

SPRING CUSTER STATE PARK TURKEY

In 2017, 563 hunters applied for the 100 resident licenses available for the Spring Custer State Park Turkey season, which was open from April 8 through May 21. All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

All hunters were surveyed and 92 responded for a response rate of 92%. Surveys were sent via email and regular mail. The reported success rate was 58% and the projected harvest was 58 male turkeys. Hunters averaged 1.88 days of hunting for a projected total of 188 days of recreation for the season.

Summary comparison of the 2008-2017 Custer State Park Spring Turkey seasons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Licenses Sold</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Success</i>	<i>Avg. Days Hunted</i>	<i>Average Satisfaction</i>
2008	135	75	56%	1.80	NA
2009	135	80	59%	2.20	NA
2010	135	78	58%	2.10	NA
2011	135	59	44%	3.00	NA
2012	135	64	47%	2.24	5.57
2013	135	57	43%	2.18	5.77
2014	135	78	58%	2.71	5.56
2015	135	50	37%	2.56	4.83
2016	100	49	49%	2.08	6.05
2017	100	58	58%	1.88	6.29

2017 Custer State Park Spring Turkey Harvest

<i>Unit/Type</i>	<i>Appl. 1st Choice *</i>	<i>Licenses Resident</i>		<i>Response Rate</i>	<i>Unit Success</i>	<i>LCI</i>	<i>UCI</i>	<i>Harvest Projections</i>			<i>Average Days Hunted</i>	<i>Mean Satisfctn Score</i>
		<i>Avail.</i>	<i>Sold</i>					<i>Toms</i>	<i>Jakes</i>	<i>Total Harvest</i>		
CU1-32	563	100	100	92%	58%	55%	61%	57	1	58	1.88	6.29

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