

## SUBCHAPTER 10D - GAME LANDS REGULATIONS

### SECTION .0100 - GAME LANDS REGULATIONS

#### 15A NCAC 10D .0101 DESIGNATION OF GAME LANDS

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#### 15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE

(a) For purposes of this Subchapter, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Permanent Hunting Blind" means a structure that is used for hunter concealment, constructed from manmade or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and removed at the end of the day's hunt.
- (2) "Target shooting" means the discharge of a firearm for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or self-defense.
- (3) "Youth" means individuals under 16 years of age.

(b) Trespass. Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or fishing shall be as authorized by the landowner. The Wildlife Resources Commission has identified the following areas on game lands that have additional restrictions on entry or usage:

- (1) Archery Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Archery Zones" hunting is limited to archery equipment and falconry. During the open deer seasons for these areas, antlered and antlerless deer may be taken.
- (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No person shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety zone on a game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.
- (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to use by the public, and entry on these areas is prohibited without written approval from the Wildlife Resources Commission. The Commission may authorize entry when the primary purpose for the Restricted Zone shall not be compromised and the persons requesting entry demonstrate a valid need, or official business of the Commission is being conducted by a contractor or agent of the Commission. Valid needs may include access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.
- (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are closed to use by the public, and entry is prohibited without written approval from the Wildlife Resources Commission. An area of a game land shall be declared a Temporary Restricted Zone when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public.
- (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the discharge of firearms or bow and arrow is prohibited.
- (7) Restricted Deer Hunting Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Deer Hunting Zones" the use of dogs for taking deer is prohibited, except as allowed by permit as provided in G.S. 113-264(d).
- (8) Day Use Only Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Day Use Only Zones" the use by the public shall be prohibited from sunset to sunrise.
- (9) Sensitive Habitat Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Sensitive Habitat Zones" are closed to use by the public during the dates specified on the sign, and entry is prohibited without written approval from the Wildlife Resources Commission by calling 919-707-0150 and requesting a permit.

The Commission shall conduct a public input meeting in the area where the game land is located before establishing the following zones: archery, restricted firearms, restricted deer hunting, day use only, or sensitive habitat. After the input meeting, the public comments shall be presented at an official Commission meeting for final determination.

(c) Littering. No person shall deposit litter, trash, garbage, or other refuse on any game land except in receptacles provided for disposal of refuse at designated camping and target-shooting areas. No garbage dumps or sanitary landfills shall be established on a game land by a person, firm, corporation, county, or municipality, except as permitted by the landowner.

(d) Use of weapons. No person shall discharge:

- (1) a weapon within 150 yards of a game land building or designated game land camping area, except where posted otherwise;
- (2) a weapon within 150 yards of a residence located on or adjacent to game lands, except on Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan game lands; and
- (3) a firearm within 150 yards of a residence located on or adjacent to Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan Game Lands.

No person shall hunt with or have in possession a shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on a posted waterfowl impoundment on a game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used while deer hunting. Individuals carrying a concealed handgun shall adhere to the requirements set forth in G.S. 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. On Butner-Falls of Neuse, Jordan, Kerr Scott, and Vance game lands, no person shall possess loaded firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons except as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327.13, which is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. This document may be accessed at [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov) at no cost. On Buckhorn, Chatham, Harris, Hyco, Lee, Mayo, and Sutton Lake game lands; Pee Dee River Game Land north of U.S. 74; and that portion of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land that is located north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119, no person shall possess a firearm during closed hunting seasons or closed hunting days for game birds or game animals, except under the following conditions:

- (1) the firearm is a .22 caliber pistol with a barrel not greater than seven and one-half inches in length and shooting only short, long, or long rifle ammunition carried as a side arm;
- (2) the firearm is cased or not immediately available for use;
- (3) the firearm is used by persons participating in field trials on field trial areas; or
- (4) the firearm is possessed in designated camping areas for defense of persons and property.

(e) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

- (1) Except as provided in Subparagraph (4) of this Paragraph, a person entering a game land to hunt, trap, run dogs, or train dogs using wildlife shall have in his or her possession a valid North Carolina hunting or trapping license.
- (2) For Commission-sanctioned field trials, active participants, as defined in 15A NCAC 10H .1701, in a field trial using wildlife shall possess a North Carolina hunting license, except non-residents may substitute hunting licenses from their state(s) of residence.
- (3) For other field trials using wildlife occurring on game lands, judges and active participants shall possess a North Carolina hunting license.
- (4) Exceptions:
  - (A) a person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or legal guardian;
  - (B) on the game lands described in Rule .0103 (j)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is required for hunting doves; other activities are subject to the control of the landowners.

(f) Field Trials and Training Dogs. An individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field Trial area shall file an application with the Commission to use the area with the facility use fee computed at the rate of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00 noon of the day preceding the first scheduled day of the trial to 10:00 a.m. of the day following the last scheduled day of the trial. The facility use fee shall be paid for all intermediate days on which trials are not run but the building or facilities are used or occupied. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day shall be charged to sporting, educational, or scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of persons or other entity shall enter or use the physical facilities located on the Sandhills Field Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility without written approval from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no entry or use of a facility shall exceed the scope of or continue beyond the approved use. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used only for field trials scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than 20 days of field trials may be scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during a calendar month, and no more than five days may be scheduled during a calendar week. A field trial requiring more than five days may be scheduled during one week with reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other week so that the monthly maximum of 20 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina Field Trial Association or other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between the Wednesday on or nearest October 18 and the second Friday before Thanksgiving and between the first Monday following Thanksgiving and March 31 shall submit its proposed schedule of use to the Wildlife Resources Commission for consideration and approval. The use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities by individuals for training dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills Game Lands dogs may be trained only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from October 1 through April 1. Dogs may not be

trained or permitted to run unleashed from April 1 through August 15 on game lands located west of I-95, except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from March 15 through June 15 on game lands located east of I-95, except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Additionally, on game lands located west of I-95 where special hunts are scheduled for sportsmen participating in the Disabled Sportsman Program, dogs may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed during legal big game hunting hours on the dates of the special hunts. A field trial shall be authorized when the field trial does not conflict with other planned activities on the game land or field trial facilities, and the applying organization demonstrates their experience and expertise in conducting genuine field trial activities. Entry to physical facilities, other than by field trial organizations under permit, shall be granted when they do not conflict with other planned activities previously approved by the Commission and they do not conflict with the mission of the agency.

