

# 2022 MOUNTAIN LION



Hunters use this application form to apply for the statewide mountain lion license. This also contains information about applying for limited-draw Custer State Park access permits and hunting time intervals.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Statewide Mountain Lion..... no deadline  
Custer State Park Access Permit..... Dec. 8, 2021, 8a.m. CST

## LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED

Permission is required to hunt private land in South Dakota. Every year Game, Fish and Parks receives complaints from hunters who drew a license and couldn't get permission to hunt private land once the season opened. Do not apply just because licenses are available. Have permission to hunt before you apply. If you don't get permission before you apply, you may not be able to get it during the season.

## APPLY BY COMPUTER AT: [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov)

At the top of the GFP homepage, click "Licenses," then "Purchase License," to log in. Follow the instructions to complete and submit your application. You will be required to provide all the standard application information, and you will submit the fee using your credit card number. If you are eligible for preference for a season it will be added automatically. In addition, applicants can access the GFP website to check the status of their application.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

## Residency

Mountain lion licenses are "resident only." To be eligible to apply for a license, a person must:

- Have a domicile within South Dakota for at least 90 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of application for, purchasing, or attempting to purchase any hunting, fishing, or trapping license/permit. A domicile is a person's established, fixed, and permanent home to which the person, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning, and
- Make no claim of residency in any other state or foreign country for any purpose, and
- Claim no resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in any other state or foreign country, and
- Prior to any application for any license, transfer to SD the person's driver's license and motor vehicle registrations.

*EXCEPTION: The following persons are eligible for resident licenses:*

- Any person who previously had a domicile in SD who is absent due to business of the United States or SD, or is serving in the armed forces of the US, or the spouse of an active duty military person;
- Any person who previously had a domicile in SD who is absent due to the person's regular attendance at a post-high school institution as a fulltime student or in a medical or dental residency program;
- Any person in the active military of the US or that person's spouse who is continuously stationed in SD;
- Any person who is a patient in any war veterans' hospital within SD;
- Any person who is an employee of the veterans' administration or any veterans' hospital in SD;
- Any person residing on restricted military reservations in SD;
- Any person attending regularly a post-high school institution in SD as a full-time student for 30 days or more immediately preceding the application;
- Any foreign exchange student over 16 years of age attending a public or private high school who has resided in the state for 30 days or more preceding the application;
- Any foreign exchange student who is between the ages of 12 and 16 who has completed the GFP course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms and has been issued a certificate of competency upon completion of instruction and who has resided in SD for 30 days or more preceding application for a license;
- Any person who is a minor dependent of a resident of SD

## Termination of Residency

A person (other than a person who fits into one of the previous EXCEPTIONS) is deemed to have terminated their South Dakota resident hunting, fishing, and trapping status if the person does any of the following:

- Applies for, purchases, or accepts a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country;
- Registers to vote in another state or foreign country;
- Accepts a driver's license issued by another state or foreign country; or
- Moves to any other state or foreign country and makes it the person's domicile or makes any claim of residency for any purpose in the other state or foreign country.
- However, a person who has lawfully acquired a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license and who leaves the state after acquiring the license to take up residency elsewhere may continue to exercise all the privileges granted by the license until the license expires if the person's respective privileges are not revoked or suspended.

## Social Security Number

The last four digits of your Social Security Number are required. The Social Security Number information is required from all U.S. residents before this application will be processed [SDCL 25-7A-56.2]. This information will be kept confidential. The information is required to be in compliance with state law on collection of delinquent child support payments.

*South Dakota law prohibits the issuance or renewal of any hunting or fishing license if an individual owes \$1,000 or more in past-due child support unless the individual enters into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services for payment of the delinquent child support [SDCL 25-7A-56; 25-7A-1(28)]. There is a requirement to enter into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services even if the individual is presently making child support payments, or if child support is being withheld from wages or income. To enter into the required repayment agreement, individuals must contact the Dept. of Social Services – Division of Child Support; 700 Governor's Drive - Kneip Building, Pierre SD 57501, or call 605-773-6456.*

## Group Applications

- Applications with matching first and second choices, submitted in the same group, will be treated as a group application. All applicants will either be successful or unsuccessful in the drawings
- Applications submitted in the same group with first or second choices that do not match will be treated as individual applications in the drawings, not as a group application
- No more than six applications may be submitted in the same group
- An incomplete application voids all other applications in the group

## Submitting Applications

Applications may be submitted online or on the forms provided in this pamphlet (the forms may be photocopied). Proper postage must be affixed to the envelope to ensure delivery.

