



NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE UPDATE

Delayed Harvest Trout Waters Open to Harvest June 2

The Wildlife Commission will open 34 trout streams and two lakes classified as Delayed Harvest to trout harvest on June 2 through Sept. 30. From 6 a.m. until 11:59 a.m., Delayed Harvest waters are open only to anglers 17 years old and younger. At noon, waters open to all anglers. During this time, anglers can keep up to seven trout per day — with no bait restrictions and no minimum size limits. [MORE](#)



Free Kids' Fishing Events Held Late May, Early June Across the State

Kids can fish for free and register to win prizes, including two lifetime licenses, at one of more than 30 kids' fishing events being conducted across the state in late May and early June. The Wildlife Commission, along with Neuse Sport Shop, Trout Unlimited and the U.S. Forest Service, is supporting these fishing events as part of this year's National Fishing and Boating Week. Registered participants have a chance to win a lifetime unified sportsman's license, a lifetime freshwater fishing license or one of 100 fishing prizes, such as mini tackleboxes, fishing towels and playing cards. [Map of events](#)



Don't Touch That Fawn!

With fawning season in full swing, the Wildlife Commission is once again reminding people not to approach, touch or remove from the wild any white-tailed deer fawns they encounter over the next few weeks. From late-April through June, white-tailed does are giving birth. A doe will hide her fawn in vegetation during the first 2 or 3 weeks of its life as she feeds. If left alone, a fawn has an excellent chance of survival. Taken out of the wild, however, a fawn will probably not survive. It is also illegal to take a fawn out of the wild. Only fawn rehabilitators licensed by the Wildlife Commission can possess fawns. [Learn more.](#)



No Need to be Alarmed if You See a Snake

If you see a snake, don't panic! Leave it alone and walk away. Most snakebites occur when a person picks one up, steps on one accidentally or tries to kill one. Snakes, even venomous ones, are reluctant to bite, instead using their energy or venom to acquire food. Snakes are an important part of the ecosystem, eating

mice, rats and other rodents. They also serve as an important food source for animals, like foxes, raccoons and hawks. Get to know a few of North Carolina's snake species by taking this [Snake Identification Quiz](#) on the agency's Facebook page. And [learn more about what to do if you see a snake in your backyard](#).



"On the Road, On the Water Safety, Don't Drink and Drive" Campaign Starts Memorial Day Weekend

The Wildlife Commission, State Highway Patrol and Mothers Against Drunk Driving will kick off the eighth annual "On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive" campaign on Memorial Day weekend. The campaign's purpose is to reduce alcohol-related accidents on the state's roadway and waterways, both of which see increased traffic during the summer. Officers will be conducting sobriety checkpoints and promoting public awareness. [MORE](#)



Wildlife Commission Advises "Keep Wildlife Wild"

The public can help keep wildlife wild by not making wild animals "pets," touching them, removing them from the wild, or feeding them. Feeding wildlife is probably the number one reason why interactions between wildlife and humans can turn negative. Learn more about giving animals natural sources of food and shelter by providing a habitat, not a handout. [MORE](#)



Share the Shore with Beach-Nesting Waterbirds this Summer

Beach-bound visitors are advised to "share the shore" with waterbirds this summer by giving them and their nesting areas a wide berth. Beach-goers should avoid walking or driving in areas where birds nest and raise chicks, such as the upper portion of the beach around inlets and remote and/or undeveloped beaches. Because many coastal visitors may not recognize fragile bird-nesting habitat, the Commission posts signs around important beach-nesting areas. Look for these signs that indicate bird nesting activity is close by and watch your step! [MORE](#)



New Partnership Will Protect Endangered Woodpecker

The Wildlife Commission has embarked on a new partnership with the military and other wildlife conservation agencies to conduct management activities that will help protect the federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and its habitat while allowing the military to enhance its operational and training opportunities at Camp Lejeune in Onslow County. Learn more about the [Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Recovery and Sustainment Program](#).

Wildlife Commission Provides Tips to Coexist Peacefully with Alligators

If you see an alligator in the wild, look but don't feed – and don't touch, harass or poach the animal either. The Wildlife Commission reminds the public that alligators can become a nuisance when people either intentionally or unintentionally feed them, which causes them to associate humans with an easy meal. [Read other tips on how to avoid negative interactions with alligators](#).

See an Alligator? The Wildlife Commission Wants to Know!



The Wildlife Commission is asking anyone who spots an alligator in the wild in North Carolina to upload and share photos on [iNaturalist](#), a free online wildlife-viewing platform. In the search box in the top left hand of the page, type "NC Alligators" to access the project. Photos can be uploaded via a computer at [iNaturalist.org](#) or through a free iNaturalist app on either android or iPhone. [Learn more.](#)




Unlikely Headfellows: Reflecting on Millinery History and Migratory Bird Conservation

Many native bird species enjoy protection thanks to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. But before 1918, many species went extinct or faced the threat of extinction. [Read the story behind the formation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#) and what came before it.



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11 North Carolina Wildlife Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty since 1930

In honor of National Police Week, which ran from Sunday, May 13 through Saturday, May 19, the Wildlife Commission looked back at the 11 officers who have given their lives in service to the agency and to the conservation of North Carolina's valuable wildlife resources. [MORE](#)



Other News and Events

[Stanly County and Perquimans County Schools Take Top Honors at the 2018 Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament](#)

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