

When reporting your big game harvest online this year, commemorate and acknowledge it by filling out and printing a Big Game Harvest Record Certificate. This certificate, provided in deer, turkey and bear formats, is accessed at newwildlife.org under the Report Big Game Harvest link.

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Hunting Regulations and Information

Seasons See the maps on the following pages for either-sex season dates for deer and exceptions to the season listed above.

- Seasons for deer with visible antlers and other weapons seasons on game lands follow the season for the county in which they are located except for Buffalo Cove Game Land, Nicholson Creek Game Land, Rockfish Creek Game Land, Sandhills Game Land and South Mountains Game Land. See the Game Lands section for additional restrictions on these Game Lands seasons. Refer to the "Game Lands" section for Gun Either-Sex Deer Season dates on game lands.

General Restrictions

- Any person hunting deer during a deer firearms season shall wear hunter orange. This includes hunting on Sundays during the muzzleloader or gun seasons, even though hunters may only use archery equipment on Sundays. Landholders, their spouses and children hunting on land held by the landholder do not have to wear hunter orange.
- Deer with visible antlers may be taken during any open deer season. Antlerless deer may only be taken during either-sex deer seasons. See page 55 for information about either-sex seasons.
- Visible antlers are defined as bony structures that protrude through the skin. Knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet are not considered visible antlers.
- It is unlawful to place processed food products as bait in any area of the state with an open season for taking black bears. Processed food products or any food substance or flavoring that has been modified by the addition of ingredients or by treatment to modify its chemical composition or form or to enhance its aroma or taste. This includes: food products enhanced by sugar, honey, syrups, oils, salts, spices, peanut butter, grease, meat, bones, or blood; candies, pastries, gum, and sugar blocks; and extracts of such products.
- The placement of commercially available mineral supplements specifically and exclusively marketed for attracting or feeding deer is allowed anywhere in the state, except on game lands.

Weapons and Dogs

- Archery: During the archery season the following are legal weapons: bows and arrows and crossbows (both described on page 42). It is unlawful to carry any type of firearm or to use a dog while hunting deer during this season, except to retrieve a wounded deer. See page 42 for details.
- Muzzleloader: During the muzzleloader season the following are legal weapons: bows and arrows, crossbows (both described on page 42), muzzleloading rifles and muzzleloading shotguns. It is unlawful to carry a pistol or to use a dog while hunting deer during this season, except to retrieve a wounded deer. See page 42 for details.
- Gun: During the gun season the following are legal weapons: bows and arrows, crossbows (both described on page 42), muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading shotguns, shotguns, rifles and pistols. Caliber restrictions for pistols are on page 42. Hunters may use dogs to hunt deer during this season in counties indicated on the map on page 52, and to retrieve a wounded deer. See page 42 for details.

Bag Limits

- The big game hunting license authorizes the hunter to harvest up to six deer. All six deer can be antlerless for all areas of the state. The season limit for antlered deer in the Eastern Deer

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DEER

EASTERN DEER SEASON

- Archery: Sept. 8 – Sept. 28
- Muzzleloader: Sept. 29 – Oct. 12
- Gun: Oct. 13 – Jan. 1

CENTRAL DEER SEASON

- Archery: Sept. 8 – Oct. 26
- Muzzleloader: Oct. 27 – Nov. 9
- Gun: Nov. 10 – Jan. 1

NORTHWESTERN DEER SEASON

- Archery: Sept. 8 – Nov. 2
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 3 – Nov. 16
- Gun: Nov. 17 – Jan. 1

WESTERN DEER SEASON

- Archery: Sept. 10 – Sept. 29 and Oct. 15 – Nov. 17
- Muzzleloader: Oct. 1 – Oct. 13
- Gun: Nov. 19 – Dec. 8

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Season is four. The season limit for antlered deer in the Central, Northwestern, and Western deer seasons is two.