(g) Trapping. Subject to the restrictions contained in 15A NCAC 10B .0300, trapping of furbearing animals, armadillos, coyotes, and groundhogs is permitted on game lands during the open trapping seasons for those areas, established by rule. Foxes may be trapped on game lands from October 1 through the end of February in a county with an open fox trapping season that falls between October 1 and the end of February. Foxes may not be taken by trapping on game lands in counties with a closed fox trapping season or during a fox trapping season that occurs outside the dates of October 1 through the end of February. Additionally, fox trapping is allowed on game lands in Clay, Graham, Henderson, Macon, and Tyrrell counties with a daily bag limit of two and a season bag limit of 10 from the first to the fourth Saturday in January. Trapping is prohibited:

- (1) on the J Robert Gordon Field Trial Area of Sandhills Game Land;
- (2) in posted "safety zones" located on a game land;
- (3) by the use of bait on the National Forest Lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south, US 276 on the north and east, and NC 215 on the west;
- (4) on the DuPont State Forest Game Lands; and
- (5) from April 1 through September 31.

At a trap, trappers may use a single bait site of grain, fruit, or other foods when trapping if the food is not a processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), is less than 3 cubic inches and is covered to prevent it from being seen from above. Feathers, including those with attached skin or entire bird wings, hair with or without skin or hide, and bones that include no attached meat, organs, or viscera do not need to be covered.

(h) Vehicular Traffic. No person shall drive a motorized vehicle on a game land except on roads constructed, maintained, and opened for vehicular travel and on trails posted for vehicular travel, unless the person:

- (1) is driving in the vehicle gallery of a scheduled bird dog field trial held on the Sandhills Game Land; or
- (2) is a disabled sportsman as defined in Paragraph (l) of this Rule or holds a Disabled Access Program Permit as described in Paragraph (l) of this Rule and is abiding by the rules described in Paragraph (k).

(i) Camping.

- (1) No person shall camp on a game land except on an area posted by the landowner for camping.
- (2) On game lands owned by the State of North Carolina, where the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is the primary custodian, the maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at a designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period, unless otherwise specified in rules of this Subchapter. After 14 consecutive days of camping, personal belongings shall be removed from the game land.
- (3) A hunting, fishing, trapping or Game Lands License is required for individuals age 16 or older to camp on game lands in areas posted for camping except when camping within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land, within 100 yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the game land west of NC-43, and in posted areas along the Mountains-to-Sea Trail on Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land.

(j) Release of Animals and Fish. It is unlawful to release pen-raised animals or birds, wild animals or birds, domesticated animals, except hunting dogs and raptors where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes, or feral animals, or hatchery-raised fish on game lands without written authorization. It is unlawful to move wild fish from one stream to another on game lands without written authorization. Written authorization shall be given when release of animals is determined by a Wildlife Resources Commission biologist not to be harmful to native wildlife in the area and is in the public interest or advance the programs and goals of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(k) Non-Highway Licensed Vehicles. It is unlawful to operate motorized land vehicles not licensed for highway use on game lands except for designated areas on National Forests. Disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (l) of this Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from this restriction but shall comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons, as defined under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 126) may use

wheelchairs or other all-terrain wheelchairs on areas where foot travel is allowed. Off road vehicles including ATVs, UTVs, and ebikes are not permitted.

(l) Disabled Access Program. Disabled individuals who meet the requirements of G.S. 113-296 may obtain a Disabled Access Permit and Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification online at [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org). The Disabled Access Permit allows individuals to operate electric wheel chairs, all-terrain vehicles, and other passenger vehicles on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands whose owners have agreed to that use. Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated online, at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org). This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted for wildlife food or cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to each qualified disabled person, may accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is constantly in visual or verbal contact with the disabled person. The companion may participate in lawful activities while assisting a disabled person, provided license requirements are met. A vehicle used by a qualified disabled person for access to game lands under this provision shall have the Disabled Access Permit available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers upon request. Hunters who qualify under the Disabled Sportsman Program and their companions may access special hunting blinds for people with disabilities during regularly scheduled, non-permit hunting days on a first come basis, except for those blinds located on the Restricted Area of Caswell Game Land. It is unlawful for anyone other than disabled persons holding a Disabled Access Permit, during waterfowl season, to hunt within 100 yards of a waterfowl blind designated by the Wildlife Resources Commission as a Disabled Sportsman's hunting blind. The Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification allows individuals to apply for available Disabled sportsman permit hunting opportunities as prescribed in G.S. 113-296.

(m) Public nudity. Public nudity, including nude sunbathing, is prohibited on game lands, including land or water. For the purposes of this Section, "public nudity" means a person's intentional failure to cover with a fully opaque covering the person's genitals, pubic area, anal area, or female breasts below a point from the top of the areola while in a public place.

(n) Shooting Ranges. On public shooting ranges managed by the Commission, no person shall use designated shooting ranges for purposes other than for firearm or bow and arrow marksmanship, development of shooting skills, or for other safe uses of firearms and archery equipment. Other uses, including camping, building fires, operating concessions or other activities not directly involved with recreational or competitive shooting are prohibited, unless written authorization is obtained from the Commission. No person, when using any shooting range, shall deposit debris or refuse on the grounds of the range. This includes items used as targets, except that clay targets broken on the range, by the shooter, may be left on the grounds where they fall. No person shall shoot items made of glass on the grounds of the range. No person may leave a vehicle or other obstruction in a location or position that it will prevent, impede, or inconvenience the use by other persons of any shooting range. No person shall leave a vehicle or other object parked in a place on the shooting range other than the place or zone that is designated and posted or marked as an authorized parking zone. No person shall handle firearms or bow and arrow on a shooting range in a careless or reckless manner. No person shall intentionally shoot into any target holder, post, or other permanent fixture or structure while using a shooting range. No person shall shoot a firearm in a manner that would cause rifled or smoothbore projectiles to travel off of the range, except that shotgun shot, size No. 4 or smaller may be allowed to travel from the range if it presents no risk of harm or injury to a person. Persons using a shooting range shall obey posted range safety rules and those persons who violate range safety rules or create a public safety hazard shall leave the shooting range if directed to by law enforcement officers or to leave by Commission employees. No person shall handle firearms on a shooting range while under the influence of an impairing substance. The consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages on a shooting range is prohibited. Open days and hours of operation shall be designated on signs and at least one sign shall be posted at the entrance to each shooting range. No person, when using a shooting range, shall do an act that is prohibited or neglect to do an act that is required by signs or markings placed on the area under authority of this Rule for regulating the use of the area.

