

2025 NONRESIDENT ARCHERY DEER AND NONRESIDENT ARCHERY ANTELOPE



APPLICATION DEADLINES

Nonresident Archery Deer

Public and Private Land..... April 22, 8 a.m. CDT
Private Land Only No deadline
(Excluding Walk-In Area, CREP, and CHAP lands)

Nonresident Archery Antelope

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HUNTER RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN HUNTING ACCESS:

Prior to applying for a license, a hunter is strongly encouraged to ensure they have access to hunting areas and understand potential game availability for those hunting areas and seasons. In addition to obtaining a license, a hunter must obtain permission if they wish to access private land. Access is not guaranteed on private land and hunters are also required to determine if the managing entity of public land expressly prohibits hunting. The Game, Fish and Parks Department is not responsible for ensuring hunting access

for hunters simply because licenses are available.

Hunters can call Game, Fish and Parks offices to learn more about hunting opportunities before applying for a license.

APPLY ONLINE: gfp.sd.gov

Visit gfp.sd.gov to apply online, click on “Licenses” then “Purchase License.” From there, the system walks you through step by step. If you do not already have an account, you will be required to create one. Once you log in to your account, you will begin by selecting a season to apply for and your first-choice hunting unit, under “Limited Draws” button. Please note that you are required to provide a credit or debit card number to finish the transaction. Upon completion and submission of your application, you are then placed directly into the drawing for the unit you selected. Preference points are automatically included if you had any preference points from previous years.

NOTE: All applications must be submitted [online](#).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Residency

To apply for a resident 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
- Not claim 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.

EXCEPTIONS: 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;
- 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; or
- Resides in any other state, territory, or country for an aggregate of 180 or more days in a calendar year.

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 - Office of Child Support Enforcement, 700 Governor’s Drive - Kneip Building, Pierre SD 57501, or call 605.773.6456.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Submitting Applications

Applications must be submitted online. If you do not have access to the internet, please call 605.223.7660 or stop at any GFP Wildlife Division office.

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants for limited licenses are selected at random by computer lottery. If the license is not paid for by August 1, 2025, it will be removed from your profile and allocated to the next person. Any preference points used to obtain the license will not be reinstated.

Preference Points

Seasons with a limited number of licenses have a preference point system for applicants who are unsuccessful on their first choice in the first drawing. One preference point may be earned each year the applicant is unsuccessful. Preference points are valid on first choices in the first drawing in the applicant's first unit-type choice, only. Preference points are stored on the applicant's account and remain valid even if you do not apply the following year. Preference points cannot be transferred to another person. If you have any questions about your preference points, please contact the GFP License Office at 605.223.7660.

Age Eligibility

- Nonresidents must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 2025 to hunt.
- Nonresidents under age 16 must include the certificate number from their hunter safety card, or a current or previous hunting license issued to them from any state.
- Nonresidents who have not completed the HuntSAFE course at the time of application must leave their HuntSAFE number blank within their profile, but they can still apply. If successful in the draw, their license will be held until the GFP License Office is notified of the HuntSAFE card number once the course has been successfully completed.

- Information on the "Mentored Hunt" program is found in a separate application form.

Fees

Payment for online applications must be made with a valid credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express). Your credit/debit card will not be charged the license fee unless you are successful in the drawing or unsuccessful and selected to purchase a preference point (\$20). Nonpayment in the form of a cancelled credit/debit 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.

Application Rules

- You may submit only one application per archery season for the first drawing and receive no more than one license. See "Application Deadlines" for rules allowing additional licenses.
- Applicants wishing to receive a preference point for seasons in which they are unsuccessful in their first choice, must select the option to purchase a preference point.
- Licenses may not be transferred to another person.

Group Applications

- Applications with matching first choices, submitted in the same group, will be treated as a group application. All applicants will either be successful or unsuccessful in the drawings.
- No more than six applicants may be submitted in the same group.
- Applicants with preference points should be aware when applying with applicants with fewer preference points gives ALL applicants the lowest preference point balance represented in the group.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Reminder: In 2023, the GFP Commission created a limited number of nonresident "any deer" archery licenses (valid statewide) and "any buck antelope" archery licenses valid on public and private land, which are available for nonresidents via a limited draw.