**Mail to:** Game, Fish and Parks License Office  
20641 SD Hwy 1806, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

## Age Eligibility

- Residents who will turn 12 between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 can hunt after Sept. 1 during the calendar year they turn 12, provided the season is open.
- Residents under age 16 must successfully complete a HuntSAFE course
- Residents who have not completed the HuntSAFE course at the time of application must use a paper application and leave that information blank on the application form. If drawn, their license will be held until the GFP License Office is notified of the HuntSAFE card number once the course has been successfully completed

## Submitting Fees

You must submit the appropriate license fee to cover the cost of each season applied for on this multiple application form. One check may be

written to cover the cost of all seasons you apply for on this form. We recommend the fee be sent in the form of a personal check, but a cashier's check, money order or cash are accepted. Cash is not recommended. Make checks payable to "South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks." Payment for applications submitted online must be made with a valid credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express). Your credit card will not be charged until, and only if you are successful in the drawing. Non-payment in the form of a cancelled credit card will result in your license being withheld and the blocking of any future license purchases until the unpaid fee, along with any penalties, is paid in full. A bad check will either void the license if the draw has not yet occurred; or if the drawing has been completed, it will result in the blocking of any future license purchases until the unpaid fee, along with any bad check fees and penalties are paid in full.

## Application Rules

- Applications not properly filled out will be returned.
- You may submit one application for the statewide mountain lion license and harvest one mountain lion total for all seasons.
- Licenses may not be transferred to another person.

# SEASON APPLICATION INFORMATION

Use the entire 8-digit number in the first column when filling out "Unit-Type" on the application. The license fee includes a \$6 surcharge established by the South Dakota legislature. Surcharge monies are divided between programs for wildlife damage management and public hunting land access, programs that benefit both landowners and hunters.

**TRIBAL LANDS.** State licenses are valid on private, deeded lands within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation. Persons applying to hunt on Tribal lands should contact the appropriate tribal office concerning tribal lands.

## STATEWIDE MOUNTAIN LION SEASON

**License Eligibility:** Residents only

**Open Area:** Statewide

**Individual License Quota:** One mountain lion license

**Season Harvest Limit:** A maximum harvest of 60 mountain lions (or 40 female mountain lions) has been established for the Black Hills Fire Protection District. Mountain lion hunting in the Black Hills will close immediately when either the total harvest limit or the female harvest limit is met.

All license holders are required to maintain daily contact by phone or website to ensure that the season within the Black Hills Fire Protection District is still in progress and has not been closed due to reaching the harvest limit. This information will be updated with each mountain lion harvested and can be accessed by calling 1.866.895.9067, or by visiting the GFP mountain lion webpage at [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov). Select the link "2022 Mountain Lion Season Harvest Status."

**Reporting Mountain Lion Kill:** All harvested mountain lions, including the entire carcass and pelt, must be presented to a GFP representative for inspection within 24 hours of harvest. Mountain lions harvested in the Black Hills must be reported to GFP personnel and checked in at the Rapid City GFP Regional Office (4130 Adventure Trail at the site of the Rapid City Outdoor Campus) or the park headquarters at Custer State Park. Hunters who are successful in taking a mountain lion must call the GFP Regional Office at 605.394.2391, or CSP office headquarters at 605.255.4515, during weekday office hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.), or call State Radio at 605.393.8121 during nights and weekends.

Arrangements can then be made to have a GFP representative meet the hunter at the Rapid City GFP Office or the headquarters at Custer State Park.

Individuals who take mountain lions outside of the Black Hills must contact a Conservation Officer or other GFP representative within 24 hours of kill to arrange for inspection of the carcass and pelt.

**License Fee:** \$28

**Statewide Season Dates:** Dec. 26, 2021 - Dec. 25, 2022 on land that is located outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

**Black Hills Season Dates:** Dec. 26, 2021 - April 30, 2022; except the mountain lion season will end immediately if the harvest limit of 60 mountain lions, or 40 females, is met at an earlier date.

## Requirements:

- The use of dogs is allowed year-round outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District and must originate on private land. The hunt may cross over or culminate on private land with permission from the landowner or lessee or on public land where allowed.
- Licensed hunters must accompany the dog handler when the dogs are released and must continuously participate in the hunt thereafter until the hunt is completed.
- No person may pursue or release dogs on tracks indicating multiple mountain lions travelling together.
- Any mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion may not be harvested.
- All mountain lions taken, including carcass and pelt, must be presented to GFP staff within 24 hours of the kill for inspection.
- All firearms, muzzleloaders and archery equipment must meet the same minimum requirements established for deer hunting in South Dakota
- Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- Hunters may not hunt with the aid of traps or bait.
- Hunters may use electronic calls.
- All licenses are sold by application through the GFP License Office in Fort Pierre or online.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications may be submitted online or by paper application through the mail. Applicants may purchase a license through the end of the season by applying to the GFP License Office in Fort Pierre, either online or by paper application through the mail. Please allow ample time for processing and return of the license before the hunt takes place.

