

## 2023–2024 Proposed Season Dates

The Commission provides this table of upcoming season dates for planning purposes ONLY.

Final season dates will be published in the 2023–2024 regulations digest, available Aug. 1, 2023.

Species	Open Dates
<b>Bear</b>	<b>Mountain Bear Management Unit</b> In and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and Cleveland: Oct. 16 – Nov. 18, 2023 and Dec 11, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
	<b>Piedmont Bear Management Unit</b> Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union: Nov. 11, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
	Franklin, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Wake, and Warren: Oct. 14, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
	Alexander, Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes, and Yadkin: Nov. 18, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
	<b>Coastal Bear Management Unit</b> <b>Zone 1:</b> Dare, Hyde, and Tyrrell: Nov. 11 – Nov. 26 and Dec. 9 – Dec. 24, 2023  <b>Zone 2:</b> Camden, Chowan, and Pasquotank: Nov. 10 – Nov. 19 and Dec. 9 – Dec. 24, 2023 Gates, Currituck, and Perquimans: Nov. 11 – Nov. 19 and Dec. 9 – Dec. 24, 2023  <b>Zone 3:</b> Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Hertford, Jones, Martin, and Washington: Nov. 11 – Nov. 19 and Dec. 9 – Dec. 24, 2023  <b>Zone 4:</b> Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Lenoir, Nash, Northampton, Pitt, Wayne, and Wilson: Nov. 18 – Dec. 17, 2023  <b>Zone 5:</b> Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico (use of dogs for hunting bears prohibited in this county), Pender, Robeson, and Sampson: Nov. 13, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
<b>Wild Turkey Spring Season</b> <i>(bearded or male turkeys only)</i>	Apr. 8 – May 6, 2023 Apr. 13 – May 11, 2024
<b>Wild Turkey Youth-only Season</b> <i>(bearded or male turkeys only)</i>	Apr. 1 – 7, 2023 Apr. 6 – 12, 2024
<b>Raccoon and Opossum</b>	Oct. 16, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024
<b>Squirrel</b>	<b>Gray and Red Squirrels:</b> Oct. 16, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024 <b>Spring Squirrel Season (Gray Squirrel) Private Lands:</b> May 13 – May 27, 2024 <b>Fox Squirrels:</b> Oct. 16, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024
<b>Rabbit</b>	Oct. 16, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024
<b>Quail</b>	Nov. 18, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024
<b>Grouse</b>	Oct. 16, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024
<b>Bobcat</b>	Oct. 16, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024
<b>Fox</b>	See “Fox Season Hunting and Trapping Seasons” publication at <a href="http://ncwildlife.org/foxseasons">ncwildlife.org/foxseasons</a> .

<b>Crow</b>	Aug. 2, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2024, June 5, 2024 – July 31, 2024 Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of each week Crows may also be hunted on Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Independence Day; except when these days fall on a Sunday.
<b>Pheasant</b>	Nov. 18, 2023 – Feb. 1, 2024
<b>Trapping</b>	Oct. 1, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2024

## Deer Seasons

Locations	Type of Season and Dates
<b>Northeastern</b>	<b>Archery:</b> Sept. 9 – Sept. 29, 2023 <b>Blackpowder:</b> Sept. 30 – Oct. 13, 2023 <b>Gun:</b> Oct. 14, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
<b>Southeastern</b>	<b>Archery:</b> Sept. 9 – Sept. 29, 2023 <b>Blackpowder:</b> Sept. 30 – Oct. 13, 2023 <b>Gun:</b> Oct. 14, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
<b>Central</b>	<b>Archery:</b> Sept. 9 – Oct. 27, 2023 <b>Blackpowder:</b> Oct. 28 – Nov. 10, 2023 <b>Gun:</b> Nov. 11, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>Archery:</b> Sept. 9 – Nov. 3, 2023 <b>Blackpowder:</b> Nov. 4 – Nov. 17, 2023 <b>Gun:</b> Nov. 18, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
<b>Western</b>	<b>Archery:</b> Sept. 9 – Oct. 1, 2023 <b>Blackpowder:</b> Oct. 2 – Oct. 14, 2023 <b>Archery:</b> Oct. 15 – Nov. 19, 2023 <b>Gun:</b> Nov. 20 – Dec. 9, 2023 <b>Archery (Antlered Only):</b> Dec. 10, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
<b>Gun: Either-Sex Seasons</b>	<b>1-Day “Introductory” Season:</b> First open Saturday of the applicable gun season. <b>6-Day “Conservative” Season:</b> First 6 open days of the applicable gun season. <b>2-Week “Moderate” Season:</b> First 14 open days of the applicable gun season. <b>Maximum Season:</b> All open days of the applicable gun season.
<b>Blackpowder: Either-Sex Seasons</b>	<b>No Either-Sex Gun Season:</b> First open Saturday of the applicable blackpowder season. <b>1-Day “Introductory”</b> Opening day through first Saturday thereafter of the applicable blackpowder season. <b>6-Day “Conservative” Season:</b> All open days of the applicable blackpowder season. <b>2-Week “Moderate” Season:</b> All open days of the applicable blackpowder season. <b>Maximum Season:</b> All open days of the applicable blackpowder season.
<b>Urban Deer Season</b> (open in participating cities only; see regulations digest for list and contact information)	<b>Archery Only:</b> Jan. 13 – Feb. 18, 2024