

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Custer State Park Deer Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:41

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	March 9-10, 2023	Pierre
	Public Hearing	May 4, 2023	Custer State Park
	Finalization	May 4-5, 2023	Custer State Park

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Duration of Recommendation: 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons

Unit Dates: CUD-CU1-11: Any whitetail November 1-30
CUD-CU1-13: Antlerless whitetail December 1-15

Licenses: Specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation will be recommended by the Department to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Requirements and Restrictions:

- Applicants successful in drawing an “any” tag type are ineligible for the license again for 10 years.
- “Any Deer” and “Any Whitetail Deer” licenses are valid November 1-30.

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Recommended changes from last year: Remove the archery only equipment restriction from November 1-15.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Very little archery only hunting occurs between November 1-15 in Custer State Park. Expanding the use of firearms through the entire month of November for the Custer State Park any deer and any whitetail seasons will increase hunting opportunity and is not expected to result in a substantial biological difference in harvest. In addition, harvest can be managed using the total number of any whitetail and antlerless whitetail licenses in Custer State Park.

The recommended maximum number of one-tag deer licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative rule will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation.

Preliminary harvest data for the 2022 deer hunting seasons just became available. Department staff will review all harvest and other biological data, population modeling outputs, determine population objectives for whitetail and mule deer, and then bring recommendations for unit-specific license numbers and types to the GFP Commission at the April Commission meeting.

Year	Licenses Sold	WT Bucks Harvested	WT Does Harvested	MD Bucks Harvested	MD Does Harvested	All Deer Harvested	Tag Success
2016	40	10	19	0	0	29	72%
2017	64	30	11	1	0	42	66%
2018	64	26	9	0	0	36	56%
2019	87	26	24	3	0	53	61%
2020	88	28	25	3	0	56	63%
2021	73	20	22	0	0	41	57%
2022	75	14	27	0	0	42	56%

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

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41:06:41:01. Custer State Park deer hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses. The Custer State Park deer hunting season is open from November 1 through December 15. No more than 100 one-tag deer licenses may be issued for the Custer State Park deer hunting season. ~~Hunting is limited to archery equipment from November 1 through November 15.~~

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – Not applicable
2. Historical Considerations – Not applicable
3. Biological Considerations – Not applicable
4. Social Considerations – Not applicable
5. Financial considerations – Not applicable

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the Department.

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