

2020 MOUNTAIN LION



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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Statewide Mountain Lion..... no deadline
Custer State Park Access Permit.....Dec. 4, 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

On the GFP home page you will find a link at the top of the page to "Licenses." Click on "Purchase License," and then 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. The end result is your big game application is placed directly into the computer file where licenses are drawn and issued, with no additional handling of a paper application. If you are eligible for preference for a season it will be added automatically. As you grow accustomed to filing electronically, we feel you will find it your most convenient option for applying. In addition, applicants can access the GFP website to check the status of their application. Enter/Create your username and password combination, log in, and click on "View Submitted Applications."

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), and may be mailed in the self-addressed envelopes provided or in the applicant's envelope. 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 are at least 12 years of age may hunt this season. Residents who will turn 12 by Dec. 31, may hunt during this season after Sept. 1
- 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 back 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 take 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 valid for taking one mountain lion.

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 permit 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 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. Select the link "2020 Mountain Lion Season Harvest Status"

Reporting Mountain Lion Kill: All harvested mountain lions 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, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2020 on land that is located outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

Black Hills Season Dates: Dec. 26, 2019 - April 30, 2020; 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:

- 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.
- The use of dogs is allowed in Custer State Park during specified hunting intervals and year-round outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District on private land with the permission of the landowner or leasee. A pursuit of a mountain lion by dogs that originates on private land may cross over or culminate on property owned by the Office of School and Public Lands or the United State Bureau of Land Management other than the Fort Meade Recreation Area. 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.
- Hunters may use electronic calls.
- All licenses are sold by application through the GFP License Office in Fort Pierre.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications may be submitted online or by paper application through the mail. Please allow ample time for processing and return of the license before the hunt takes place. 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 the license to be processed and mailed to you before you leave for your hunt.

Season-Unit-Type Choices:

MTL-ST1- Statewide; except Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, and Mount Rushmore National Memorial are closed to mountain lion hunting. 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 is closed to mountain lion hunting except during established hunting intervals for mountain lion licensees 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.

The access permit application process is only available through an online process, apply by 8 a.m. CST on December 4, 2019.

Apply at: gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/mountain-lion.aspx

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 4	3 permits, dogs allowed
March 5-18	15 permits
March 19 - April 1	3 permits, dogs allowed
April 2 - April 15	15 permits
April 16 - 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.

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

- Individuals must first purchase a statewide mountain lion license to be eligible to enter the Custer State Park Access Permit drawing.
- Individuals interested in hunting within Custer State Park must sign up on-line at the GFP website for the opportunity to draw a "CSP Access Permit." Access Permits are valid only during the time interval designated on the Custer State Park Access Permit.
- Once an individual has harvested a mountain lion, or their designated hunting interval has passed, their Custer State Park Access Permit will expire.
- While hunting in Custer State Park, a hunter is required to have both a mountain lion license and a Custer State Park Access Permit in their possession.
- All mountain lions taken, including 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 Custer State Park will also close.
- No person may hunt any big game species within 200 yards of any public access road or building in Custer State Park.

USE OF DOGS IN CSP

In addition to the requirements listed above:

- Dogs are allowed in Custer State Park only during specified hunting intervals.
- 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.

For more information visit: gfp.sd.gov

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Season/Unit/Type Choices:** There is only one season and unit type for this application. **New for 2020:** 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 or \$25/nonresident 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. Nonresident youth are required to use their hunter safety card number or the number of a current or previous hunting license issued to them from any state. 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 time to time 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 TIPS or SAH:** You may make a donation to the 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.
- 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.

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:

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