

2008-2009 HUNTING SEASON DATES

DEER HUNTING SEASONS

Note: Seasons for Game Lands may differ. See the Game Lands section for specific Game Land rules.

Note: See maps on pages 45–48 for counties and either-sex season dates.

Deer bag limits are located on page 43.

Eastern Deer Season

Bow and Arrow: Sept. 13 – Oct. 10
 Muzzleloading: Oct. 11 – 17
 Gun: Oct. 18 – Jan. 1

Central Deer Season

Bow and Arrow: Sept. 13 – Nov. 7
 Muzzleloading: Nov. 8 – 14
 Gun: Nov. 15 – Jan. 1

Northwestern Deer Season

Bow and Arrow: Sept. 13 – Nov. 14
 Muzzleloading: Nov. 15 – 21
 Gun: Nov. 22 – Dec. 20

Western Deer Season

Bow and Arrow: Sept. 8 – Oct. 4
 and Oct. 13 – Nov. 22
 Muzzleloading: Oct. 6 – 11
 Gun: Nov. 24 – Dec. 13

Urban Season

Bow and Arrow: Jan. 10, 2009 –
 Feb. 14, 2009

Participating Municipality	Information Number
Elkin	336-835-9800
Locust	704-888-5260
Middlesex	252-235-5767
Midland	704-888-2232
Morganton	828-438-5228
Smithfield	919-989-1076
Stanfield	704-888-2386
Stokesdale	336-643-4011
Summerfield	336-643-8655
Washington	252-975-2549

WILD BOAR SEASONS

Daily limit 1; Possession limit 1; Season limit 2

In the following counties: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain

Oct. 13 – Nov. 22
 Dec. 15 – Jan. 1

In the other 94 counties of the state, feral hogs are not considered to be wild boars, and the Commission does not regulate them.

BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

Daily limit 1; Season limit 1

Western Bear Season

Oct. 13 – Nov. 22
 Dec. 15 – Jan. 1

West of the boundary formed by I-77 from the Virginia state line to I-40 and I-40 west to N.C. 18 south to the South Carolina state line.

Note: Further game land restrictions may apply. See the Game Lands section for specific game land rules.

Eastern Bear Seasons:

Nov. 10 – Jan. 1
 In the following counties:

Bladen
 Carteret
 Cumberland
 Duplin
 New Hanover
 Onslow
 Pender
 Sampson

Dec. 1 – 20
 Brunswick
 Columbus

Nov. 10 – 15 and Dec. 15 – 27

In the following counties:

Beaufort
 Camden
 Chowan
 Craven
 Dare
 Hyde
 Jones
 Pamlico (use of dogs for hunting bear is prohibited here.)
 Pasquotank
 Tyrrell
 Washington

Nov. 10 – 15 and Dec. 15 – 17

In the following counties and parts of counties:

Hertford
 Halifax (that part east of U.S. 301)
 Martin
 Northampton (that part east of U.S. 301)

Nov. 8 – 15 and Dec. 15 – 27

Bertie
 Currituck
 Gates
 Perquimans

Nov. 10 – 15
Greene
Lenoir
Pitt

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WILD TURKEY SEASONS

Daily limit 1; Possession limit 2
 Annual limit 2 (only one of which may be harvested during the winter either-sex season)

Winter Either-Sex Season (private lands only)

Jan. 12 – 17, 2009

Alleghany	Rockingham
Ashe	Stokes
Caswell	Surry
Granville	Watauga
Person	Wilkes

Only one turkey may be harvested during the winter season.

Note: For information on permit hunts for select Game Lands, refer to the Game Lands section.

Youth Day (male or bearded turkey only)

April 4, 2009

Statewide Spring Season (male or bearded turkey only)

April 11 – May 9, 2009

SMALL GAME AND OTHER SEASONS

SQUIRREL

Gray and Red (statewide) Oct. 13 – Jan. 31

Daily limit 8; **No possession or season limit**

Fox Squirrel Oct. 13 – Dec. 31

Daily limit 1; Possession 2; Season 10

In the following counties:

Anson	Duplin	Jones	Pitt	Caswell	Macon
Alleghany	Edgecombe	Lenoir	Richmond	Clay	Stokes
Ashe	Greene	Moore	Sampson	Graham	Tyrrell
Bladen	Harnett	New Hanover	Scotland		
Brunswick	Hoke	Onslow	Wayne		
Cumberland	Johnston	Pender			

RABBIT (includes box-traps)

Nov. 22 – Feb. 28

Daily limit 5; **No possession or season limit**

QUAIL

Nov. 22 – Feb. 28

Daily limit 6; Possession 12; Season, no limit

GROUSE

Oct. 13 – Feb. 28

Daily limit 3; Possession 6; Season 30

BOBCAT

Oct. 13 – Feb. 28

No limits

Exceptions: the bobcat season is closed in Haywood County on the Harmon Den and Sherwood Bear Sanctuaries

GROUNDHOG, NUTRIA, COYOTE AND SKUNK (striped)

There is no closed season or bag limit.

SMALL GAME AND OTHER SEASONS (continued)

PHEASANT

Nov. 22 – Feb. 1 (male pheasant only)

Daily limit 3; Possession 6; Season 30

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM

OCT. 13 (at sunrise) – Feb. 28

Opossum; No bag limits

Raccoon Daily limit 3; **No possession or season limit**

Exceptions: These portions of the following counties are closed to raccoon and opossum hunting:

Haywood: Harmon Den and Sherwood Bear Sanctuaries

FOX

Nov. 22 – Jan. 1

Daily limit 2; Season 10

This season applies as follows:

- In those counties and parts of counties east of I-77 where local laws do not prohibit the taking of foxes or that do not have established fox seasons (see page 63 for local laws).
- In Caldwell and Mitchell counties, foxes may be taken by firearms or bow and arrow only. Foxes taken during this hunting season shall not be bought or sold.

Jan. 3 – 24

Daily limit 2; Season 10

Foxes may be taken in the counties, listed below by legal weapons and may be sold after being properly tagged (refer to page 8 for more information on fox tags):

Caswell	Macon
Clay	Stokes
Graham	Tyrrell

Hunters must possess fox tags prior to harvesting foxes during this season. There is no open weapons hunting season in any other county except where provided by local laws (see page 63).

Year Round

Must be taken with dogs only; no limits

EXTENDED SEASON FOR TAKE BY FALCONRY

Oct. 13 – Feb. 28 (Applies only to rabbits and gray and red squirrels)

Outside of Regular Season Dates:

Squirrels: Daily limit 4; Possession limit 8

Rabbits: Daily limit 3; Possession limit 6

Regular species bag limits apply during regular seasons.

BEAVER

There is an open season for taking beaver with firearms **or bow and arrow** during any open season for the taking of wild animals, provided that permission has been obtained from the owner or lessee of the land on which the beaver is being taken.

CONTROLLED HUNTING PRESERVES

Oct. 1 – Mar. 31

No limits.

This applies to domestically raised birds (mallard ducks and upland game birds) only.

No wild turkey may be taken.