MOUNTAIN GOAT

The 2025 season for Mountain Goats in the Black Hills remained closed to hunting.

Comparison of the 2016-2025 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
2023-25	Season Closed				

BIGHORN SHEEP

The 2025 seasons for Bighorn Sheep were open from September 1 through December 31. Three licenses were available in unit 2 and one license in unit 4 of the Black Hills season. There were 6,297 applicants for the four any-bighorn licenses (2,472 for unit 2, and 3,825 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 4. All hunters outside Custer State Park were successful at harvesting rams, and including the auction license hunter, reported an average of 6.0 days hunting. Two licenses were available for the Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep season; both successfully harvested rams and averaged 8 days of hunting.

Comparison of the 2018-2025 Black Hills Bighorn Sheep seasons

Year	Applications	Licenses	Rams Harvested	Success	Avg. Days Hunted
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
2025	6,297	5	5	100%	6.0

Comparison of the 2004-2025 Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep seasons

Year	Applications	Licenses	Rams Harvested	Success	Avg. Days Hunted
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
2025	5,324	2	2	100%	8