2026-2027 Season Dates

Deer

GREEN

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12	Oct. 9	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10	Oct. 16	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Antlerless Only
	Oct. 17	Jan. 10, 2027	Either-Sex

PINK Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Thomas

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12	Sept. 27	Antlered Bucks Only
	Sept. 28	Oct. 9	Either-Sex
	Jan. 16, 2027	Jan. 31, 2027	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10	Oct. 16	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Antlerless Only
	Oct. 17	Jan. 15, 2027	Either-Sex

YELLOW Rabun, Towns

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12	Oct. 9	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10	Oct. 16	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 17	Nov. 27	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Either-Sex
	Nov. 30	Dec. 31	Antlered Bucks Only
	Jan. 1, 2027	Jan. 1, 2027	Either-Sex
	Jan. 2, 2027	Jan. 10, 2027	Antlered Bucks Only

CYAN Fannin, Union

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12	Oct. 9	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10	Oct. 16	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 17	Nov. 5	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 6	Nov. 12	Either-Sex
	Nov. 13	Dec. 31	Antlered Bucks Only
	Jan. 1, 2027	Jan. 1, 2027	Either-Sex
	Jan. 2, 2027	Jan. 10, 2027	Antlered Bucks Only

GRAY Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Fulton

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12	Jan. 31, 2027	Either-Sex

ORANGE Dawson, Gilmer, Habersham, Lumpkin, Murray, Pickens, Stephens, Whitfield, White

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12	Oct. 9	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10	Oct. 16	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 17	Nov. 5	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 6	Nov. 12	Either-Sex
	Nov. 13	Nov. 19	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 20	Nov. 26	Either-Sex
	Nov. 27	Dec. 27	Antlered Bucks Only
	Dec. 28	Jan. 10, 2027	Either-Sex

EXTENDED ARCHERY SEASON

COUNTIES	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Baker, Barrow, Bibb, Calhoun, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Early, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Grady, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Miller, Mitchell, Muscogee, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, Seminole, & Thomas	Sept. 12	Jan. 31, 2027	Either-Sex

EXTENDED FIREARMS SEASON

COUNTIES	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Thomas, & Seminole	Oct. 17	Jan. 15, 2027	

BAG LIMITS & RESTRICTIONS

- 12 per season, statewide. No more than 10 may be antlerless and no more than 2 may be antlered. One of the 2 antlered deer must have at least 4 points, one inch or longer, on one side of the antlers or at least a 15-inch outside spread.
- In Hancock, Harris, Meriwether, Montgomery, Randolph, Talbot and Troup Counties, only antlered bucks with at least 4 points (one inch or longer) on either side or a 15-inch outside spread are legal. In Dooly and Macon Counties, antlered bucks must have a minimum 15-inch outside spread.
- Firearms deer hunting is not allowed in Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton (north of GA Highway 92), and that portion of Glynn County lying within Jekyll Island. In the portion of Forsyth County south of GA Highway 20, only shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used (no other firearms allowed).
- **Archery equipment may be used during Primitive Weapons and Firearms seasons. Any weapon legal for deer may be used during Firearms season. (*See graphic on the right for a guide to weapons allowed per season.)***



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Bear

SEASON	EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	BAG LIMITS & RESTRICTIONS
Northern Zone	Archery	Sept. 12	Oct. 9	• 2 per season; provided, however, that no more than 1 may be taken from the Central or Southern Bear Zones. **During the northern zone primitive weapons season, only youth may use any firearm legal for bear.* **CHECKING & TAGGING** • Bears killed during bonus deer hunts must be reported via Georgia Game Check and taken on the day of kill to the check station for sample collection and tagging. • Within 3 business days, bears (minimum of hide and skull) must be taken to any Game Management Office (except Fitzgerald) during regular business hours or to a state approved cooperator for biological data collection and tagging. • Harvested bears may also be checked at any WMA check station in the counties listed above that are open for a bear or bonus deer hunt between 8 a.m.–8 p.m.
	Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10	Oct. 16*	
	Firearms	Oct. 17	Jan. 10, 2027	
Central Zone	Firearms	Dec. 19**	-	• 2 per season; provided, however, that no more than 1 may be taken from the Central or Southern Bear Zones. ***A second day may be offered in the Central Bear Zone; check our website for details after December 14, 2025.* **CHECKING & TAGGING** • Harvested bears must be tagged at the Oaky Woods WMA check station between noon and 9 p.m. on the day of the hunt(s).
Southern Zone	Firearms	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	• 2 per season; provided, however, that no more than 1 may be taken from the Central or Southern Bear Zones. **CHECKING & TAGGING** • Bears (minimum of hide and skull) must be taken within 24 hours to one of the following locations or to a state approved cooperator for biological data collection and tagging: **Fargo Georgia Forestry Commission Office** Thursdays and Fridays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 12 p.m. - 9 p.m., all hunt days **Dixon Memorial WMA** Sept. 24-26; 8 a.m.–8 p.m. After hours, call 1-800-241-4113, or 912-262-3173 on the following business day to arrange tagging.
		Sept. 24	Sept. 26	
		Oct. 1	Oct. 3	
		Oct. 8	Oct. 10	

Turkey

SEASON	STARTING	ENDING	BAG LIMITS & RESTRICTIONS
Private Lands (Statewide)	Mar. 27, 2027	May 15, 2027	• 2 gobblers per season. Daily bag of 1 **Public lands are restricted to one gobbler per season per area.*
Public Lands (Statewide)	Apr. 3, 2027	May 15, 2027*	
Special Opportunity Youth/ Mobility-Impaired	Mar. 20, 2027	Mar. 21, 2027	• Only for youth under 16 years of age and mobility-impaired persons. **This season does not apply to public lands unless otherwise specified.**

Small Game

SPECIES	SEASON	STARTING	ENDING	BAG LIMITS & RESTRICTIONS
Alligator	Zone & Quota Limited	Aug. 14 (sunset)	Oct. 5 (sunrise)	1 per quota permit
Fox & Bobcat	Statewide	Dec. 1	Feb. 28, 2027	No limit
Grouse	Statewide	Oct. 15	Feb. 28, 2027	3 per day
	Falconry	Oct. 1	Mar. 15, 2027	
Opossum & Raccoon	Private Lands	No Closed Season		No limit
	Public Lands	Aug. 15	Feb. 28, 2027	
Quail	Statewide	Nov. 14	Feb. 28, 2027	12 per day. On public lands, bag limit is 3 per person unless stated otherwise in the area listing.
	Falconry	Oct. 1	Mar. 15, 2027	12 per day
Rabbit	Statewide	Nov. 14	Feb. 28, 2027	12 per day
	Falconry	Oct. 1	Mar. 15, 2027	
Squirrel	Statewide	Aug. 15	Feb. 28, 2027	12 per day
	Falconry	Aug. 15	Mar. 15, 2027	

Georgia Waterfowl regulations can be found at https://georgiawildlife.com/migratory-bird-info.