(o) Limited-access Roads. During the months of June, July, and August, roads posted as "Limited-access Roads" are open to motorized vehicles from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. These roads shall be posted with the opening and closing times.

(p) No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of a bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess a bird or animal that has been so mutilated.

(q) Baiting. Except as provided in Paragraph (g) of this Rule, no person shall place, or cause to be placed on a game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without written authorization from an agent of the Commission. Written authorization may be provided for Commission authorized projects or Commission contractors to meet specific objectives. Except as authorized by rule, no person shall take or attempt to take wild birds or wild animals attracted to these foods.

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**15A NCAC 10D .0103 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

- (a) The following shall be prohibited on game lands:
- (1) hunting on a designated game land while under the influence of an impairing substance, as defined by G.S. 20-4.01(48b);
  - (2) failing to comply with restrictions enacted by the National Park Service regarding the use of the Blue Ridge Parkway where it adjoins game lands;
  - (3) parking a vehicle on game lands in a manner that blocks traffic or gates, or prevents vehicles from using a roadway; and
  - (4) erecting or occupying a tree stand or platform attached by nails, screws, bolts, or to a tree on a game land to hunt. This prohibition does not apply to lag-screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal remaining in or attached to the tree.
- (b) Unless allowed by permit, hunting on game lands shall be during the open season for game animals and game birds.
- (c) Individual game lands or parts of game lands may be closed to hunting or limited to specific dates by this Subchapter.
- (d) Persons shall hunt with weapons lawful for the open game animal or game bird seasons.
- (e) On managed waterfowl impoundments, persons shall:
- (1) not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates;
  - (2) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on the permitted hunting dates;
  - (3) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;
  - (4) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. daily; and
  - (5) not operate a vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.
- (f) On Sundays, the following shall be prohibited:
- (1) hunting with a firearm between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.;
  - (2) the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs;
  - (3) hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-54.1(b), or an accessory structure thereof; and
  - (4) hunting migratory game birds.
- (g) On designated Youth Waterfowl Days, the following shall apply:
- (1) hunting on managed waterfowl impoundments shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset;
  - (2) Subparagraphs (e)(1), (e)(3), and (e)(5) of this Rule; and
  - (3) youth may hunt on a game land and on an impoundment without a special hunt permit, including permit-only areas, except where prohibited in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.
- (h) On designated Veterans and Military Waterfowl Days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for training, with valid credentials may hunt on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-only areas from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Subparagraphs (e)(1), (e)(3), and (e)(5) of this Rule shall apply.

(i) On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the trapping season and waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the activities allowed on the portion of the impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone."

(j) Definitions:

- (1) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.
- (2) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Hunting is not allowed on Christmas Day, Veterans Day, and New Year's Day when these holidays fall on Sunday. Falconry may also be practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to antlerless deer hunting seasons listed for each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.
- (3) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game may be taken on the open days of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during the open seasons. Falconry may be practiced on Sundays.
- (4) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Seven Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game may be taken during the open season on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- (5) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Four Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. on Fridays, and 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.
- (6) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Permit" means a written authorization from the Commission required for take or other activities listed on the permit during open seasons, if applicable, in a specified area and subject to annual limitations imposed by the Commission to meet wildlife, hunter, or land management objectives, unless otherwise specified. Individuals may apply for available permits online at [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org), by phone, or in person at a wildlife service agent location. The Commission shall issue permits to applicants selected at random by computer in accordance with G.S. 113-264. Permits shall be non-transferable. The laws and rules regarding the species or activity shall apply.
- (7) For the purposes of this Subchapter, "Either-Sex" means antlered or antlerless.

(k) Deer shall not be taken with the use of dogs on game lands in counties or parts of counties where taking deer with dogs is prohibited as described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

(l) On permit hunts, antlered or antlerless deer may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperater agent or by phone.

(m) The following game lands and refuges are closed to hunting except to individuals who have obtained a valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:

- (1) Bertie, Halifax, and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;
- (2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;
- (3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;
- (4) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);
- (5) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands; and
- (6) Henderson and Transylvania counties—DuPont State Forest Game Lands.

(n) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the Commission. Written permission may be granted when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge shall not compromise the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.

- (o) The Commission may designate special hunts for participants of the disabled sportsman program by permit. The Commission may schedule these permit hunts during the closed season. Hunt dates and species to be taken shall be identified on the permit. If the hunt has a limited weapon choice, the allowed weapons shall be stated on the permit.
- (p) As used in the rules of this Subchapter, horseback riding includes all equine species.
- (q) When waterfowl hunting is authorized on Christmas and New Years' Day and those days fall on Sundays, the open waterfowl hunting day shall be the following day.

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**15A NCAC 10D .0104 FISHING ON GAME LANDS**

- (a) Game lands are open to public fishing except:
  - (1) restocked ponds when posted against fishing;
  - (2) Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge;
  - (3) Cedar Rock Creek, Grogan Creek, and John Rock Branch, in Transylvania County; and
  - (4) private ponds where fishing is prohibited by the owners.
- (b) No trotline, set-hook, net, trap, gig, or other special fishing device mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C .0404(b),(c),(d), and (f) may be used in impounded waters located entirely on game lands.
- (c) Archery equipment may be used to take nongame fishes in impounded waters located entirely on game lands except for those waters mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C .0404(a).
- (d) Waters located on the game lands listed in this Subparagraph are designated public mountain trout waters except as noted.
  - (1) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County.
  - (2) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties, except:
    - (A) Little River from 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls downstream to the DuPont State Forest boundary;
    - (B) Lake Imaging;
    - (C) Lake Dense;
    - (D) Lake Alfred;
    - (E) Lake Julia; and
    - (F) Fawn Lake.
  - (3) Green River Game Land in Henderson and Polk counties, except Green River downstream of the natural gas pipeline crossing.
  - (4) Headwaters Game Land in Transylvania County.
  - (5) Nantahala National Forest Game Lands in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania counties, except Cheoah River downstream of Santeetlah Reservoir and Cherokee Lake.

