billies. They reported hunting 16 total days, an average of 8 days per hunter.

Comparison of the 2003-2016 Black Hills Mountain Goat seasons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Apps/License</i>	<i>Billies Harvested</i>	<i>Nannies Harvested</i>	<i>Success</i>	<i>Avg. Days Hunted</i>
2003	2,046/3	1	2	100%	5.7
2004	2,189/3	1	2	100%	6.3
2005	2,591/2	0	2	100%	2.5
2006	2,678/2	0	1	50%	5.5
2007-2014	No Season				
2015	3,758/2	1	1	100%	4.3
2016	3,564/2	2	0	100%	8.0

BIGHORN SHEEP

The 2016 season for Bighorn Sheep was open from September 1 through December 31. In addition to the traditional unit in Pennington County west of SD Highway 79, an additional unit 2 was created in 2008 in Custer County west of Highway 79 with one license available. There were 4,538 applicants for the two any-bighorn licenses (2,436 for unit 1 and 2,102 for unit 2). 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 three hunters reported an average of 4.0 days hunting. The Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep season remained closed in 2016.

Comparison of the 2007-2016 Black Hills Bighorn Sheep seasons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Apps/License</i>	<i>Rams Harvested</i>	<i>Ewes Harvested</i>	<i>Success</i>	<i>Avg. Days Hunted</i>
2007	3,514/4	4	0	100%	7.3
2008	3,533/5	5	0	100%	4.8
2009	3,541/5	5	0	100%	8.6
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

Comparison of the 2001-2016 Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep seasons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Applications</i>	<i>Licenses</i>	<i>Ram Harvest</i>	<i>Success</i>	<i>Avg. Days Hunted</i>
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
2005-2016	CLOSED				