



2021-2022 Deer Season Dates

This document serves as a quick reference guide to the 2021-2022 deer season dates.

Hunters should always refer to the 2021-2022 *Regulations Digest* (available Aug. 1, 2021) for a complete list of regulations, season dates, and bag limits.

| 2021-2022 DEER SEASONS | | |
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| Locations | Type of Season | Open Dates |
| Northeastern & Southeastern Deer Season | Archery: Blackpowder: Gun: | Sept. 11 – Oct. 1, 2021 Oct. 2 – Oct. 15, 2021 Oct. 16, 2021 – Jan. 1, 2022 |
| Central Deer Season | Archery: Blackpowder: Gun: | Sept. 11 – Oct. 29, 2021 Oct. 30 – Nov. 12, 2021 Nov. 13, 2021 – Jan. 1, 2022 |
| Northwestern Deer Season | Archery: Blackpowder: Gun: | Sept. 11 – Nov. 5, 2021 Nov. 6 – Nov. 19, 2021 Nov. 20, 2021 – Jan. 1, 2022 |
| Western Deer Season | Archery: Blackpowder: Gun: | Sept. 11 – Oct. 3, 2021; Oct. 17 – Nov. 21, 2021; Dec. 12, 2021 – Jan. 1, 2022 (antlered deer only) Oct. 4 – Oct. 16, 2021 Nov. 22 – Dec. 11, 2021 |
| Gun Either-Sex Deer Seasons | Introductory Season: Conservative Season: Moderate Season: Maximum Season: No Season: | Nov. 27, 2021: Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties. Nov. 22 – Nov. 27, 2021: Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, and Yancey counties. Nov. 20 – Dec. 3, 2021: 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. 15– Feb. 20, 2022 |
| 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. 25, 2021 |

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.