- (6) Pisgah National Forest Game Lands in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties, except:
  - (A) Cedar Rock Creek, Grogan Creek, and John Rock Branch;
  - (B) North Fork Catawba River downstream of the mouth of Armstrong Creek;
  - (C) Big Laurel Creek downstream from the US 25-70 bridge to the French Broad River;
  - (D) Mill Ridge Pond;
  - (E) Nolichucky River;
  - (F) Pigeon River downstream of Waterville Reservoir to the Tennessee state line; and
  - (G) Spring Creek below US Forest Service road 223.
- (7) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County.
- (8) Little Fork State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County.
- (9) South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.
- (10) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County.
- (11) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Wilkes County.
- (12) Toxaway Game Land in Transylvania County.
- (13) William H. Silvers Game Land in Haywood County.

(e) The designated public mountain trout waters located on the game lands listed in Paragraph (d) of this Rule are Wild Trout Waters unless classified otherwise in 15A NCAC 10C .0205(d).

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-272; 113-292; 113-305; Eff. February 1, 1976; Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1992; Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001; Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02); Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003; Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; August 1, 2004; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2023.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0105 POSSESSION AND REMOVAL OF ANIMALS, PLANTS AND MATERIALS**

(a) For purposes of this Rule, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Other materials" means metals, minerals, rocks, soil, organic debris, buildings, fences, archeological resources as defined in G.S. 70-12, and water.
- (2) "Commission lands" means State-owned game lands, hatcheries, depots, refuges, boating access areas and public fishing access areas, or parts thereof, allocated to the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- (3) "Written permission" means permits, sales agreements, agricultural agreements, and letters written by authorized Commission personnel. Written permissions shall specify the type of activity allowed, the Commission land(s) where the activity may occur, and the persons authorized to partake in the activity. Written permission shall be carried on their person during the activity. This requirement extends to an individual operating in conjunction with another's written permission.

(b) On Commission lands:

- (1) No wildlife resources, fungi, invertebrates, eggs, nests, animal parts, plants, plant materials, or other materials shall be possessed on or removed from Commission lands except:
  - (A) as allowed in this Rule;
  - (B) bullfrogs, as specified in 15A NCAC 10B .0226; or
  - (C) if written permission has been granted by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
 This restriction applies to both dead and living wildlife resources, fungi, invertebrates, eggs, animal parts, plants, and plant materials.
- (2) Game, fur-bearing animals, wildlife resources, fisheries resources, and nongame animals or birds, legally taken pursuant to a valid hunting, trapping, fishing, falconry, or other collection license that entitles the licensee to access and use Wildlife Resources Commission Property may be possessed on and removed from Commission lands.
- (3) Berries, fruit, nuts, mushrooms, ramps and other plants or plant materials for human consumption may be possessed on and removed from Commission lands without written permission for personal consumption only, except any fungi, plant or part thereof on a State or federal protected list shall not be possessed on or

removed from Commission lands without written permission. Other fungi, plants and plant materials not for human consumption may not be possessed on or removed from Commission lands except with written permission. Crops or products thereof planted for the benefit of wildlife shall not be removed without written permission.

- (4) Insects, worms, or other invertebrates collected as fish bait may be possessed on and removed from Commission lands without written permission for personal use only, except species on a State or federal protected list may not be collected and may not be removed from Commission lands. Sale of these resources is prohibited.
  - (5) Minimal amounts of animal parts, plant parts not removed from live plants, and other materials may be collected by hand and removed from Commission lands without written permission, except in violation of rules, general statutes, or federal law. Collection of animal parts, and plant parts not removed from live plants for commercial use or sale is prohibited. For purposes of this Subparagraph, "minimal amounts," are quantities that fit within a cubic foot of space, except for firewood to be used at posted camping areas. Collection of firewood sufficient to build and maintain a fire during the game land user's stay at the campground is permitted.
  - (6) Litter and road kill animals may be removed without written permission, except in violation of 15A NCAC 10B .0106.
  - (7) A collection license as described in 15A NCAC 10B .0119 does not qualify as written permission to collect or remove wildlife resources from Commission lands. Written permission shall be specific to the Commission land.
- (c) On the other lands enrolled in the game land program:
- (1) Game, fur-bearing animals, fisheries resources, and nongame animals or birds legally taken pursuant to a valid hunting, trapping, fishing, falconry, or collection license may be possessed on and removed from game lands.
  - (2) Possession and removal of other wildlife resources, fungi, invertebrates, eggs, nests, animals parts, plants, and plant materials is subject to the rules of the Commission and is at the discretion of the landowner, except where the landowner has ceded authority to the Commission. When the landowner has ceded authority to the Commission, the permissions and restrictions in Paragraph (b) of this Rule apply.
- (d) Except as referenced in Subparagraph (b)(5) of this Rule, other materials may be possessed or removed from Commission lands and other lands enrolled in the game land program with written permission from the Commission, except for archeological resources. To possess or remove archeological resources from Commission land or other lands enrolled in the game land program, an individual shall obtain and have on his or her person, written permission from the Commission and a permit issued by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources as specified in G.S. 70-12.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291; 113-291.2; 113-305; 113-333;  
Eff. August 1, 2012;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2020;  
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2023.*

#### **15A NCAC 10D .0106 DESIGNATED BEAR MANAGEMENT AREAS**

(a) Bear may be taken on posted designated bear management areas specified in Paragraph (c) of this Rule during the open season by permit only. Individuals may apply for permits on or after July 1 online at [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org), by phone, or in person at a wildlife service agent location. The number of permits issued annually will be based on achieving population management objectives of the Commission. The Commission shall issue available bear management area permits to applicants selected at random by computer. Permits shall be non-transferrable. All applicable laws and rules regarding the taking of bear shall apply.

