

JK Fencing Examines Garden Fence Design as Seasonal Deer Movement Increases

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BOGART, GA - November 24, 2026 -
A state wildlife advisory on increased fall deer movement brings garden boundaries into focus for homeowners near Bogart. JK Fencing, which installs residential and agricultural fencing in northeast Georgia, offers deer fencing among its agricultural options.

In its October 29 advisory, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources said the breeding season can increase deer movement across the state. The agency noted that breeding occurs between October and late December, depending on location, and that deer are most active around dawn and dusk. The advisory concerns movement and road safety, not a measured increase in damage to individual gardens.

The timing of that movement can matter to a property with a vegetable garden or ornamental plantings. Deer may encounter residential landscapes while moving through an area, and garden plants can provide food. The wildlife agency notes that roadside plants can attract deer during extremely dry periods and after a long winter, when available forage may change.

University of Georgia Extension describes deer as a garden concern in both urban and rural settings. Its garden fencing guidance notes that deer can jump high and may also go underneath a fence when an opening allows it. A fence intended to protect a planting area needs to address the whole boundary, not just the most visible side.

For deer exclusion, the university recommends considering a minimum fence height of six to eight feet and anchoring the fence to the ground. That range is guidance for planning, not a guarantee that deer will stay out. A workable design also depends on local restrictions, the ground, the pressure on the fence, and how well the enclosure is maintained.

A gate can leave the same access problem as a low section of fence if it does not close securely or leaves a gap underneath. Uneven ground can create openings along the bottom of a run, particularly where the grade changes. Following the ground and checking the space under gates can help close routes that a deer might otherwise use.

The size and placement of openings in a fence matter as well. An open rail boundary may define a garden without forming a continuous barrier, while wire mesh can fill the spaces between structural members. Mesh should be selected for the animals the enclosure is intended to exclude; fencing chosen for deer alone may not keep smaller animals out.

Materials also influence how a garden boundary is built and maintained. University guidance discusses woven and welded wire, solid panels, and supported plastic fencing as options for different garden purposes. Wire gauge, the finish on metal, the durability of posts, and the way the material is secured all deserve attention when the fence must stand outdoors through changing conditions.

The protected area need not be the entire property. A smaller enclosure around the plants at risk may leave more of the yard open while making gates and the fence line easier to inspect. Fallen limbs, loose fasteners, changes in the soil, and gaps under a gate can affect a barrier after installation, making periodic checks important.

Before a fence is built or modified, the property owner should confirm the boundary, necessary access, and the rules that apply to the actual address. Local zoning, easements, and neighborhood covenants can affect placement or height. A Bogart mailing address alone does not establish which jurisdiction governs a particular lot.

The fall breeding period is one reason to assess garden protection, but it is not proof of a migration route or a forecast for a particular yard. Deer activity varies with habitat, weather, available food, and local conditions,

and the fence should be planned around the site rather than an assumed movement date.

Based in Bogart, Georgia, JK Fencing installs fencing for residential, commercial, and agricultural properties in northeast Georgia. Its agricultural work includes deer fencing and wire options for areas such as plantings; its services also include fence planning, post installation, and gates.

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