An unlimited number of private land only, "any deer" archery licenses (valid statewide) and an unlimited number of private land only "any buck antelope" archery licenses are available for nonresidents.

UNIT BOUNDARIES, LICENSE ALLOCATIONS, AND LICENSE TYPES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING GFP COMMISSION ACTION.

A person 18 years of age or older is required to purchase a Habitat Stamp (\$25 for nonresidents) when applying for or purchasing any hunting, fishing, or trapping license. A person is not required to purchase more than one Habitat Stamp within a license year.

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.

NATIONAL FOREST ROAD TRAVEL. National Forests and Grasslands in South Dakota have Travel Management Plans in effect. If you are planning a trip for hunting or recreation, please contact the local U.S. Forest Service office to find out which roads, trails, and areas are open for highway and off-road motorized travel, and if seasonal restrictions apply. New roads, trails, and areas have been developed and some roads, trails, and areas you may have used in the past may be closed to public use. Recreation fees may apply. Contact the U.S. Forest Service for more information.

NONRESIDENT ARCHERY DEER

Season Dates: Sept. 1, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026, except:

- **Nonresidents may only hunt public lands Oct. 1, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026.** Nonresidents must apply for an archery deer license in the limited drawing, and be successful, to hunt public lands.
- Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Brown County, portions of Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge in Bennett County, and Waubay Lake Game Bird Refuge and Waubay National Wildlife Refuge in Day County are open Oct. 1, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026, except during the respective refuge firearms deer season.
- Most state parks, recreation areas, nature areas and lakeside use areas are open Oct. 1, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026; archery licenses are valid in Farm Island Recreation Area and LaFramboise Island Nature Area in Hughes County from Oct. 1, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026.
- Custer State Park is closed to archery deer hunting.

License Eligibility: Nonresidents may apply.

Individual License Quota: Hunters may possess no more than two archery deer licenses with the following restrictions;

- No more than one statewide “any deer” license (ST1-01). These nonresident public/private land licenses must be applied for in the limited drawing. Nonresident **private land only** licenses are available for purchase throughout the season, beginning in June. However, a nonresident may only possess one ST101 license type (i.e., public/private or private land only “any deer” license).
- No more than one Antlerless LM1 license (LM1-13), valid on public and private land. These licenses are available for purchase throughout the season, beginning in June.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

First Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT April 22, 2025, for Nonresident Archery Deer Public/Private Land (Any Deer) licenses.

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICES

NONRESIDENT LICENSES

ADNP-ST1- Season Dates: Sept. 1, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026, STATEWIDE.

- 01:** Valid for one Any Deer on both public and private land.
Nonresidents cannot start hunting on public lands until Oct. 1, 2025. Maximum of ONE license of this type per individual; 2,200 nonresident licenses available. (\$375)

ADN-ST1- Season Dates: Sept. 1, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026, STATEWIDE. Private land only.

- 01:** Valid for one Any Deer on private land only (excluding all public lands and private lands leased for public hunting by GFP in Walk-In Areas, CREP, and CHAP programs); Maximum of ONE license of this type per individual; unlimited nonresident licenses (\$375)

ADNP-LM1- Season Dates: Sept. 1, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026. Open areas will be finalized in June.

- 13:** Valid for one Antlerless Whitetail Deer on both public and private land. **Nonresidents cannot start hunting on public lands, until October 1, 2025.** Maximum of ONE license of this type per individual; unlimited nonresident licenses (\$100)

ACCESS PERMITS

In addition to a Nonresident Public/Private Land (Any Deer) license, a FREE limited Access Permit is required to hunt certain public areas during this season. **Nonresidents can only apply for access permits if they were awarded a Nonresident Archery Deer Public/Private Land (Any Deer) license.** The deadline to apply is July 1, 2025. For more information, visit gfp.sd.gov/pages/access-permit.