(b) The following shall be posted designated bear management areas:

- Bachelor Bay designated bear management area – Bertie and Washington counties
- Columbus County designated bear management area – Brunswick and Columbus counties
- Croatan designated bear management area – Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties
- Daniel Boone designated bear management area – Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties
- Dare designated bear management area – Dare and Hyde counties
- Fires Creek designated bear management area – Clay County
- Flat Top designated bear management area – Mitchell and Yancey counties
- Green Swamp designated bear management area – Brunswick County
- Gull Rock designated bear management area – Hyde County

Harmon Den designated bear management area – Haywood County  
Juniper Creek designated bear management area – Brunswick and Columbus counties  
Mt. Mitchell designated bear management area – McDowell and Yancey counties  
North River designated bear management area – Camden and Currituck counties  
Panthertown – Bonas Defeat designated bear management area – Jackson County  
Pisgah designated bear management area – Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania  
Pungo River designated bear management area – Hyde County  
Rich Mountain designated bear management area – Madison County  
Sherwood designated bear management area – Haywood County  
Suggs Mill Pond designated bear management area – Bladen and Cumberland counties  
Standing Indian designated bear management area – Macon County  
Thurmond Chatham designated bear management area – Allegheny and Wilkes counties  
Wayah designated bear management area – Macon County

(c) It shall be lawful to take bear on the following designated management areas when authorized by permit issued by the Commission in accordance with G.S. 113-264(d):

Daniel Boone designated bear management area – Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties  
Dare designated bear management area – Dare and Hyde counties  
Mt. Mitchell designated bear management area – McDowell and Yancey counties  
Panthertown – Bonas Defeat designated bear management area – Jackson County  
Pisgah designated bear management area – Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania  
Standing Indian designated bear management area – Macon County

(d) Feral Swine shall not be taken with the use of dogs on designated bear management areas.

(e) Dogs shall not be trained or allowed to run unleashed between March 1 and the Monday on or nearest October 15 on designated bear management areas located in and west of the counties and parts of counties described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;  
Eff. August 1, 2019;  
Amended Eff. March 15, 2023.

## **SECTION .0200 - USE OF GAME LANDS**

### **15A NCAC 10D .0201 ALLIGATOR RIVER GAME LAND IN TYRELL COUNTY**

Alligator River game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

### **15A NCAC 10D .0202 ANGOLA BAY GAME LAND IN DUPLIN AND PENDER COUNTIES**

Angola Bay game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (3) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

### **15A NCAC 10D .0203 BACHELOR BAY GAME LAND IN BERTIE AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES**

(a) Bachelor Bay game land is a Seven Days per Week Area.

(b) In this game land, deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;

*Eff. October 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0204 BERTIE COUNTY GAME LAND IN BERTIE COUNTY**

Bertie County game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0205 BLADEN LAKES STATE FOREST GAME LAND IN BLADEN COUNTY**

Bladen Lakes State Forest game land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Except for blackpowder firearms, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.
- (3) On the Singletary Lake Tract, the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.
- (4) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
- (5) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (6) The use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes shall be prohibited from February 15 through August 1.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0206 BRINKLEYVILLE GAME LAND IN HALIFAX COUNTY**

Brinkleyville game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (3) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0207 BUCKHORN GAME LAND IN ORANGE COUNTY**

- (a) Buckhorn game land is hunting by permit only.
- (b) On this game land horseback riding is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0208 BUCKRIDGE GAME LAND IN TYRELL COUNTY**

Buckridge game land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season.
- (3) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0209 BUFFALO COVE GAME LAND IN CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES**

Buffalo Cove game land is a Seven Days per Week Area. The following shall apply:

- (1) The Deer With Visible Antlers Season begins on the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the day immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this

Rule. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms beginning two Saturdays preceding the first day of the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers described in this Rule through the second Friday thereafter.

- (2) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (3) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022; Temporary Amendment Eff. July 5, 2024; Amended Eff. October 1, 2024.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0210 BULLARD AND BRANCH HUNTING PRESERVE GAME LANDS IN ROBESON COUNTY**

Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve game land is a Four Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0211 BUTNER-FALLS OF NEUSE GAME LAND IN DURHAM, GRANVILLE, AND WAKE COUNTIES**

Butner-Falls of Neuse game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
  - (a) the opening and closing days of the waterfowl seasons;
  - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (c) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after November 1.
- (3) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (5) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- (6) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.
- (7) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 14.
- (8) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (9) Camping is allowed year-round in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping area.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022; Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0212 BUXTON WOODS GAME LAND IN DARE COUNTY**

Buxton Woods game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (2) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0213 CAPE FEAR RIVER WETLANDS GAME LAND IN PENDER COUNTY**

Cape Fear River Wetlands game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- (3) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road, and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (5) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0214 CARTERET COUNTY GAME LAND IN CARTERET COUNTY**

Carteret County game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (3) Bear hunting on the Salters Creek Tract is by permit only.
- (4) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0215 R. WAYNE BAILEY-CASWELL GAME LAND IN CASWELL COUNTY**

(a) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken from the first open day of the All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only, September 1 through May 15. Horseback riding is allowed on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license as required by G.S. 270.3(b)(3).
- (3) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit after November 1.
- (4) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (5) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.

(b) Hunting shall be by permit for the following species in the area posted as the Caswell Small Game Focal Area:

- (1) quail and woodcock; and
- (2) rabbit and squirrel on days outside of the three days per week framework.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2024; August 1, 2023.

**15A NCAC 10D .0216 CHATHAM GAME LAND IN CHATHAM COUNTY**

Chatham game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only September 1 through May 15.

- (3) The use of bicycles is restricted, except for hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.

#### **15A NCAC 10D .0217 CHOWAN SWAMP GAME LAND**

Chowan game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

#### **15A NCAC 10D .0218 CHOWAN SWAMP GAME LAND IN BERTIE, CHOWAN, GATES, AND HERTFORD COUNTIES**

Chowan Swamp game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Bear hunting is restricted to the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November bear season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December bear season except in that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for the Gates County bear season.
- (3) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (4) Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- (5) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

#### **15A NCAC 10D .0219 COLD MOUNTAIN GAME LAND IN HAYWOOD COUNTY**

Cold Mountain game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (2) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (3) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2025.

