

Trapper Education



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Instructed by volunteers from the
NC Trappers Association

Organizations That Support

Fox Trapping Seasons

- NC Bowhunter's Association
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Delta Waterfowl
- U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance
- National Trappers Association
- Fur Takers of America

Benefits of Regulated Trapping

- Regulated Trapping provides many benefits:
 1. Property protection
 2. Disease control
 3. Habitat protection
 4. Wildlife research
 5. Wildlife restoration
 6. Endangered species protection
- Trapping can target individual problem animals.
- Trapping removes the surplus to maintain a balanced, healthy ecosystem.
- Trapping helps reduce rabies and other diseases.
- Trapping proactively reduces property damages caused by wildlife at little to no cost to tax payers.
- Trapping is only allowed for wildlife that is abundant.
- No county with a fox trapping season has experienced foxes becoming rare.
- Scientifically-based research has improved the welfare/humaneness of traps.
- Trapping is safe and a critical component in managing wildlife populations.
- Trapping is more efficient than hunting:
On average, trappers take 7-9 coyote for every 1 coyote taken by a hunter.



Why Pass County Fox Laws?



Credit: NCTA

The North Carolina Trappers
Association
*Promoting Responsible Trapping
since 1972*

Why Can't Foxes be Trapped in this County?

- Unlike all other wildlife, the state wildlife agency has no authority to allow foxes to be taken during the regulated trapping season.
- Only the North Carolina General Assembly has the authority to allow fox trapping in a county through passage of a local law.
- County support helps get a local law introduced .

Landowner Rights

- Landowners should be able to manage fox and coyote conflicts on their land.
- The trapper is on the property because the landowner wants the trapper to be there.
- Trapping is highly regulated where trappers follow strict rules enforced by the state.
- State law requires written landowner permission to set traps.
- Trapper's must have name and address on all traps.
- A trapping license is required.
- There are restrictions on the trap size that can be set on land.
- Trapping season is limited to fall and winter, when pelts are prime young are independent.
- In all 100 counties, trappers can trap several wildlife species during the trapping season, but must release foxes if no local law.

Fox Seasons Remove More Coyotes

- Counties without a fox trapping season are a barrier to coyote trapping. Why?
 - Trappers have to release any fox they catch so less incentive to trap coyotes.
- Harvest data shows counties with local fox laws have increased harvest of coyotes:
 - Coyote harvest is 61% higher in counties with a fox trapping season than in counties with no fox trapping season.
- In the 2012 Fox and Coyote Populations Study Report to the NC General Assembly, the state wildlife agency **recommended that state law be changed to allow foxes to be taken during the regulated trapping season.**



Reports/Additional Information:

www.ncwildlife.org/coyote
www.ncwildlife.org/foxseasons

Red and Grey Fox Renewable Resources



NC Wildlife Resources Commission recommendations include:

- Expand trapping opportunities on foxes.
- Allowing trapping of foxes during the statewide furbearer trapping season will increase the harvest of coyotes.
- Promote Best Management Practices for trapping.

Implementing these recommendations will increase proactive options available to landowners to prevent or resolve fox and coyote related conflicts.

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