



2015-2016 Big Game Season Dates

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Locations	Type of Season	Open Dates
Eastern Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 12 – Oct. 2, 2015 Oct. 3 – Oct. 16, 2015 Oct. 17, 2015 – Jan. 1, 2016
Central Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 12 – Oct. 30, 2015 Oct. 31 – Nov. 13, 2015 Nov. 14, 2015 – Jan. 1, 2016
Northwestern Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 12 – Nov. 6, 2015 Nov. 7 – Nov. 20, 2015 Nov. 21, 2015 – Jan. 1, 2016
Western Deer Season	Archery: Blackpowder: Gun:	Sept. 12 – Sept. 27, 2015 and Oct. 11–Nov. 22, 2015 Sept. 28 – Oct. 10, 2015 Nov. 23 – Dec.12, 2015
Gun Either-Sex Deer Seasons	Introductory Season: Conservative Season: Moderate Season: Maximum Season:	Last open day of the applicable gun season. Last six open days of the applicable gun season. First six open days and last six open days of the applicable gun season. All open days of the applicable gun season.
Urban Archery Deer Season (open in participating cities only- refer to the <i>Regulations Digest</i> for list and contact information)	Archery Only:	Jan. 9 – Feb. 13, 2016
Youth Deer Hunting Day On this day, youth under the age of 16 may use any legal weapon to hunt deer of either-sex. Refer to the <i>Regulations Digest</i> for description of legal weapons.	Any Legal Weapon	Sept. 26, 2015

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Species	Open Dates
Western Bear Season	<p>Oct. 12 – Nov. 21, 2015 and Dec. 14, 2015 – Jan. 1, 2016: In and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and Cleveland counties.</p>
Central Bear Seasons	<p>Nov. 14, 2015 – Jan. 1, 2016: Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties.</p> <p>Oct. 17, 2015 – Jan. 1, 2016: Franklin, Harnett, Johnston, Hoke, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Wake and Warren counties.</p> <p>Nov. 21, 2015 – Jan. 1, 2016: Alexander, Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes, and Yadkin counties.</p>
Eastern Bear Seasons	<p>Nov. 9 – Nov. 14, 2015 and Dec. 14 – Dec. 26, 2015: Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Craven, Dare, Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.</p> <p>Nov. 7 – Nov. 14, 2015 and Dec. 14 – Dec. 26, 2015: Bertie, Currituck, Gates, Hertford and Perquimans counties.</p> <p>Nov. 9, 2015 – Jan. 1, 2016: Bladen, Carteret, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender and Sampson counties.</p> <p>Dec. 7 – Dec. 26, 2015: Brunswick, Columbus and Robeson counties.</p>
Wild Turkey Spring Season (male or bearded turkey only)	Apr. 9 – May 7, 2016
Wild Turkey Youth-only Season (male or bearded turkey only)	Apr. 2 – 8, 2016

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