#### **15A NCAC 10D .0220 COLUMBUS COUNTY GAME LAND IN COLUMBUS COUNTY**

Columbus County game land is a Four Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Deer hunting on the Campbell Tract shall be by permit only.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

#### **15A NCAC 10D .0221 CROATAN GAME LAND IN CARTERET, CRAVEN, AND JONES COUNTIES**

Croatan game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
  - (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (3) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
- (4) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas. During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- (5) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022.

#### **15A NCAC 10D .0222 CURRITUCK BANKS GAME LAND IN CURRITUCK COUNTY**

Currituck Banks game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by permit only from November 1 through the end of all waterfowl seasons.
- (2) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the guides do not use a firearm.
- (3) The boundary of the game land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- (4) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of their hunt.
- (5) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
- (6) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- (7) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022.

#### **15A NCAC 10D .0223 DAN RIVER GAME LAND IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

Dan River game land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer hunting is by permit only.
- (2) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (3) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land must possess a Game Lands license.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022.

#### **15A NCAC 10D .0224 DARE GAME LAND IN DARE AND HYDE COUNTIES**

Dare game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (2) No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
- (3) The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022.

#### **15A NCAC 10D .0225 DOVER BAY GAME LAND IN CRAVEN COUNTY**

(a) Dover Bay game land is a Six Days per Week Area.

- (b) On this game land antlered or antlerless deer may be taken on the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (c) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.

**15A NCAC 10D .0226 DUPONT STATE FOREST GAME LANDS IN HENDERSON AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES**

Dupont State Forest game land is hunting by permit only. The following shall apply:

- (1) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders during scheduled permit hunts.
- (2) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0227 ELK KNOB GAME LAND IN WATAUGA COUNTY**

(a) Elk Knob game land is a Seven Days per Week Area.

(b) At this game land deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0228 EMBRO GAME LAND IN HALIFAX AND WARREN COUNTIES**

Embros game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (3) Target Shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0229 GOOSE CREEK GAME LAND IN BEAUFORT AND PAMLICO COUNTIES**

Goose Creek game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Except as provided in 15A NCAC 10D .0103(e), waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
  - (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (3) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October, through the end of all waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith Creek, and Hobucken.
- (4) On Spring Lake, Pamlico Point, and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments, all activities, except waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period November 1 through March 15.
- (5) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February, and March 31 through May 14, in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (6) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit.

- (7) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on the Beaufort County portion north of N.C. 33, except for that portion east of Smith Creek and south of Campbell Creek.
- (8) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- (9) Hunting for deer, bear, and turkey on the Bates-Bay Tract is by permit only.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
 Temporary Adoption Eff. December 1, 2022;  
 Eff. March 15, 2023;  
 Amended Eff. August 1, 2025.

**15A NCAC 10D .0230 GREEN RIVER GAME LAND IN HENDERSON AND POLK COUNTIES**

Green River is a Six Days per Week Area. The following shall apply:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (3) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
 Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0231 GREEN SWAMP GAME LAND IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

Green Swamp game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) On that portion north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road, hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- (3) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on that portion of the game land that is north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
 Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0232 GULL ROCK GAME LAND IN HYDE COUNTY**

Gull Rock is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Waterfowl on the E. Merle Edwards/Loop Road Impoundment shall be taken only on the following days:
  - (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
- (3) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February, and March 31 through May 14, in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- (4) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season, and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season.
- (5) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments on the Willow Point tract is by permit only.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
 Eff. October 1, 2022;  
 Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 2022;  
 Amended Eff. August 1, 2025; June 1, 2023.

**15A NCAC 10D .0233 HARRIS GAME LAND IN CHATHAM, HARNETT, AND WAKE COUNTIES**

Harris game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments may be taken on the following days:

- (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
- (3) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
- (4) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- (5) The use of bicycles is restricted, except for hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (6) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (7) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.

**15A NCAC 10D .0234 HEADWATERS STATE FOREST GAME LAND IN TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY**

- (a) Headwaters State Forest game land is a Six Days per Week Area.
- (b) On this game land, deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season .

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0235 HILL FARM GAME LAND IN STOKES COUNTY**

Hill Farm game land is hunting and trapping by permit only.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0236 HOLLY SHELTER GAME LAND IN PENDER COUNTY**

Holly Shelter game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
  - (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (3) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- (4) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and bear hunting are permit only.
- (5) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:
  - (a) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road; and
  - (b) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's days, and except for the area north of Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and bear hunting is by permit only.
- (6) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- (7) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
- (8) Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.
- (9) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;

*Eff. November 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0237 HYCO GAME LAND IN PERSON COUNTY**

Hyco game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0238 J. MORGAN FUTCH GAME LAND IN TYRRELL COUNTY**

J. Morgan Futch game land is hunting and trapping by permit only.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0239 JOHNS RIVER GAME LAND IN BURKE COUNTY**

Johns River game land is hunting by permit only. The following shall apply:

- (1) During permitted deer hunts, antlered or antlerless deer may be taken by permit holders.
- (2) The construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- (3) Camping is restricted to August 31 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (5) During the open days of the seasons for game birds and game animals, the use of bicycles is restricted to hunters engaged in the act of hunting.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022; Amended Eff. August 1, 2025; August 1, 2023.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0240 JORDAN GAME LAND IN CHATHAM, DURHAM, ORANGE, AND WAKE COUNTIES**

Jordan game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken on open days of the All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers.
- (2) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
  - (a) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
  - (c) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (3) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed only on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older shall obtain a game land license prior to engaging in horseback riding on an area other than the American Tobacco Trail.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (5) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- (6) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (7) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Temporary Adoption Eff. October 1, 2022; Eff. March 15, 2023; Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0241 JUNIPER CREEK GAME LAND IN BRUNSWICK AND COLUMBUS COUNTIES**

(a) Juniper Creek game land is a Seven Days per Week Area. The following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (3) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0242 KERR SCOTT GAME LAND IN WILKES COUNTY**

Kerr Scott game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- (2) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
- (3) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
- (4) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- (5) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- (6) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0243 KINGS CREEK GAME LAND IN CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES**

Kings Creek game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) The Deer With Visible Antlers Season consists of the open hunting days from the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the day immediately preceding the Black powder Firearms Season described in the Rule. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning two Saturdays preceding the first day of the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers described in this Rule through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022; Temporary Amendment Eff. July 5, 2024; Amended Eff. October 1, 2024.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0244 LANTERN ACRES GAME LAND IN TYRRELL AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES**

Lantern Acres game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (3) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
- (4) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments from October 1 through February 14 is by permit only.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022; Amended Eff. August 1, 2025.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0245 LEE GAME LAND IN LEE COUNTY**

Lee game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) The use of bicycles is restricted, except for hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (3) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.

