

Fort Bragg Wildlife Calendar



Version: June 2026

August 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 8-September 4: Scouting and dog training hours are from 90 minutes prior to sunrise until 16:00. Those interested in doing either must check in AND out. Failure to check out by the NLT time will result in a check in hold on your account. Special early deer season will be archery only, and only in those areas identified as CWD "primary surveillance" areas (Cumberland Co.).						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Scouting Opens Dog Training Opens
9	10 Closed No Open Activities	11 Closed No Open Activities	12	13	14	15
16	17 Closed No Open Activities	18 Closed No Open Activities	19	20	21	22 SE CWD Mgmt Area Special Early Deer Season Opens
23 SE CWD Mgmt Area Special Early Deer Season Closes	24 Closed No Open Activities	25 Closed No Open Activities	26	27	28	29
30	31 Closed No Open Activities					

September 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Once hunting begins on 2 September, scouting hours are 90 minutes prior to sunrise until 90 minutes after sunset.		1 Closed No Open Activities	2	3	4	5 Dove Opens Crow Opens* Early Canada Goose Opens
6 No Migratory Bird Hunting	7 Labor Day	8 Closed No Open Activities	9 Closed No Open Activities	10	11	12 Deer Archery Opens
13 No Migratory Bird Hunting	14 Closed No Open Activities	15 Closed No Open Activities	16	17	18	19
20 No Migratory Bird Hunting	21 Closed No Open Activities	22 Closed No Open Activities	23	24	25	26 Youth Deer Hunting Day**
27 Youth Deer Hunting Day**	28 Closed No Open Activities	29 Closed No Open Activities	30 Early Canada Goose Closes	*Crow hunting is authorized only on Wed, Fri and Sat (also on Labor Day, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day). **Youth hunters may hunt with any legal weapon for deer hunting in NC (archery, muzzleloader, rifle) on 9/26 & 9/27. ALL HUNTERS must wear blaze orange while in the woods, regardless of hunting area, on these two days.		

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October 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Once blackpowder begins on 10/3 all hunters must wear blaze orange while in the woods, even if hunting in a permanent Archery Only area. Waterfowl and dove hunters must wear it while moving to and from your blind but may remove and conceal it once situated.				1	2	3 Blackpowder Opens
4 No Migratory Bird Hunting	5 Closed No Open Activities	6 Closed No Open Activities	7	8	9	10 Dove Closes
11 No Migratory Bird Hunting	12 Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples' Day Bobcat, Gray & Fox Squirrel, Opossum, Rabbit, Raccoon Open	13 Closed No Open Activities	14 Closed No Open Activities	15 Waterfowl Opens	16	17 Deer Rifle Opens Duck Closes
18 No Migratory Bird Hunting	19 Closed No Open Activities	20 Closed No Open Activities	21	22	23	24 Canada Goose Closes
25 No Migratory Bird Hunting	26 Closed No Open Activities	27 Closed No Open Activities	28	29	30	31

November 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Migratory Bird Hunting	2 Closed No Open Activities	3 Closed No Open Activities	4	5	6	7 Dove Opens Waterfowl Opens
8 No Migratory Bird Hunting	9 Closed No Open Activities	10 Closed No Open Activities	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15 No Migratory Bird Hunting	16 Closed No Open Activities	17 Closed No Open Activities	Post Clean-Up: Archery Only No Hunting with Firearms			21 Quail Opens
22 No Migratory Bird Hunting	23 Closed No Open Activities	24 Closed No Open Activities	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28 Duck Closes Dove Closes
29 No Migratory Bird Hunting	30 Closed No Open Activities	Due to half day scheduling around the holidays, Fort Bragg will be open to hunt every day between 12/16 and 1/3/27, with the exception of 12/24 and 12/25. Hunting is closed those days. Deer season concludes on Friday, 1 January 2027. For more information regarding youth/military/veteran waterfowl days, please visit the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission website http://www.eregulations.com/northcarolina/hunting-fishing/migratory-game-bird-seasons/				

