CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

The 2025 Custer State Park Deer season was open November 1-30. A total of 25 Any Whitetail licenses were issued.

All hunters that listed an email address were surveyed using Survey123 Software. A total of 19 responses were received for a 76% return rate. Those responding reported hunting an average of 5.44 days, which projected to 136 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 2016-2025 Custer State Park Deer seasons

			Whitetail		Mule				Avg Days
Year	Apps	Licenses	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Total	Success	Hunted
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
2025	1,196	25	18	0	0	0	18	74%	5.4

2025 Custer State Park Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 12-Mar-26

	Licenses					Harvest Projections							
	Resident					Whitetail				Total		Mean	Avg
	Appl. 1st					Bucks		Does		Deer		Satisfctn	Days
Unit/Type	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Harvested	CI (95%)	Score	Hunted
CU1-11	1,196	25	25	76%	74%	18	0	0	0	18	+/-2	5.44	5.44

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

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