and additional information on specific restrictions that may apply to each area.

- The Urban Archery Season does not obligate private landowners to allow hunting on their property, nor does it eliminate the ethical requirement for obtaining permission from the landowner before hunting. Hunters are legally required to obtain written permission to hunt on posted property.

The 2015 participating cities, towns and villages are:

- Albemarle 704-984-9656 bhinson@ci.albemarle.nc.us
- Archer Lodge 919-359-9727 www.townofarcherlodge.com
- Belmont 704-825-5586 www.cityofbelmont.org
- Boiling Springs 704-434-2357 www.boilingspringsnc.net/police
- Chapel Hill 919-968-2784 www.townofchapelhill.org
- Cleveland www.clevelandnc.org
- Concord 704-920-5000 www.concordnc.gov
- Earl 704-481-1500 www.townofearl.org
- Elkin 336-794-6466 www.elkinnc.org
- Fairview 704-564-3412 www.fairviewnc.gov
- Franklinville 336-824-2604 www.townoffranklinvillenc.org
- Harrisburg 704-455-0708 www.harrisburgncc.gov
- Huntersville 704-875-6541 www.huntersville.org
- Indian Trail 704-821-5401
- Jefferson 336-846-9368
- Jonesville 336-835-3426 www.jonesvillenc.gov
- Kannapolis 704-920-4000 kajackson@cityofkannapolis.com
- Landis 704-857-4114 Andrew@townoflandis.com
- Lattimore 704-434-2620 www.locustnc.com; flhartseff@locustnc.com
- Locust www.loxtonc.com; Ext. 3012
- Midland 704-888-2232 www.townofmidland.us
- Mooresboro 704-434-5666 www.townofmooresboro.org
- Morganton 828-432-2673 bbbradshaw@morgantonps.org
- Mount Pleasant 704-436-9803 www.townofmountpleasantsnc.org
- Nags Head/ Kill Devil Hills 252-441-2525
- New London 704-463-5423
- North Wilkesboro 336-667-7129 townmanager@north-wilkesboro.com Ex. 3012
- Norwood 704-474-3416 www.norwoodnc.com
- Oak Ridge 336-644-7009 www.oakridgencc.com
- Oakboro 704-485-3331 www.oakboronc.com
- Pittsboro www.pittsboronc.gov
- Pleasant Garden 336-674-3002 www.pleasantgarden.net
- Randleman 336-495-7500 www.cityofrandleman.com
- Richfield 704-463-1308 richfieldnc@aol.com
- Ronda 336-835-2061 townofronda@embarqmail.com
- Sanford 919-777-1104 www.sanfordnc.net
- St. James 910-253-4730 www.townofstjamesnc.org; toji@atmc.net
- Stallings 704-821-8557 www.stallingsnc.org
- Stanfield 704-888-2386 www.stanfieldnc.com
- Stokesdale www.stokesdale.org
- Summerfield 336-643-8655 www.summerfieldgov.com
- Trent Woods 252-637-3030 trentwoodsp.org
- Troutman 704-528-7600 www.townoftrotman.org
- Unionville 704-226-1989 www.unionvillenc.com
- Valdese 828-879-2120 www.ci.valdese.n.c.us
- Wake Forest 919-435-9612 scaswell@wakeforestnc.gov www.wakewh.com
- Waxhaw www.waxhaw.org
- Weddington 704-846-2709 www.townofweddington.com
- Wentworth 336-342-6288 wtmwhall@triad.rr.com/ www.townofwentworth.com
- Yadkinville 336-679-8732 www.yadkinville.org

WILD TURKEY

WILD TURKEY SEASONS

Daily limit 1; Possession and season limit 2, only one of which may be taken during the youth season

Youth Season (male or bearded turkey only): Apr. 4 – Apr. 10, 2015

Turkey hunting by youth during this season is allowed statewide, but some game lands will require a permit (see Game Lands section).

