

Open Gate

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Open Gate Program

Open Gate is a voluntary access program available to landowners statewide. Its primary purpose is to provide sportsmen and women with more places to hunt, fish, and trap. To accomplish this, NMDGF leases lands and waters for a variety of hunting, fishing, and trapping seasons. Hunting, trapping and fishing are allowed only during the seasons and dates that the landowner specifies in his/her lease agreement.

Information about current Open Gate leases may be found on the NMDGF website listed above. Hunters and anglers can use this information to locate and learn about properties that match their interests.

Some properties may have special rules for certain activities. These rules will be posted on the property. It is the responsibility of the individual using the property to know and obey posted rules. Citations can be issued for violation of any rules or regulations.

Be a Respectful and Courteous Guest

- Leave all gates as you found them.
- Don't block gates or roads with parked vehicles.
- Don't shoot towards livestock, buildings or equipment.
- Pick up any trash along the way.
- If you see the landowner, don't forget to offer an appreciative *thank you!*

Landowners Can Earn Extra Cash for a Hunting Lease

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is interested in leasing more lands with good habitat for hunting, fishing, and trapping. Landowners can sign an agreement with NMDGF and receive a per-acre payment. Under some circumstances, NMDGF will pay for right-of-way across the property of a landowner, so hunters and anglers can access large tracts of State Trust and federal lands. The State of New Mexico provides liability protection to landowners who participate in Open Gate.

Funding for the program is provided from a portion of annual Habitat Management & Access Validation sales. To learn more about the Open Gate program, please visit: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or telephone: (505) 476-8040.