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December 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Closed No Open Activities	2	3	4	5 Youth/Veteran/ Military Waterfowl Day <i>Canada goose closes</i>
6 No Migratory Bird Hunting	7 Closed No Open Activities	8 Closed No Open Activities	9	10 <i>Woodcock Opens</i>	11	12
13 No Migratory Bird Hunting	14 Closed No Open Activities	15 Closed No Open Activities	16 <i>Dove Opens</i>	17 <i>Canada Goose Opens</i>	18 <i>Duck Opens</i>	19
20 No Migratory Bird Hunting	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve No Open Activities</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day No Open Activities</i>	26
27 No Migratory Bird Hunting	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>		

January 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Beginning on 1/2/27, coyote and squirrel (gray and/or fox) hunting with a rifle will be authorized in lettered training areas that have been cleared by Range Control. Hunting will conclude on 28 February 27. Fox squirrel closes on 31 January.					1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Deer closes</i>	2
3 No Migratory Bird Hunting	4 Closed No Open Activities	5 Closed No Open Activities	6	7	8	9
10 No Migratory Bird Hunting	11 Closed No Open Activities	12 Closed No Open Activities	13	14	15	16
17 No Migratory Bird Hunting	18 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	19 Closed No Open Activities	20 Closed No Open Activities	21	22	23
24 No Migratory Bird Hunting	25 Closed No Open Activities	26 Closed No Open Activities	27	28	29	30 <i>Woodcock Closes</i> <i>Duck Closes</i> <i>Dove Closes</i>
31 <i>Fox Squirrel Closes</i>						

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February 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Closed No Open Activities	2 Closed No Open Activities	3	4	5	6 Youth/Veteran/ Military Waterfowl Day Canada Goose Closes
7	8 Closed No Open Activities	9 Closed No Open Activities	10	11	12	13
14	15 Presidents Day	16 Closed No Open Activities	17 Closed No Open Activities	18	19	20
21	22 Closed No Open Activities	23 Closed No Open Activities	24	25	26	27 Crow closes
28	Bobcat, Coyote, Gray squirrel, Opossum, Quail, Rabbit, and Raccoon close For more information regarding youth/military/veteran waterfowl days, please visit the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission website http://www.eregulations.com/northcarolina/hunting-fishing/migratory-game-bird-seasons/					

March 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Closed No Open Activities	2 Closed No Open Activities	3	4	5	6
7	8 Closed No Open Activities	9 Closed No Open Activities	10	11	12	13
14	15 Closed No Open Activities	16 Closed No Open Activities	17	18	19	20
21	22 Closed No Open Activities	23 Closed No Open Activities	24	25	26 Dog Training Closes	27 Scouting Opens
28	29 Closed No Open Activities	30 Closed No Open Activities	31	During turkey season, hunters (and scouters on available days) may check in beginning at 04:00 on the day of the activity. Check out time is 12:00 (noon).		

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April 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NCWRC changed the Youth Hunt days beginning in 2026. Take note that the Youth Only days are on Saturday 4/10 and Sunday 4/11. Scouting is closed on these days, and closes for the remainder of the turkey season once the main season opens on 4/17.				1	2	3
4	5 Closed No Open Activities	6 Closed No Open Activities	7	8	9	10 Youth Turkey Opens Scouting Closed
11 Youth Turkey Closes Scouting Closed	12 Closed No Open Activities	13 Closed No Open Activities	14	15	16 Scouting Closes	17 Turkey Opens
18	19 Closed No Open Activities	20 Closed No Open Activities	21	22	23	24
25	26 Closed No Open Activities	27 Closed No Open Activities	28	29	30	

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May 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Closed No Open Activities	4 Closed No Open Activities	5	6	7	8
9	10 Closed No Open Activities	11 Closed No Open Activities	12	13	14	15 Turkey Closes
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					

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