Each youth hunting during this season must be accompanied by a properly licensed adult at least 21 years of age. (Youth means a person less than 16 years of age). The adult may accompany more than one youth during any particular hunt and the adult may NOT harvest a turkey. Only one weapon is allowed per youth hunter. Each youth must have a Big Game Harvest Report Card and report harvests according to instructions in this Digest. License-exempt youth should report their harvest using a Big Game Harvest Report Card for License-Exempt Hunters.

Statewide Spring Season (male or bearded turkey only)

Apr. 11 – May 9, 2015

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

Restrictions

It is unlawful to:

- Use dogs during the spring wild turkey season.
- Use any type of handgun or rifle to hunt wild turkey.
- Take wild turkeys from an area in which bait has been placed. (An area is considered baited for 10 days after the bait has been consumed or otherwise removed.)
- Possess live wild turkeys or live birds that are indistinguishable from wild turkeys.

BIG GAME HARVEST REPORTING

Validating a Harvest

Upon harvesting a bear, deer or wild turkey, and before moving the animal from the site of kill, the successful hunter must validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card, with the big game hunting license, by cutting or punching out the crosshair symbol next to the appropriate authorization line. Instructions in this section also apply to the Bonus Antlerless Report Card.

Registering a Harvest

The hunter must register any harvested bear, deer or wild turkey within 24 hours of the harvest and before it is skinned, dressed or dismembered.

Harvest ID. Harvest ID is the 9-digit number located on your Big Game Harvest Report Card. Hunters must locate the Harvest ID number next to the animal type they harvested and provide this number when registering the harvest through a cooperating agent, the telephone reporting system or the online reporting system.
Hunters who obtain their license and big game privilege by phone will be given their Harvest ID numbers during the call. If the hunter harvests a big game animal before receiving the Big Game Harvest Report Card in the mail, the hunter must immediately, upon receipt of the Big Game Harvest Report Card, record the authorization number for the reported harvest on the line above the Harvest ID number he or she used when reporting the harvest.

Big game animals may be field dressed before being registered. Field dressing includes bleeding and removal of digestive, respiratory and circulatory organs, but the hunter may not mutilate the carcass in a manner that obscures the identity, age or sex.

When a kill occurs in a remote area that prevents the animal from being transported as an entire carcass, the animal may be field dressed, or dismembered for consumption.

When a hunter harvests an animal in a remote area and plans to remain in the area for longer than a day, the 24-hour time is extended until the hunter leaves the area. However, the hunter must immediately register the animal upon leaving the remote area.

Bear and deer (except those deer harvested during the Urban Archery Season) may be field dressed before being registered. Visit a participating wildlife service agent at no cost. Upon harvest of a bear, deer or Wild Turkey, the hunter shall be given their Harvest ID numbers during the call. If the hunter harvests a big game animal before receiving the Big Game Harvest Report Card, the hunter must immediately, upon receipt of the Big Game Harvest Report Card, record the authorization number for the reported harvest on the line above the Harvest ID number he or she used when reporting the harvest.

Persons killing a big game animal and leaving it unattended must identify the carcass with their name, hunting license number and date of kill. Once an unattended animal is registered, it need only be identified with the authorization number.

Identifying an Unattended Kill  Persons killing a big game animal and leaving it unattended must identify the carcass with their name, hunting license number and date of kill. Once an unattended animal is registered, it need only be identified with the authorization number.

Reporting for License-Exempt Hunters  Persons who are by law exempt from the Big Game Hunting License requirement shall obtain a License-Exempt Big Game Harvest Report Card from a wildlife service agent at no cost. Upon harvesting a bear, deer or wild turkey, the exempt person shall validate the License-Exempt Big Game Harvest Report Card and report the big game kill using the same registration methods listed above.

Deer Management Assistance Program Harvest Reporting  Persons harvesting deer under the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) shall follow the tagging and reporting requirements described in the instructions they have received as a participant in the DMAP.

REGISTERING a Big Game Kill

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**SMALL GAME AND OTHER SEASONS**

**RACCOON AND OPOSSUM**

Oct. 13 (at sunrise) – Feb. 28

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