Limited Issue Access Permits:

(35L): All of Custer National Forest, except for the West Short Pines and the South Dakota portion of the Long Pines found within Harding County.

- Nonresidents: Valid Oct. 1, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026
100 nonresident “any deer” access permits

(27L): Fall River County, limited to the Hill Ranch Game Production Area; the Forest Service lands included in and connected to the Hill Ranch GPA boundaries on the south and west sides; and the State managed Bureau of Reclamation Lands adjacent and connected to the Hill Ranch GPA/Forest Service complex north of the Cheyenne River and on the west side of Angostura Reservoir.

- Nonresidents: Valid Oct. 1, 2025 - Jan. 1, 2026.
5 nonresident “any deer” access permits.

NONRESIDENT ARCHERY ANTELOPE

Season Dates: Aug. 16 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 20-31, 2025. The Archery Antelope season is closed during the state Firearm Antelope season (Oct. 4 - 19).

License Eligibility: Nonresidents may apply.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may apply for and receive only one archery license (i.e. public/private or private land only) per year. Nonresident **private land only** licenses are available for purchase throughout the season, beginning in June.

Open Area: All areas where the Firearm Antelope season is open, excluding Unit 45B (see map below).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

First Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT April 23, 2025, for Nonresident Archery Antelope Public/Private Land licenses.

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICE

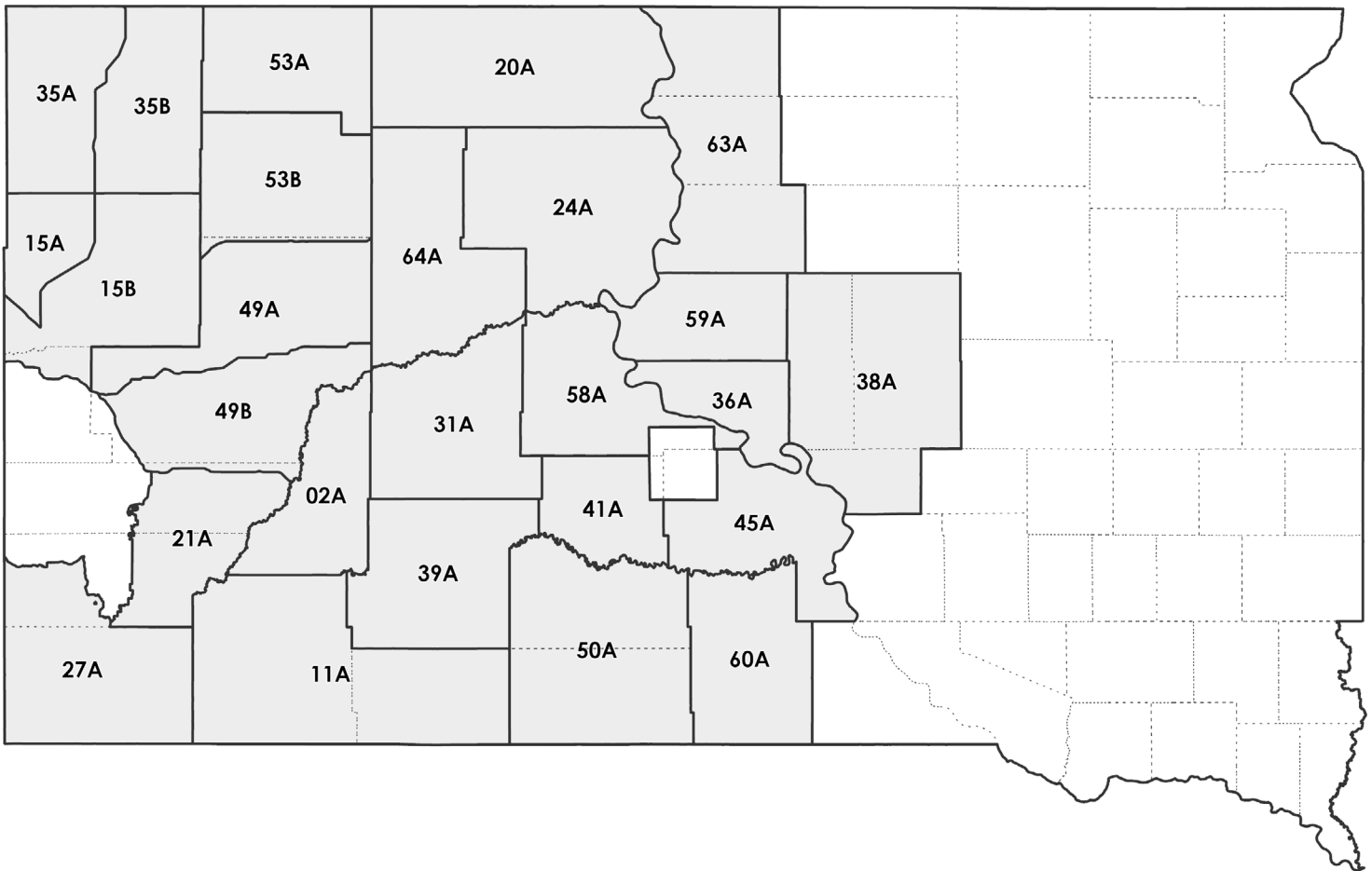
ARNP-ST1- Season dates: Aug. 16 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 20-31, 2025. The Archery Antelope season is closed during the Firearm Antelope season (Oct. 4 - 19).

