

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

The 2024 Custer State Park Deer season was open November 1-30. A total of 20 Any Whitetail licenses were issued.

All hunters that listed an email address were surveyed using Survey123 Software. A total of 18 responses were received for a 90% return rate. Those responding reported hunting an average of 5.47 days, which projected to 109 recreation days for the season.

The harvest projection for the Custer State Park Deer season was 17 adult whitetail bucks. The overall season harvest success rate was 83%.

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Custer State Park Deer seasons

Year	Apps	Licenses	Whitetail		Mule		Total	Success	Avg Days Hunted
			Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does			
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
2020	1,080	88	28	25	3	0	56	63%	3.3
2021	1,091	73	20	23	0	0	43	59%	3.1
2022	1,029	75	14	28	0	0	42	56%	3.3
2023	1,063	20	18	0	0	0	18	89%	5.8
2024	1,022	20	17	0	0	0	17	83%	5.5

2024 Custer State Park Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 19-Mar-25

Unit/Type	Licenses						Harvest Projections						Mean Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted
	Resident						Whitetail				Total Deer			
							Bucks		Does					
							Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn				
	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Harvested	CI (95%)			
CU1-11	1,022	20	20	90%	83%	17	0	0	0	17	+/-1	5.76	5.47	

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

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