

How long do deer live?

The black-tailed deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*)(the type you can frequently see in Foothills Park and the Enid W. Pearson Arastradero Preserve) will live to be about 10 years old in the wild. Living in captivity (a zoo for instance) where they will not experience daily dealings with predators and have plenty of food water and veterinary care may extend their live by several years.

An interesting tidbit on black-tailed deer: they are excellent swimmers; however they do not usually use water as a means of escaping a predator.