

Turkey

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Over-the-Counter Licenses and Draw Permits

(See *Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following*, page 20.)

Draw Permit Hunts

Application for these draw permits must be made by Feb. 10, 2016, including a nonrefundable application fee: \$7 per residents and \$13 per nonresidents. Up to two applicants may apply on each application. Successful applicants must purchase an Over-the-Counter Turkey License and a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunters and trappers on Forest Service or BLM lands. **Youth-Only Hunts:** Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of either a Hunter Education or Mentored-Youth Hunter number (pages 8, 9) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm.

General License Information

Turkey hunters may purchase a license for the spring and/or fall hunting seasons.

Licenses and Tags

Resident and nonresident spring or fall Over-the-Counter Turkey Licenses are available online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, by telephone: 1-888-248-6866 and at NMDGF offices and license vendors. Hunters may purchase both spring and fall licenses. Spring turkey licenses are valid for two bearded turkeys, except as restricted by permit or area.

Note: If applying for the draw and planning to participate in the Spring Turkey Hunt, **do not request a refund** of your Game-hunting License. All customers who **do not request a refund** on their application will be issued a Game-hunting License by April 1, 2016. Your license will be available in your NMDGF account.

License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
Spring	\$25	\$100
Fall	\$25	\$100

A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required (page 10). A Habitat Stamp is required on Forest Service and BLM lands (page 10).

Legal Sporting Arms

Any shotgun, including muzzleloading shotguns using shot only; Bow and arrow or crossbow and bolt. No centerfire or rimfire rifle or handgun use is allowed. Nontoxic shot is required on all WMAs. It is illegal to shoot a turkey roosting in a tree or on a structure.

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Unit 34: Grapevine Canyon (McGregor Range Buffer Zone) is accessible by military permission only. **Units 10, 13, 18 and 20:** These units are subject to closure by the Forest Service or the military during operations. **Closed Areas:** The following are closed to turkey hunting (except as permitted by regulation): Orilla Verde and portions of the Wild Rivers Recreation Area; Taos Valley Overlook; all WMAs; the Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area; and the Rattlesnake Canyon Closure area in Unit 2A.

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Over-the-Counter (OTC) License Hunts

Areas Open for Spring OTC License Hunts: April 15–May 10

Unit 2A (except areas east of NM Hwy. 550 and north of NM Hwy. 173/Rattlesnake Canyon Closure area); Unit 2C (except areas east of Largo Canyon); Unit 4 (including WMAs); Units 5, 6A, 6C, 7; Unit 9 (including Water Canyon WMA); Units 10, 12–13; Unit 14 (archery only in Sandia Ranger District); Units 15–18, 20–24, 29, 32, 34, 36–39, 40–43, 45–49, 51–53; Unit 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA); Unit 55 (Colin Neblett and E.S. Barker WMAs, Valle Vidal area by permit only) Unit 56; Unit 57 (archery only in Sugarite Canyon State Park); Units 58, 59.

Youth-Only Spring OTC License Hunt: April 8–10

An early Youth-Only Turkey Hunt opportunity is scheduled for April 8–10 in all units listed open for spring hunting. Hunter Education and/or Mentored-Youth Program requirements are listed on pages 8–9.

Bag Limit for Spring Season

The bag limit is 2 bearded turkeys, except as restricted by permit or area.⁽¹⁾ The beard and a patch of feathers surrounding the beard must remain on the bird until it is delivered to the place where it will be eaten or placed in final storage.

(1) If successful in a draw hunt restricted by permit or area with a bag limit of one, one additional turkey may be hunted in the Areas Open for Spring OTC License Hunts listed above.

Areas Open for Fall OTC License Hunts

Sept. 1–30 (archery only) and **Nov. 1–30** (any legal sporting arm).

Unit 2A (except areas east of N.M. Hwy. 550 and north of N.M. Hwy. 173/Rattlesnake Canyon Closure area); Unit 2C (except areas east of Largo Canyon); Units 5B, 6A, 6C, 7; Unit 9 (including Water Canyon WMA); Units 10, 12–13; Units 15–17, 21–24, 29, 32, 34, 36–37, 40–42, 45–48, 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA); Unit 55 (including Colin Neblett WMA, but excluding E.S. Barker and Urraca WMAs and Valle Vidal / Greenwood); Units 56, 57 (excluding Sugarite Canyon State Park); Units 58, 59.

Bag Limit for Fall Season

The bag limit is any one turkey in the units listed (see above 'Areas Open for Fall OTC License Hunts'). If a hunter does not harvest a turkey during the September Archery Only Hunt, she/he may hunt again in November using any legal sporting arm for turkey.

Open Areas and Bag Limits For Draw Permit Hunts

Hunt Area	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Permits	Bag Limit
Unit 2 (Excluding the Rattlesnake Canyon Closure area) _____				
2	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–100	115	1 bearded turkey
2 - Youth Only	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–101	50	1 bearded turkey
Unit 2A (Including the Rattlesnake Canyon Closure area) _____				
2A - Youth Only	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–102	.5	1 bearded turkey
Unit 6B¹ (Valles Caldera National Preserve) _____				
	Apr. 15–30	TUR–1–113	20	1 bearded turkey
¹ All hunters and participants in any firearm hunt on Unit 6B Valles Caldera National Preserve must wear a minimum of 244 square inches of blaze orange. Hunter orientation required (page 29).				
Unit 8 (Sandia Ranger District, Archery Only) _____				
8	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–103	10	1 bearded turkey
Unit 9 Marquez WMA (NM Resident Only) _____				
	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–104	5	2 bearded turkeys
Unit 33 - W.S. Huey WMA (Youth Only, NM Resident Only) _____				
	Apr. 9–10	TUR–1–105	2	1 bearded turkey
Unit 33 - W.S. Huey WMA (Youth Only, NM Resident Only) _____				
	Apr. 16–17	TUR–1–106	2	1 bearded turkey
Unit 55 - Valle Vidal and Greenwood Area _____				
	Apr. 15–30	TUR–1–112	20	1 bearded turkey

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Youth Spring Turkey Hunt

The Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge will conduct a Youth Spring Turkey Hunt for hunters younger than 18 years of age. Hunts will be held on weekends during April and May, 2016 in conjunction with season frameworks established by the New Mexico State Game Commission. The bag limit is one bearded turkey. Eligible hunters will be drawn from a pool of qualified applicants. An application fee of \$6 is required per application. Applications will be available beginning Feb. 2, 2016 at: www.bdanwrpermits.com. For more information about hunting opportunities at Bosque del Apache NWR telephone (575) 835-1828.