

MOUNTAIN GOAT

The 2024 season for Mountain Goats in the Black Hills remained closed to hunting.

Comparison of the 2016-2024 Black Hills Mountain Goat seasons

Year	Apps/Licenses	Billies Harvested	Nannies Harvested	Success	Avg. Days Hunted
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
2020	3,970/2	2	0	100%	8.0
2021	3,983/2	1	1	100%	4.0
2022	4,359/2	2	0	100%	11.5
2023-24	Season Closed				

BIGHORN SHEEP

The 2024 seasons for Bighorn Sheep were open from September 1 through December 31. Three licenses were available in unit 2 and two licenses in unit 4 of the Black Hills season. There were 6,242 applicants for the five any-bighorn licenses (2,276 for unit 2, and 3,966 for unit 4). An additional license was auctioned to the highest bidder and was valid in any open unit, and that individual successfully harvested an adult ram in unit 2. All hunters outside Custer State Park were successful at harvesting rams, and including the auction license hunter, reported an average of 5.8 days hunting. Four licenses were available for the Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep season; all successfully harvested rams and averaged 6.5 days of hunting.

Comparison of the 2017-2024 Black Hills Bighorn Sheep seasons

Year	Applications	Licenses	Rams Harvested	Success	Avg. Days Hunted
2017	4,357	3	3	100%	16.7
2018	4,410	4	4	100%	6.0
2019	4,823	4	4	100%	18.5
2020	4,885	7	7	100%	5.3
2021	4,951	7	7	100%	12.6
2022	5,179	8	8	100%	1.7
2023	5,525	8	8	100%	7.0
2024	6,242	6	6	100%	5.8

Comparison of the 2003-2024 Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep seasons

Year	Applications	Licenses	Rams Harvested	Success	Avg. Days Hunted
2003	2,506	2	2	100%	1.5
2004	2,725	3	3	100%	4.0
2005-2019	Season Closed	-	-	-	-
2020	3,390	1	1	100%	6
2021	3,159	1	1	100%	1
2022	4,109	3	3	100%	1.7
2023	4,590	3	3	100%	6.3
2024	5,270	4	4	100%	6.5