- There is no daily bag limit.
- The possession limit for antlered deer is the same as the season limit.
- The possession limit for antlerless deer harvested in areas with a maximum either-sex season, or in those areas participating in the Urban Archery Season, is equivalent to the number of antlerless deer the hunter is authorized to harvest on his big game hunting license and any Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards he may have procured. The possession limit for antlerless deer harvested in all other areas is equivalent to the number of antlerless deer the hunter is authorized to harvest on his big game hunting license.
- Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards allow for the harvest of two additional antlerless deer per card. These are NOT valid for use on game lands. Unlimited Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards are available to each hunter. Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards are valid during archery, muzzleloader, and gun season in those areas with a maximum either-sex gun season. Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards are also valid in cities, towns and villages participating in the Urban Archery Season. Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards can be obtained at most wildlife service agents, or online at ncwildlife.org or by calling 888-248-6834.
- Antlerless deer harvested under the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) and tagged with harvest tags provided with the program are not included in normal statewide bag limits.
- Note: Antlerless deer may be taken only in those areas and during those times described elsewhere in this publication.

Either-Sex Deer Seasons

Archery Deer Season

- Deer of either sex may be taken during archery deer season in all areas (includes game lands).

Muzzleloader Firearm Deer Season

- Deer of either sex may be taken during the last day of the muzzleloader firearm deer season in and west of Henderson, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties (includes game lands).
- Deer of either sex may be taken anytime during the muzzleloader firearm deer season in and east of Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, Watauga and Ashe counties (includes game lands).

Gun Either-Sex Deer Season

- Deer of either sex may only be taken during the gun season during those dates indicated on pages 48-51. Most gun either-sex seasons fall under one of the following four categories in North Carolina:
 - Maximum: Either-sex harvest is allowed the entire gun season.
 - Moderate: Either-sex harvest is allowed the first six open days and the last six open days of the regular gun season.
 - Conservative: Either-sex harvest is allowed the last six open days of the regular gun season.
 - Introductory: Either-sex harvest is allowed the last open day of the regular gun season.

Urban Archery Season

Archery only: Jan. 12 - Feb. 16, 2013

Information for Hunters

- The intention of the Urban Archery Season is to enable cities, towns and villages to reduce urban deer populations through increased hunter opportunity. Hunting during the Urban Archery Season is allowed ONLY in participating municipalities.
- Each city, town and village will decide if hunting is allowed on public property and restrictions, if any, for hunting on private property within the city, town and village limits.
- Hunters wishing to hunt in an area participating in the Urban Archery Season should call the participating city, town or village

or visit its website to obtain a map showing lawful areas to hunt and additional information on specific restrictions that may apply to each area.

- The Urban Archery Season does not obligate private landowners to allow hunting on their property, nor does it eliminate the ethical requirement for obtaining permission from the landowner before hunting. Hunters are legally required to obtain written permission to hunt on posted property.

The 2013 participating cities, towns and villages are:

Archer Lodge	919-359-9727; townofarcherlodge.com
Boiling Springs	boilingspringsnc.net
Chapel Hill	919-968-2784; parksrec@townofchapelhill.org
Cleveland	clevelandnc.org
China Grove	704-857-2466; chinagrovecnc.gov
Concord	concordnc.gov
Elkin	336-835-9800; elkinnc.org
Fairview	704-564-3412; fairviewnc.gov
Goldston	919-548-5946
Harrisburg	704-455-5614; harrisburgnc.org
Indian Trail	704-821-8114; indiantrail.org
Jefferson	336-846-9368; townofjefferson.org
Kannapolis	704-920-4010; jwchavis@cityofkannapolis.com
Lattimore	704-434-2620
Locust	locustnc.com
Midland	704-888-2232; townofmidland.us
Mineral Springs	704-243-0505; www.mineralspringsnc.com
Mooresboro	704-434-5666
Mount Pleasant	townofmountpleasantnc.org
Nags Head/Kill Devil Hills	252-441-2525 Ext. 27
New London	704-463-5423
Norwood	704-474-3716; townofnorwood@carolina.rr.com
Oak Ridge	336-644-7009; oakridgenc.com
Pittsboro	919-542-4621; http://pittsboronc.gov
Pleasant Garden	336-674-3002; pleasantgarden.net
Richfield	704-463-1308; richfieldnc@aol.com
Sanford	919-775-8202; sanfordnc.net
St. James	910-253-4730; tosj@atmc.net
Stanfield	704-888-2386; stanfieldnc.com
Stokesdale	336-643-4011; stokesdale.org
Summerfield	336-643-8655; summerfieldgov.com
Troutman	704-528-7600; townoftroutman.org
Unionville	704-226-1989; townofunionville@aol.com
Valdese	828-879-2120; ci.valdese.nc.us
Waxhaw	704-843-2195; waxhaw.com
Weddington	704-846-2709; townofweddington.com
Wentworth	336-342-6288; wtownhall@triad.rr.com
Yadkinville	336-679-8732; yadkinville.org

