

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

The 2016 Custer State Park Deer season was open November 5-18 and 40 licenses were issued.

All license holders that provided an email address when they applied for their license were surveyed by email and those that did not respond or did not provide an email were sent paper surveys. A total of 36 responses were received for a 90% return rate. Those responding reported hunting an average of 2.31 days, which projected to 92 recreation days for the season.

The harvest projection for the Custer State Park Deer season was 29 deer (10 adult whitetail bucks, 19 adult whitetail does). The overall season harvest success rate was 72%.

Summary comparison of the 2007-2016 seasons

Year	Apps	Licenses	Whitetail		Mule		Total	Success	Avg Days Hunted
			Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does			
2007	1,203	37	9	31	2	0	42	95%	2.8
2008	1,088	47	8	38	2	0	48	86%	3.0
2009	1,667	47	10	42	2	0	54	87%	2.7
2010	1,336	47	8	44	2	0	52	84%	6.3
2011	1,831	47	10	23	2	0	35	88%	2.6
2012	1,825	12	10	0	1	0	11	92%	3.5
2013	1,474	30	7	17	0	0	24	80%	3.3
2014	1,755	30	8	13	0	0	21	68%	2.2
2015	1,866	29	8	15	0	0	23	79%	2.9
2016	2,088	40	10	19	0	0	29	72%	2.3

2016 Custer State Park Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 25 Jan 2017

Unit/Type	Licenses					Harvest Projections						Mean Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted
	Resident					Whitetail				Total Deer Harvested	CI (95%)		
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Bucks		Does					
						Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn				
CU1-11	2,030	10	10	90%	100%	10	0	0	0	10	+/-0	5.89	2.89
CU1-13	58	30	30	90%	63%	0	0	19	0	19	+/-2	5.78	2.11
	2,088	40	40	90.0%	72%	10	0	19	0	29	+/-2	5.81	2.31

Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.
 * Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.