



2020-2021 Deer Season Dates

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2020-2021 DEER SEASONS		
Locations	Type of Season	Open Dates
Northeastern & Southeastern Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 12 – Oct. 2, 2020 Oct. 3 – Oct. 16, 2020 Oct. 17, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021
Central Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 12 – Oct. 30, 2020 Oct. 31 – Nov. 13, 2020 Nov. 14, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021
Northwestern Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 12 – Nov. 6, 2020 Nov. 7 – Nov. 20, 2020 Nov. 21, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021
Western Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 12 – Sept. 27, 2020; Oct. 11 – Nov. 22, 2020; Dec. 13, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021 (antlered deer only) Sept 28 – Oct. 10, 2020 Nov. 23 – Dec.12, 2020
Gun Either-Sex Deer Seasons	Introductory Season: Conservative Season: Moderate Season: Maximum Season: No Season:	Nov. 28, 2020: Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania counties. Nov. 23 – Nov. 28, 2020: Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey counties. Nov. 21 – Dec. 4, 2020: Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford counties. Entire Gun Season: All other counties and in Buncombe County east of NC 191 south of the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers, west of US 25 and north of NC 280 and in Henderson County east of NC 191 and north and west of NC 280. Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties.
Urban Archery Deer Season <small>(open in participating cities only- refer to the <i>Regulations Digest</i> for a list and contact information)</small>	Archery Only:	Jan. 9– Feb. 14, 2021
Youth Deer Hunting Day <small>On this day, youth under the age of 18 may use any legal weapon to hunt deer of either-sex. Refer to the <i>Regulations Digest</i> for a description of legal weapons. Youth ages 16 and 17 must be properly licensed to hunt deer.</small>	Any Legal Weapon:	Sept. 26, 2020

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2020-2021 Bear & Wild Turkey Season Dates

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2020-2021 BEAR & WILD TURKEY SEASONS	
Species	Open Dates
Western Bear Seasons (Mountain Bear Mgmt. Unit)	Oct. 12 – Nov. 21, 2020 and Dec. 14, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021: In and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and Cleveland counties.
Piedmont Bear Seasons (Piedmont Bear Mgmt. Unit)	<p>Nov. 14, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021: Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties.</p> <p>Oct. 17, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021: Franklin, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Wake and Warren counties.</p> <p>Nov. 21, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021: Alexander, Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes and Yadkin counties.</p>
Eastern Bear Seasons (Coastal Bear Mgmt. Unit)	<p>Zone 1: Nov. 14 – Nov. 29, 2020 and Dec. 12 – Dec. 27, 2020: Dare, Hyde and Tyrrell counties.</p> <p>Zone 2: Nov. 14 – Nov. 22, 2020 and Dec. 12 – Dec. 27, 2020: Camden*, Chowan*, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank* and Perquimans counties.</p> <p>*Per local law, bear season opens Nov. 13, 2020 in these 3 counties.</p> <p>Zone 3: Nov. 14 – Nov. 22, 2020 and Dec. 12 – Dec. 27, 2020: Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Hertford, Jones, Martin and Washington counties.</p> <p>Zone 4: Nov. 21 – Dec. 20, 2020: Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Lenoir, Nash, Northampton, Pitt, Wayne and Wilson counties.</p> <p>Zone 5: Nov. 9, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021: Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico*, Pender, Robeson and Sampson counties.</p> <p>*The use of dogs for hunting bears is prohibited in Pamlico county.</p>
Wild Turkey Spring Season (male or bearded turkey only)	<p>Apr. 11 – May 9, 2020</p> <p>Apr. 10 – May 8, 2021</p>
Wild Turkey Youth-only Season (male or bearded turkey only)	<p>Apr. 4 – 10, 2020</p> <p>Apr. 3 – 9, 2021</p>

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