

# Deer & Bear Seasons on Private Lands [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife.html)



- Sunday hunting allowed on private lands.
- Archery and crossbows allowed during all seasons.
- Crossbows are considered archery equipment.
- Limit of 2 antlerless deer on posted either-sex days.
- Limits listed include deer taken on private & WMA lands.
- Individual Antlerless Deer Tags are not valid in Game Zone 1. Tags are valid in Game Zones 3-6 beginning Sept. 15 and in Game Zone 2 beginning Oct. 1. Individual tags are not valid on properties enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal limit or change the type of weapon that can be used during special weapons seasons.
- In Game Zones 1 and 2 it is unlawful to pursue deer with dogs and it is unlawful to bait for deer (50-11-310). Salt/minerals are not considered bait.

## Game Zone 1 Private Lands

Limit 5 antlered deer for all seasons combined.  
 Archery & Muzzleloaders: Oct. 1 - Oct. 10, Limit 2 per day, 2 deer total. Archers may take either-sex during all seasons (archery, muzzleloader, and gun). Muzzleloader is buck only.  
 Archery only: Oct. 17 - 30, Limit: 2 per day, 2 deer total  
 Gun Hunts: Limit: 2 per day, 7 deer total  
 Buck only: Oct. 11 - 16, Oct. 31 - Jan. 1  
 Either-Sex: Nov. 5, 12, 19

### Bear Seasons For Game Zone 1 ONLY

- Tag required to take bear (see Bear on page 28)
- Harvested bear must be reported within 24 hours to Clemson SCDNR at 864-654-1671, ext. 24.

<b>Still Hunt (No Dogs)</b>	Oct. 17-23	1 bear No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs. or less
<b>Party Dog Hunts</b>	Oct. 24-30	5 bears per party • No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs. or less • All parties (maximum party size of 25) must register by application due Sept. 1. For application call Clemson Office @ 864-654-1671 ext. 16 or 24 or download @ <a href="http://www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting">www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting</a> . Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.

## Statewide Youth Day

Private lands: Jan. 7th Limit 2 either-sex No tags required

## Game Zone 2 Private Lands

Limit 5 antlered deer for all seasons combined.  
 Archery: Sept. 15 - 30, Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total either-sex. Archers may take either-sex during all seasons (archery, muzzleloader and gun).  
 Muzzleloaders: Oct. 1 - 10, Limit 2 deer total, buck only  
 Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8  
 Gun Hunts: Oct. 11 - Jan. 1, Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total  
 Either-Sex: Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

## Game Zone 3 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.  
 Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.  
 Archery & Gun Hunts: Aug. 15 - Jan. 1, buck only  
 Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

## Game Zone 4 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.  
 Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.  
 Archery Only: Sept. 1-14, buck only  
 Gun Hunts: Sept. 15-Jan. 1, buck only  
 Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

## Game Zone 5 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.  
 Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.  
 Archery Only: Aug. 15-31, buck only  
 Gun Hunts: Sept. 1-Jan. 1, buck only  
 Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

## Game Zone 6 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.  
 Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.  
 Archery & Gun Hunts: Aug. 15 - Jan. 1, buck only  
 Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1