## Season-Unit-Type Choices:

**MTL-ST1- Statewide;** except where prohibited. See special provisions for limited Custer State Park Access Permits.

**76:** (one any mountain lion) unlimited resident licenses (\$28)

# MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING WITHIN CUSTER STATE PARK

Custer State Park (CSP) is closed to mountain lion hunting except during established hunting intervals for hunters who possess a valid statewide mountain lion license and a temporary access permit issued free of cost. Individuals interested in hunting mountain lions within CSP must enter their name into a random drawing to obtain a free access permit to hunt mountain lions within CSP. Applicants must possess a statewide mountain lion license before applying for a free access permit.

HUNTING INTERVAL	PERMITS
December 26 - January 8	3 permits, dogs allowed
January 9-22	15 permits
January 23 - February 5	3 permits, dogs allowed
February 6-19	15 permits
February 20 - March 5	3 permits, dogs allowed
March 6-19	15 permits
March 20 - April 2	3 permits, dogs allowed
April 3 - April 16	15 permits
April 17 - April 30	3 permits, dogs allowed

## CONTACT US:

License Office	Phone	Office Hours
20641 SD Hwy 1806 Fort Pierre, SD 57532	605.223.7660 TTY: 605.223.7684	Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information visit: [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov)

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Season/Unit/Type Choices:** There is only one season and unit type for this application. **Habitat Stamp:** Habitat stamp is required anyone 18 or older applying for or purchasing a hunting or fishing license. If you have not already purchased a habitat stamp, please include the \$10 resident fee in addition to your application fee. Applicants who have not purchased a habitat stamp and do not include the fee for the habitat stamp will have their application returned.
- Rules Checkboxes:** Read all items and check the box next to each item to signify that you understand and agree.
- Residency:** Check the box to indicate that you qualify as a resident.
- Social Security Number:** Last four digits only. This information is required by state law and applications that do not include the SSN will be rejected. See information under "application requirements."
- Date of Birth:** Enter your date of birth, month first, followed by day and year. For example, a birth date of March 8, 1971, would be entered 03-08-1971.
- Driver License or Identification Card Number:** If you possess one, please enter your driver's license number, even if it duplicates your Social Security Number. Residents over age 16 without a driver's license must enter your state-issued and expiration-dated South Dakota ID card number. Include the two-letter abbreviation for the state or province your driver's license was issued from. Youth without a driver's license or ID card number, see instruction No. 8.
- Print Name:** Print your complete name, with FIRST NAME first, followed by middle initial and last name. Leave a space between each.
- HuntSAFE Card Number:** This number must be entered for resident youth ages 12-15. If the hunter safety course has not been taken at the time of application, but will be completed before the hunt, leave this blank. If drawn, the license will be held until the License Office is notified of the HuntSAFE card number after the course has been successfully completed.
- Mailing Address:** Licenses and refunds will be mailed to the address provided on the application. Those returned as "undeliverable" will be held in the License Office until a correct address is provided.
- Height:** measured in feet and inches. **Weight:** registered in pounds.
- Phone Number:** Enter your daytime phone number. This information is kept confidential and is used only for contacting and/or surveying hunters.
- E-mail Address:** This information is optional but is helpful if there is a need to contact or send updates on information. We request that you fill this out if you have a personal e-mail address.
- Gender:** Check the appropriate box.
- Mailing List Opt-Out:** Applications are considered "public record" and from occasionally the Game, Fish and Parks Commission receives requests from groups and businesses for these names and addresses. If you wish to keep your name from appearing on these lists, you may check this box. You will still be included in official GFP mailings such as season surveys.
- Suspended Privileges:** Any person who has had hunting, fishing or trapping privileges revoked or suspended in any state or country may not purchase a preference point or license for or exercises that same privilege in South Dakota during the period of the revocation or suspension.
- Donate to Second Century Habitat Fund, TIPS or SAH:** You may make a donation to the Second Century Habitat Fund, Turn In Poachers (TIPS) or Sportsmen Against Hunger (SAH) programs by checking one of the blanks at the bottom of the application and including an amount greater than the license fee in your payment. Any amount over the license fee will be donated to the selected program when one of the boxes is checked. If neither of the boxes is checked, the overpayment will be refunded. Your contributions are tax deductible. See page 17 for program descriptions.
- Sign Application:** This application must be signed to be valid. A parent or guardian must sign the application for youth under age 16. Applications that are not signed will not be processed for a license.

The access permit application process is only available through an online process. Applicants must apply by 8 a.m. CST on December 8, 2021.

Apply at: [gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/mountain-lion.aspx](http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/mountain-lion.aspx)

The following criteria and rules will apply to hunting within Custer State Park (CSP) for mountain lions.