42: Valid for one Buck Antelope on both public and private land. 450 nonresident licenses available (\$375).

ARN-ST1- Season dates: Aug. 16 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 20-31, 2025. The Archery Antelope season is closed during the Firearm Antelope season (Oct. 4 - 19).

42: Valid for one Buck Antelope on private land only (excluding all public lands and private lands leased for public hunting by GFP in Walk-In Areas, CREP, and CHAP programs); unlimited nonresident licenses (\$375)

OPEN ARCHERY ANTELOPE UNITS SHADED IN GRAY



CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

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Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal disease of the central nervous system found in both captive and free-ranging deer and elk. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) has been conducting surveillance for CWD since 1997 to determine disease presence and prevalence across the state.

Carcass transportation and disposal regulations apply for any harvested deer or elk that will be transported from the county of harvest or from another state back into South Dakota and include the following:

- Hunters are recommended to leave as much of the unusable carcass as possible at the location of the harvest in a discrete location. Make arrangements with landowner on property where permission has been granted.
- Regulations do not prohibit a hunter from transporting a deer or elk carcass from the harvest location to anywhere in the state.
- If any portion of the carcass is transported from the county of harvest, regulations require the hunter to dispose of all carcass remains with a waste management provider, if an allowable trash item, or with a permitted landfill.
- If you are not moving a deer or elk carcass from the county of harvest, the regulations do not apply unless the carcass is delivered to a game processor or taxidermist. Returning carcass remains to public lands and using road ditches to dispose of carcass remains is illegal. Make sure permission is granted if disposing on private land.

- Deer or elk carcasses from another state brought back into South Dakota must be disposed of with a waste management provider or landfill that accepts carcass parts.
- Game processors and taxidermists, regardless of the location of harvest, are required to dispose of all carcass remains with a waste management provider, if an allowable trash item, or with a permitted landfill.
- Hunters transporting a deer or elk carcass from South Dakota across and into another state should contact other state wildlife agencies for applicable regulations.

The goal of surveillance strategies in South Dakota is to determine the likely spread of CWD to new units where the disease has not been detected in wild, free-ranging deer and elk. Hunters who would like to get their deer tested for CWD can voluntarily submit a sample for testing. As a voluntary submission, hunters will be responsible for the cost of shipping and any professional sample collection costs unless the hunter delivers a sample to a GFP Office or sample collection area. GFP will pay for the testing cost of the sample at South Dakota State University Animal Disease and Research Diagnostics Lab (SDSU ADRDL). These results will supplement GFP's surveillance effort across the state. The process for collecting samples from a harvested elk or deer (same process) and how to properly submit to SDSU ADRDL can be found at gfp.sd.gov/chronic-wasting-disease.

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