- Deer harvested during the Urban Archery Season must be registered via telephone (800-1-GOT-ONE) or online at ncwildlife.org. Deer harvested during the Urban Archery Season shall not be registered with a wildlife cooperater agent.
- Season bag and possession limits for both antlerless and antlered deer, including Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards, that apply to the general archery, muzzleloader, and gun deer seasons also apply to the Urban Archery Season.
- Deer of either sex may be harvested in participating areas during the Urban Archery Season. Hunters harvesting an adult buck that has dropped its antlers should validate the kill and insert the harvest authorization number on an authorization space specified for an antlerless deer on the hunter's Big Game Harvest Report Card or Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Card.

Information for cities, towns and villages

The Urban Archery Season is available for cities, towns and villages that submit to the Wildlife Resources Commission by April 1 of each year a letter of intent to participate in the season. A map

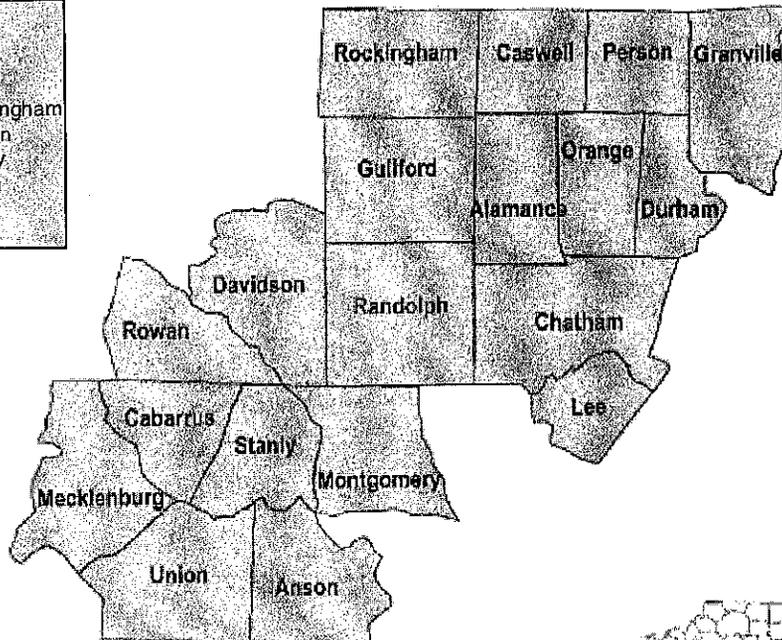
clearly defining the area included in the season should also accompany the letter of intent. Interested municipalities should call the Division of Wildlife Management at 919-707-0050 and request to be contacted by a district wildlife biologist.

HUNTING REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

CENTRAL DEER SEASON

Archery: Sept. 8–Oct. 26
 Muzzleloader: Oct. 27– Nov. 9
 Gun: Nov. 10– Jan. 1

Gun Either-Sex Season*			
(Maximum Season)			
Nov. 10– Jan. 1			
Alamance	Davidson	Mecklenburg	Rockingham
Anson	Durham	Montgomery	Rowan
Caswell	Granville	Orange	Stanly
Cabarrus	Gulford	Person	Union
Chatham	Lee	Randolph	



*Note: Either-Sex Gun Seasons on game lands may vary. See Game Lands section for Either-Sex Gun Seasons on the game land you will be hunting.