- Once an individual has harvested a mountain lion, or their designated hunting interval has passed, their CSP Access Permit will expire.
- All mountain lions taken, including the entire carcass and pelt, must be presented to GFP staff within 24 hours of the kill for inspection.
- If the Black Hills mountain lion season closes prior to the April 30 end date, mountain lion hunting within CSP will also close.
- No person may hunt any big game species within 200 yards of any public access road or building in CSP.

### USE OF DOGS IN CSP

*In addition to the requirements listed above:*

- Dogs are allowed in CSP only during specified hunting intervals with valid access permit.
- Hunters using dogs must attempt to harvest the first legal mountain lion that they have reasonable opportunity to harvest, except under the condition where the lion pursued shows obvious signs of lactation.

*Review your application form to make certain all required information is completed and accurate. Carefully tear or cut the one page form from this pamphlet, and mail the application to:*

Game, Fish and Parks License Office | 20641 SD Hwy 1806 | Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

# BIG GAME APPLICATION FORM



Please follow instructions on the opposite side of this page. Detach and mail this completed page with the appropriate fee.

DO NOT MARK IN THIS BOX For office use only

You must first read the attached information and follow application instructions. Applications with errors will be rejected.

You may find the most convenient method is to apply using the online system offered by GFP at its website: [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov). Click on the link that invites you to apply for limited license seasons and follow the instructions. Your application will be submitted directly into the license lottery system without mail time or further handling. If errors occur, you will be prompted to correct them before proceeding.

Print all information one letter or number per box. Do not tape, staple or paper clip forms and fees.

**1 Season/Unit/Type choices** (only one season available for this application)

Season One:  
First Choice

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Season				Unit					

**Habitat Stamp**

A habitat stamp is required for anyone 18 years of age or older who purchases or applies for a hunting, fishing or furbearer license. This includes both residents and nonresidents. The habitat stamp must be purchased before obtaining or applying for a license or at the time of a license sale or application. If you have not already purchased a habitat stamp, please include the \$10 resident fee in addition to your application fee. Applicants who have not purchased a habitat stamp and who do not include the fee for the habitat stamp will have their application returned.

**2** Read the following items and check the box after doing so to signify you understand and agree to what you have read. Failure to check all the boxes will result in the application being returned unprocessed.

*I understand that:*

- » I may not harvest a mountain lion with a spotted coat. Lions with spotted coats are young cubs.
- » I may not shoot any mountain lion that is in the immediate vicinity of another mountain lion. It is my responsibility to verify that any animal that I attempt to harvest is a solitary mountain lion.
- » I may not hunt mountain lions with the aid of traps or bait. The use of dogs is allowed in Custer State Park during specified hunting intervals. The use of dogs is allowed year-round outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District and must originate on private land. The hunt may cross over or culminate on private land with permission from the landowner or lessee or public land as long as it's not expressly prohibited by the managing entity.
- » I may not pursue sets of mountain lion tracks that are made by more than one mountain lion.
- » I must report the harvest of any mountain lion and present it, along with the entire carcass and pelt, to a GFP representative within 24 hours of a kill for inspection.
- » I must verify that the harvest limit of 60 mountain lions or 40 female mountain lions have not been harvested each day BEFORE I go hunting within the Black Hills Protection District. The season status can be checked online at the GFP website: [gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/mountain-lion.aspx](http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/mountain-lion.aspx) or by calling toll free: 1.866.895.9067.

**3 Residency:** I qualify as a South Dakota resident

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Last four digits of Social Security Number	Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year)	Driver License or Identification Card Number	State/Province

<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Hunt Safe No. (under age 16)

<b>9</b>			
Mailing Address (Street, Box Number, Rural Route)			
City	State	Zip Code	Country if not USA

<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Height (ft.   in.)	Weight
	Phone Number

<b>12</b>
E-mail Address

**13 Gender:** Male  Female  **14** Check the box to remove your name from non-GFP mailing lists

**15 Indicate below if any of your hunting, fishing or trapping privileges are under revocation or suspension in any state or country:**

Which privileges are under suspension or revocation:  Hunting  Fishing  Trapping

Which state or country has imposed the revocation or suspension \_\_\_\_\_

What is the time period of the revocation or suspension \_\_\_\_\_

*I affirm that I am eligible for the license in which I am applying. If this is a hunting license, I affirm that my hunting privileges are not in any way currently revoked or suspended in any state or country. If this is a fishing license, I affirm that my fishing privileges are not in any way currently revoked or suspended in any state or country. I understand that if my hunting, or fishing privileges are revoked or suspended in any state or country I am not eligible for that privilege in this state, and I understand that any misrepresentations of fact or identity may result in criminal prosecution and loss of privileges.*

- 16** Donate my overpayment to Second Century Habitat Fund
- Donate my overpayment to Sportsmen Against Hunger
- Donate my overpayment to Turn In Poachers

**17 X** \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE (parent or guardian if applicant under 16) DATE