



2022-2023 Bear Season Dates

This document serves as a quick reference guide to the 2022-2023 bear and wild turkey season dates.

Hunters should always refer to the 2022-2023 Regulations Digest (available Aug. 1, 2022) for a complete list of regulations, season dates, and bag limits.

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Species	Open Dates
Western Bear Seasons (Mountain Bear Mgmt. Unit)	Oct. 17 – Nov. 19, 2022 and Dec. 12, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023: In and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Cleveland counties.
Piedmont Bear Seasons (Piedmont Bear Mgmt. Unit)	<p>Nov. 12, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023: Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties.</p> <p>Oct. 15, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023: Franklin, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Wake and Warren counties.</p> <p>Nov. 19, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023: Alexander, Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes, and Yadkin counties.</p>
Eastern Bear Seasons (Coastal Bear Mgmt. Unit)	<p>Zone 1: Nov. 12 – Nov. 27, 2022 and Dec. 10 – Dec. 25, 2022: Dare, Hyde, and Tyrrell counties.</p> <p>Zone 2: Nov. 12 – Nov. 20, 2022 and Dec. 10 – Dec. 25, 2022: <u>Camden*</u>, <u>Chowan*</u>, Currituck, Gates, <u>Pasquotank*</u>, and Perquimans counties.</p> <p><i>*Per local law, bear season opens Nov. 11, 2022 in these 3 counties.</i></p> <p>Zone 3: Nov. 12 – Nov. 20, 2022 and Dec. 10 – Dec. 25, 2022: Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Hertford, Jones, Martin, and Washington counties.</p> <p>Zone 4: Nov. 19 – Dec. 18, 2022: Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Lenoir, Nash, Northampton, Pitt, Wayne, and Wilson counties.</p> <p>Zone 5: Nov. 14, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023: Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, <u>Pamlico*</u>, Pender, Robeson, and Sampson counties.</p> <p><i>*The use of dogs for hunting bears is prohibited in Pamlico county.</i></p>