



2020-2021 Deer Season Dates

This document serves as a quick reference guide to the 2020-2021 deer season dates.

Hunters should always refer to the 2020-2021 *Regulations Digest* (available Aug. 1, 2020) for a complete list of regulations, season dates, and bag limits.

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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 (open in participating cities only- refer to the <i>Regulations Digest</i> for a list and contact information)	Archery Only:	Jan. 9– Feb. 14, 2021
Youth Deer Hunting Day 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.	Any Legal Weapon:	Sept. 26, 2020

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.