**15A NCAC 10D .0246 LIGHT GROUND POCOSIN GAME LAND IN PAMLICO COUNTY**

Light Ground Pocosin game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0247 LINWOOD GAME LAND IN DAVIDSON COUNTY**

(a) Linwood game land is a Seven Days per Week Area.

(b) At this game land deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0248 LOWER FISHING CREEK GAME LAND IN EDGECOMBE AND HALIFAX COUNTIES**

Lower Fishing Creek game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (3) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (4) Target Shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0249 MAYO GAME LAND IN PERSON COUNTY**

Mayo Game Land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
  - (a) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (b) Christmas and New Year's Days; and
  - (c) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (3) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (4) Placement of docks, piers, and personal property for more than 24 consecutive hours on the shoreline or lakebed of Mayo Lake is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Amended Eff. January 1, 2026.

**15A NCAC 10D .0250 MITCHELL RIVER GAME LAND IN ALLEGHANY AND SURRY COUNTY**

Mitchell River game land is a Four Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Tuesday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0251 NANTAHALA GAME LAND IN CHEROKEE, CLAY, GRAHAM, JACKSON, MACON, SWAIN, AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES**

- (a) Nantahala game land is a Seven Days per Week Area.
- (b) In this game land Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
- (c) Dogs may be used to hunt feral swine during the open bear season established in 15A NCAC 10B .0202 and from January 1 through January 31.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.

**15A NCAC 10D .0252 NEEDMORE GAME LAND IN MACON AND SWAIN COUNTIES**

Needmore Game Land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (2) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
- (3) No antlerless deer shall be taken during the Deer With Visible Antler season.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. August 8, 2024;  
Amended Eff. February 1, 2025.

**15A NCAC 10D .0253 NEUSE RIVER GAME LAND IN CRAVEN COUNTY**

Neuse River game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Camping is allowed any time within 100 yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the game land that lies west of NC-43.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0254 NEW LAKE GAME LAND IN HYDE AND TYRRELL COUNTIES**

New Lake game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0255 NICHOLSON CREEK GAME LAND IN HOKE COUNTY**

Nicholson Creek game land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- (2) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter.

- (3) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
- (4) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (5) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (6) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (7) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:
  - (a) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and
  - (b) Swimming.
- (8) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0256 NORTH RIVER GAME LAND IN CAMDEN AND CURRITUCK COUNTIES**

North River game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- (3) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit.
- (4) All activities on the North River Game Land Waterfowl Impoundments except waterfowl hunting and trapping during the trapping season are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone from November 1 through March 15.
- (5) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.

**15A NCAC 10D .0257 NORTHWEST RIVER MARSH GAME LAND IN CURRITUCK COUNTY**

Northwest River Marsh game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- (3) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0258 PEE DEE RIVER GAME LAND IN ANSON, MONTGOMERY, RICHMOND, AND STANLY COUNTIES**

Pee Dee River game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (3) Horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only September 1 through May 15 only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- (4) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for training or hunting shall be prohibited on that portion south of US-74.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.

**15A NCAC 10D .0259 PERKINS GAME LAND IN DAVIE COUNTY**

Perkins game land is a Four Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Tuesday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- (3) Target Shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0260 PISGAH GAME LAND IN AVERY, BUNCOMBE, BURKE, CALDWELL, HAYWOOD, HENDERSON, MADISON, MCDOWELL, MITCHELL, TRANSYLVANIA, WATAUGA, AND YANCEY COUNTIES**

Pisgah Game Land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- (3) The use of bicycles shall be restricted to designated trails on the Linville River Tract (Burke County). Persons engaged in the act of hunting on the Linville River Tract during any open day of an applicable season for game birds or game animals shall be exempt from this restriction.
- (4) Alcohol and fires are prohibited on the Lutz Tract (Caldwell County).
- (5) Target shooting is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- (6) Entry on the Lutz Tract (Caldwell County) for purposes other than hunting, fishing, trapping, and posted use of trails and parking areas is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 7, 2025;  
Amended Eff. January 1, 2026.

**15A NCAC 10D .0261 POND MOUNTAIN GAME LAND IN ASHE COUNTY**

Pond Mountain game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August 31 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through May 15.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0262 PUNGO RIVER GAME LAND IN HYDE COUNTY**

- (a) Pungo River game land is a Six Days per Week Area.
- (b) On this game land deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0263 LITTLE FORK STATE FOREST GAME LAND IN WILKES COUNTY**

Little Fork State Forest game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (2) Bear hunting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022;

*Amended Eff. August 1, 2025; August 1, 2023.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0264 RHODES POND GAME LAND IN CUMBERLAND AND HARNETT COUNTIES**

- (a) Rhodes Pond game land is hunting by permit only.
- (b) On this game land swimming is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0265 ROANOKE RIVER WETLANDS IN BERTIE, HALIFAX, MARTIN, AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES**

Roanoke River Wetlands is hunting and trapping by Permit only, in which the following applies:

- (1) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business or by permit holders.
- (2) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however, that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the game land.
- (3) Target Shooting is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0266 ROANOKE ISLAND MARSHES GAME LAND IN DARE COUNTY**

Roanoke Island Marshes game land is hunting by Permit only.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0267 ROBESON GAME LAND IN ROBESON COUNTY**

Robeson game land is a Four Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. October 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0268 ROCKFISH CREEK GAME LAND IN HOKE COUNTY**

Rockfish Creek game land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- (2) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter.
- (3) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
- (4) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (5) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (6) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (7) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
- (8) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305; Eff. November 1, 2022.*

**15A NCAC 10D .0269 ROCKY RUN GAME LAND IN ONSLOW COUNTY**

- (a) Rocky Run game land is hunting by permit only.

(b) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305  
Eff. November 1, 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.

