



For Planning Purposes Only 2018-2019 Big Game Season Dates

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2018-2019 BIG GAME SEASONS		
Locations	Type of Season	Open Dates
Northeastern & Southeastern Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 8 – Sept. 28, 2018 Sept. 29 – Oct. 12, 2018 Oct. 13, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019
Central Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 8 – Oct. 26, 2018 Oct. 27 – Nov. 9, 2018 Nov. 10, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019
Northwestern Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 8 – Nov. 2, 2018 Nov. 3 – Nov. 16, 2018 Nov. 17, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019
Western Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 8 – Sept. 30, 2018; Oct. 14 – Nov. 18, 2018; Dec. 9, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019 (antlered deer only) Oct. 1 – Oct. 13, 2018 Nov. 19 – Dec. 8, 2018
Gun Either-Sex Deer Seasons	Introductory Season: Conservative Season: Moderate Season: Maximum Season: No Season:	Nov. 24, 2018: Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania counties. Nov. 19 – Nov. 24, 2018: Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey counties. Nov. 17 – Nov. 30, 2018: 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. 12 – Feb. 17, 2019
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. 22, 2018

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Species	Open Dates
Western Bear Seasons (Mountain Bear Mgmt. Unit)	Oct. 5 – Nov. 17, 2018 and Dec. 10, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019: In and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and Cleveland counties.
Piedmont Bear Seasons (Piedmont Bear Mgmt. Unit)	<p>Nov. 10, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019: Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties.</p> <p>Oct. 13, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019: Franklin, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Wake and Warren counties.</p> <p>Nov. 17, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019: Alexander, Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes and Yadkin counties.</p>
Eastern Bear Seasons (Coastal Bear Mgmt. Unit)	<p>Zone 1: Nov. 10 – Nov. 25, 2018 and Dec. 8 – Dec. 23, 2018: Dare, Hyde and Tyrrell counties.</p> <p>Zone 2: Nov. 10 – Nov. 18, 2018 and Dec. 8 – Dec. 23, 2018: Currituck, Gates and Perquimans counties.</p> <p>Nov. 9 – Nov. 18, 2018 and Dec. 8 – Dec. 23, 2018: Camden, Chowan and Pasquotank counties.</p> <p>Zone 3: Nov. 10 – Nov. 18, 2018 and Dec. 8 – Dec. 23, 2018: Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Hertford, Jones, Martin and Washington counties.</p> <p>Zone 4: Nov. 17 – Dec. 16, 2018: Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Lenoir, Nash, Northampton, Pitt, Wayne and Wilson counties.</p> <p>Zone 5: Nov. 12, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019: Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Robeson and Sampson counties.</p>
Wild Turkey Spring Season (male or bearded turkey only)	Apr. 13 – May 11, 2019
Wild Turkey Youth-only Season (male or bearded turkey only)	Apr. 6 – 12, 2019

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