



2022-2023 Deer Season Dates

This document serves as a quick reference guide to the 2022-2023 deer 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.

2022-2023 DEER SEASONS		
Locations	Type of Season	Open Dates
Northeastern & Southeastern Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 10 – Sept. 30, 2022 Oct. 1 – Oct. 14, 2022 Oct. 15, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023
Central Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 10 – Oct. 28, 2022 Oct. 29 – Nov. 11, 2022 Nov. 12, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023
Northwestern Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 10 – Nov. 4, 2022 Nov. 5 – Nov. 18, 2022 Nov. 19, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023
Western Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 10 – Oct. 2, 2022; Oct. 16 – Nov. 20, 2022; Dec. 11, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023 (antlered deer only) Oct. 3 – Oct. 15, 2022 Nov. 21 – Dec. 10, 2022
Gun Either-Sex Deer Seasons	Introductory Season: Conservative Season: Moderate Season: Maximum Season: No Season:	Nov. 26, 2022: Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties. Nov. 21 – Nov. 26, 2022: Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, and Yancey counties. Nov. 19 – Dec. 2, 2022: 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. 14– Feb. 19, 2023
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. 24, 2022

This document is not a regulatory guide. Hunters and trappers should always refer to *the North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest* for current regulations and local laws.