**15A NCAC 10D .0270 SAMPSON GAME LAND IN SAMPSON COUNTY**

Sampson game land is a Four Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (3) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0271 SANDHILLS GAME LAND IN HOKE, MOORE, RICHMOND, AND SCOTLAND COUNTIES**

Sandhills game land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from the Wednesday on or nearest October 18 through March 31 except as follows:
  - (a) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment on the open days of the archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with blackpowder firearms and archery equipment the open days of the blackpowder firearms season through the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be taken with all lawful weapons from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
  - (b) dove may be taken on open days from the opening day of the dove season through the third Saturday thereafter;
  - (c) gray and fox squirrel may be taken on open days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
  - (d) rabbit may be taken on open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
  - (e) waterfowl may be taken on open days during waterfowl season;
  - (f) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit Hunt; and
  - (g) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or nearest October 15 through the last day of February.
- (2) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
- (3) The archery season is on open days from the Saturday on or nearest to September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days during the archery season, by permit during the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this Subparagraph. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.
- (4) Blackpowder firearms season is the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days during the blackpowder firearms season. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.
- (5) Antlered and antlerless deer hunting during the All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers is by permit only.
- (6) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

- (7) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (8) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from the Wednesday on or nearest October 18 through March 31 is prohibited unless participating in authorized field trials. Horseback riding is allowed on the remainder of the Sandhills Game Land seven days per week on roads that are open to vehicular traffic and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- (9) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (10) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
- (11) Swimming is prohibited in the lakes.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
 Eff. October 1, 2022;  
 Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.

**15A NCAC 10D .0272 SANDY CREEK GAME LAND IN NASH AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES**

Sandy Creek game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (3) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (4) Target Shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
 Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0273 SANDY MUSH GAME LAND IN BUNCOMBE AND MADISON COUNTIES**

Sandy Mush game land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers season.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (3) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(f).
- (4) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of dove season.
- (5) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
 Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0274 SECOND CREEK GAME LAND IN ROWAN COUNTY**

Second Creek game land is hunting by permit only.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
 Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0275 SHOCCO CREEK GAME LAND IN FRANKLIN, HALIFAX, NASH, AND WARREN COUNTIES**

Shocco Creek game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (3) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (4) Target Shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
 Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0276 SOUTH MOUNTAINS GAME LAND IN BURKE, CLEVELAND, MCDOWELL, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES**

South Mountains game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) The Deer With Visible Antlers Season begins on the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the day immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this Rule. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms beginning two Saturdays preceding the first day of the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers described in this Rule through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (3) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:
  - (a) January 2 through March 31;
  - (b) May 16 through August 31;
  - (c) Sundays only - April 1 through May 15; and
  - (d) Sundays only - September 1 through January 1.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (5) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (6) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any posted and designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 5, 2024;  
Amended Eff. October 1, 2024.

**15A NCAC 10D .0277 STONES CREEK GAME LAND IN ONSLOW COUNTY**

Stones Creek game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- (3) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
- (4) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
  - (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (5) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (6) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0278 SUGGS MILL POND GAME LAND IN BLADEN AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES**

Suggs Mill Pond game land is hunting and trapping by permit only, in which the following applies:

- (1) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (2) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
  - (a) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
  - (b) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- (3) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).

- (4) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0279 SUGGS SUTTON LAKE GAME LAND IN NEW HANOVER AND BRUNSWICK COUNTIES**

Suggs Sutton Lake game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (2) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (3) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0280 TAR RIVER GAME LAND IN EDGECOMBE COUNTY**

- (a) Tar River game land is hunting by permit only.
- (b) On this game land Target Shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0281 TEXAS PLANTATION GAME LAND IN TYRRELL COUNTY**

Texas Plantation game land is hunting and trapping by permit only.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0282 THREE TOP MOUNTAIN GAME LAND IN ASHE COUNTY**

Three Top Mountain game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0283 THURMOND CHATHAM GAME LAND IN ALLEGHANY AND WILKES COUNTIES**

Thurmond Chatham game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license as required by G.S. 270.3(b)(3).
- (3) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.

**15A NCAC 10D .0284 TILLERY GAME LAND IN HALIFAX COUNTY**

Tillery game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (3) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (4) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (5) Target Shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0285 TOXAWAY GAME LAND IN JACKSON AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES**

Toxaway game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0286 UWHARRIE GAME LAND IN DAVIDSON, MONTGOMERY, AND RANDOLPH COUNTIES**

Uwharrie game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
  - (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (c) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (3) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0287 VANCE GAME LAND IN VANCE COUNTY**

Vance game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the Nutbush Peninsula tract.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0288 VAN SWAMP GAME LAND IN BEAUFORT AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES**

Van Swamp game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0289 VOICE OF AMERICA GAME LAND IN BEAUFORT COUNTY**

- (a) Voice of America game land is hunting and trapping by permit only.
- (b) On this game land Target Shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0290 WHITE OAK RIVER GAME LAND IN ONSLOW COUNTY**

White Oak River game land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Except as provided in Item (3) of this Rule, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
  - (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (3) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
- (4) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
  - (a) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d);
  - (b) hunting is by permit only; and
  - (c) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (5) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (6) Target Shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0291 WHITEHALL PLANTATION GAME LAND IN BLADEN AND PENDER COUNTIES**

Whitehall Plantation game land is hunting and trapping by permit only, in which the following applies:

- (1) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (2) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on the Long Ridge Tract.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. November 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0292 WILLIAM H. SILVER GAME LAND IN HAYWOOD COUNTY**

(a) William H. Silver game land is a Seven Days per Week Area.

(b) In this game land deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022.

**15A NCAC 10D .0293 YADKIN RIVER GAME LAND IN DAVIDSON, DAVIE, MONTGOMERY, ROWAN, AND STANLY COUNTIES**

Yadkin River game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken on the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. October 1, 2022;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2024.

**15A NCAC 10D .0294 NORTH BEND GAME LAND IN BURKE COUNTY**

North Bend game land is hunting by permit only. The following shall apply:

- (1) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated trails, except for hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (2) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (3) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. August 1, 2024.

**15A NCAC 10D .0295 PAYNES BRANCH GAME LAND IN FORSYTH AND STOKES COUNTIES**

Paynes Branch Game Land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- (2) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (3) Horseback riding is prohibited.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;  
Eff. February 1, 2026.