



Youth Deer Hunting Day Set for Saturday, Sept. 22

The Wildlife Commission has designated Saturday, Sept. 22, as a Youth Deer Hunting Day for 2018 when youth 17 and younger may use any legal weapon to hunt deer (male or female) and are not required to be accompanied by an adult if they have completed a hunter education course. The Youth Deer Hunting Day provisions apply to both private and public lands. [MORE](#)



Delayed Harvest Trout Waters Open Oct. 1

The Wildlife Commission will implement [Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations](#) on 36 trout waters in 20 western North Carolina counties on Oct. 1. Under Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations, no trout can be harvested or possessed from these waters between Oct. 1 and one half-hour after sunset on May 31, 2019. No natural bait may be possessed, and anglers can fish only with artificial lures with one single hook. [MORE](#)






Free, Family-Friendly Outdoor Events Scheduled for Sept. 22

The Wildlife Commission is celebrating National Hunting and Fishing Day on Sept. 22 at four family-friendly events throughout the state. Most events are free. Activities vary from event to event but include air rifle range, archery, fishing, outdoor cooking, identifying insects, lure making, beekeeping, dog retrieving demonstrations and much more! [MORE](#)



Hurricane-Related Closures, Cancellations & Postponements

In the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, the Wildlife Commission is announcing all agency-related event cancellations and/or postponements, as well as closures on game lands across the state, due to the hurricane on its website, ncwildlife.org/hurricane. The page will be updated as new information becomes available.



Hurricane Florence Aftermath: Commission Staff Assist in Rescue and Recovery, and Evaluate State-Owned Infrastructure

N.C. Wildlife Officers are responding to relief efforts due to Hurricane Florence. As of Sept. 19, 34 officers activated and have rescued 98 citizens. These efforts by the Commission's Enforcement Officers will continue until emergency management officials declare the efforts are no longer needed. [MORE](#)



Hunters: Practice Tree Stand Safety During Hunting Season

Before heading to the field or woods, hunters should take simple precautions when using a tree stand to prevent injuries and ensure they return home safely. The Wildlife Commission recommends hunters:

- Before use, check the stand's belts, chains, bolts and attachment cords for damage and wear.
- Use a full-body safety harness properly at all times, and remain connected to the tree from the time you leave the ground to the time you return to the ground.
- Bring an emergency signal device, such as cell phone or whistle.
- Maintain three points of contact when climbing up or down a stand.

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Wildlife Commission Seeking Jawbones of Harvested Deer

The Wildlife Commission is looking for volunteers for its annual Deer Jawbone Submission program. Jawbones from does and bucks of all ages, not just large deer, should be submitted so that biologists can estimate the age structure of the harvest. Hunters have two ways to submit jawbones this year. Participants will receive a report with the estimated age(s) of their deer next summer. [MORE](#)

Deer Hunters: Please Report Wildlife Observations

The Wildlife Commission is asking deer hunters who are still or stand hunting to report any observations of game or furbearer species they see while hunting. New this year is the ability for hunters to enter their observations online in the field from any smartphone or small screen device. The [online link](#) is available through Jan. 15. Observations help agency biologists track long-term wildlife population and distribution changes, as well as, provide valuable data on fawn survival and buck-to-doe ratios. [MORE](#)

Stop by Our Exhibit at N.C. State Fair in Raleigh, from Oct. 11-21

The Wildlife Commission will have its annual exhibit at the N.C. State Fair in Raleigh, scheduled for Oct. 11-21. Take your best shot at the perennially popular air rifle range, get up close up view of wetlands in North Carolina and learn about alligators in their natural habitat in North Carolina. The exhibit also will feature a section that focuses on outdoor opportunities available to disabled sportsmen. While there, be sure to pick up a free alligator button (right), as well as purchase the 2019 North Carolina Wildlife Calendar and wildlife-enscribed t-shirts and hats. You can also subscribe to the award-winning *Wildlife in North Carolina* magazine while at the exhibit. [MORE](#)



2019 Wildlife Calendars Now Available. Get Yours Before They're Gone!

2019 Wildlife Calendar



The 2019 Wildlife Calendar is now on sale. The calendar, which makes an excellent holiday gift, features outstanding wildlife art with profiles of each artist, fishing days with moon phase information, and more. Only \$9 each — get yours before they're gone! [Visit the Wildlife Commission's N.C. Wild Store.](#)

Wildlife Commissioner Mark Craig Receives Prestigious Governor's Award as Wildlife Conservationist of the Year



Mark Craig, an at-large Wildlife Commissioner, received the 2017 Wildlife Conservationist of the Year award from the N.C. Wildlife Federation earlier this month. The award was part of the Federation's prestigious Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards. Craig, who is from Greensboro, has served on the Wildlife Commission's Habitat, Nongame and Endangered

Species Committee since 2014. In his role, he seeks and employs sound science and leadership to advocate sustainable recommendations for wildlife management. He has ensured accurate documentation of the status of nongame species through consistent, scientifically supported updates to the state listed species list.



Trappers: Fall Furbearer Newsletter Now Available

Trapping season is right around the corner and trappers can prepare for the upcoming season by reading the Fall Furbearer Newsletter, which provides information on new counties open to fox trapping; resources for selling their fur; education opportunities for trappers; how to obtain fox, bobcat and otter tags; furbearer harvest data from last season; and much more. [Fall Furbearer Newsletter](#)



Fall Hunting Guide Now Available

The 2018 Fall Guide features a tour of North Carolina's public shooting ranges, a profile of a charity offering a hunting opportunity for veterans, and how one new hunter got her feet wet with an apprentice permit. The Fall Guide is one of two special publications you will receive when you subscribe to *Wildlife in North Carolina* magazine. [MORE](#)



Bear E-Stamp Holders: Watch for Bear Tooth Return Envelope in Mail

In the next couple of weeks, bear e-stamp holders will be receiving a "Bear Tooth Return Envelope" in the mail with information on the Black Bear Cooperator Program. Send the Wildlife Commission an upper premolar tooth from your harvested bear this season and receive a free blaze orange ball cap and an age report for your bear in September 2019. Hats from the 2017 bear season will be sent out by end of this September. [MORE](#)



Other News and Events

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