



Sportman's Guide to Hunting & Fishing



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NC Small Game & Fowl Seasons

Wild Boar: November 15-November 17 and December 10-January 1.
Bag limits: Daily 1 - Possession 1 - Season 2.
Quail: November 15-February 28. **Bag Limits:** Daily 3; Possession 6; Season 30.
Pheasant (non-native male only): November 17-February 1. **Bag Limits:** Daily 3; Possession 6; Season 30.
Raccoon & Opossum: October 15 (at sunrise)-February 28. Except that the following portions of counties are closed to raccoon and opossum hunting:
 • Haywood - Harmon Den Bear Sactuary & Sherwood Bear Sanctuary
 • Madison - that part north of the French Broad River and south of US25-70 and west of SR1319. **Bag Limits (raccoon):** Daily 3; Possession; Season 30 except in and west of Stokes, Forsyth, Davidson, Stanly and Union counties the limit is Daily 1 (maximum of 2 per hunting party); Possession 2; Season 20.
Wild Turkey: April 13-May 11 in local counties such as Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Catawba, Rutherford, Mecklenburg, Iredell, Polk and Burke. **Bag Limits:** Daily 1; Possession 2; Season 2.

Information taken from the 2001-2002 edition of the North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulation Digest.

NC Deer Seasons

Western Either Sex Deer Season
Bow and Arrow: September 10-October 6; October 15-November 17
Muzzle Loading: October 8-13
Gun: November 19-December 8**
Introductory Season* - December 8 in Avery, Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Transylvania and Yancey counties.
Conservative Season* - December 3-8 in Burke, Caldwell and McDowell counties.
Moderate Season* - November 19-24; December 17-22 in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.
Maximum Season* - November 19-December 8 Buncombe: that part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC 280. Henderson: that part east of NC 191 and north and west of NC 280.
 *On Game Lands seasons may vary.
 **extended in Cleveland & Rutherford counties

Northwestern Either Sex Deer Season
Bow and Arrow: September 8-November 9
Muzzle Loading: November 10-November 16
Gun: November 17-December 8**
Conservative Season* - December 3-8 in Catawba and Watauga counties. December 17-22 in Gaston and Lincoln counties.
Maximum Season* - November 19-December 8 in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties.
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 **The Gun Season in Gaston & Lincoln counties is extended until December 22.

Central Either Sex Deer Season
Bow and Arrow: September 8-November 2
Muzzle Loading: November 3-November 9
Gun: November 10-January 1
 Parts of the counties included in Central Deer Season: Cumberland - that part east of NC 24 and west of I-95; Harnett: that part east of NC 87; Moore: that part north of NC 211 and west of US 1
Moderate Season* - November 10-26; December 26-January 1 in Cumberland: that part east of US 401, north of NC 24 and west of I-95.
Maximum Season* - November 10-January 1 in Alamance, Anson, Caswell, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly and Union counties. Moore: north of NC 211 and west of US 1. Harnett: that part east of NC 87.
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Eastern Either Sex Deer Season
Bow and Arrow: September 8-October 5
Muzzle Loading: October 6-12
Gun: October 13-January 1
 Does not include Sandhills Game Land. Parts of counties included in the Eastern Deer Season: Cumberland: all of the county except that portion that is east of US 401, north of NC 24 and west of I-95; Currituck designated areas on the Outer Banks. That portion of Popular Branch Township on the Outer Banks and the US Fish & Wildlife Service Swan Island and Monkey Island Regue Areas; Harnett: that part west of NC 87; Moore: all of the county except that part north of NC 211 and west of US 1.
Introductory Season* - January 1 in Robeson: that part south of NC 211 and west of I-95; Scotland: that part south of US 74.
Conservative Season* - December 26-January 1 in Camden: that part south of US 158; Dare: Except the Outer Banks north of Whalebone
Moderate Season* - October 13-19; December 26-January 1 in Carteret, Hoke, Richmond, Columbus: that part west of a line formed by US74, SR1005, and SR 1125; Cumberland: that part in the Eastern season west of I-95; Harnett: that part west of NC 87; Moore: all of the county except that part north of NC 211 and west of US 1; Robeson: all of the county except that part south of NC 211 and west of I-95; Scotland: that part north of US 74.
Maximum Season* - October 13-January 1 in Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Chowan, Craven, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Sampson, Tyrrell, Vance, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilson, Camden: that part north of US 158; Columbus: that part east of a line formed by US 74, SR 1005, and SR 1125; Cumberland: that part east of I-95; Currituck: all the county except the Outer Banks; Dare: that part of the Outer Banks north of Whalebone.
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NC Fishing Seasons

There are no closed seasons on inland game fishes except:
 • In designated Hatchery Supported Trout Waters (fishing closed & prohibited March 1 through April 5, 2002)
 • Lake Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge (Federal regulations apply)
 • MacKay Island National Wildlife Refuge and specified waters (Federal regulations apply - closed between October 15 to March 15)
 • Roanoke River (striped bass season March 1 - April 15 from US 258 bridge at Scotland Neck downstream to the mouth; March 15 - April 30 from Roanoke Rapids dam downstream to US 258 bridge at Scotland Neck
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BAG LIMITS: In the Central Deer Season where deer hunting with dogs is allowed and in all of the Eastern season, the daily limit is two deer and the season limit is six deer, two of which must be antlerless. In all other areas the daily limit is two deer and the season limit is six deer, four of which must be antlerless. The possession limit is the same as the season limit. Antlerless Deer harvested under the Deer Management Program are not included in normal statewide bag limits. Hunters on these areas must follow harvest restrictions prescribed in the DMAP program.

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