

Oryx Draw Licenses

(See *Big Game Rules: While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following*, page 18.)

Application and Licenses

The majority of these hunts occur on the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). No more than two persons may apply on each application. Applicants may designate up to three hunt-code choices. Application must be made by March 22, 2017. Only U.S. citizens may apply for WSMR Population Management Hunts. Foreign nationals may apply for Premier Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts, however, if drawn they must be escorted at all times by an authorized WSMR official while on the WSMR.

All Premier, Broken Horn, Returning Veteran and Youth-Only Oryx Hunts are three-day hunts. Friday will be primarily for checking into WSMR. If no military missions are scheduled, hunting may be allowed on Friday afternoons after check-in. Additional information concerning Friday opportunities will be included with a letter which will be sent to each license holder.

Military authorities may delay or cancel hunts if public safety is of concern. The number of licenses issued may be reduced below the maximum number listed, if population survey results warrant.

License Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
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All hunts, except Private-land Hunts	\$160	\$1,623
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Individuals applying for an Oryx Draw License must pay the license and nonrefundable application fee at the time of application. A Habitat Management & Access Validation is required.

Hunts taking place off the WSMR range require a Habitat Management Stamp.

Hunts on the WSMR range will be charged a \$150 per hunter access fee. Successful WSMR-range applicants will receive an email from WSMR with instructions for fee payment. Hunters are responsible for timely payment and will not be allowed to hunt if the access fee has not been paid by the specified deadline.

White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Security

Hunters who successfully draw for a WSMR hunt (guests included) must first complete a security-background check to be allowed on WSMR. Security-background registration forms will be sent in advance to all successful license holders prior to the hunt. All hunters (guests included) must have completed forms approved prior to being allowed access to WSMR. Vehicles entering WSMR are subject to search by WSMR security officers.

WSMR bans all alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, camcorders, radar detectors and concealed weapons. Discovery of banned items and/or failure to comply with WSMR requirements or other laws and regulation can result in revocation of hunting privileges on WSMR. Violators will not be afforded opportunity to correct violations. If escorted off WSMR, license fees are nonrefundable.

What You Must Know Before You Hunt

Blaze-Orange Clothing: Hunters (guests included) must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on military property. **Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts:** All Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunts are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts. **Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt:** Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts **are not** Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts (page 135). Those who have held an Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx License **may apply** for a Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt. **Bag Limit:** ES (any oryx of either sex); BHO (any broken-horn oryx).

Special Restrictions

- All Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunts are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts and **may not be applied for if previously held**. If another oryx license type (such as the Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt) has been previously held, applicants remain eligible and may still apply for Premier and Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Oryx Hunt.
- No more than three hunt choices may be designated on each application. For questions about eligibility for a license, contact any NMDGF area office or telephone: 1-888-248-6866.
- Successful applicants will receive an email from WSMR with instructions how to check-in and check-out of the WSMR, as well as a hunt-area map, identifying closed areas where no hunting will be allowed.
- No more than three guests may accompany each licensed hunter to assist in cleaning and loading a downed oryx. **Only U.S. citizens** may be guests of permitted hunters, unless guests of an approved foreign-national hunter with an official escort. No additional help for cleaning and loading will be available. Guests may not help the licensed hunter kill the oryx.

Hunting Guides: White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) only allows use of outfitters and guides for Oryx Once-in-a-Lifetime, Youth-Only and Mobility-Impaired Hunts. Only those outfitters and guides registered with WSMR **in advance of the hunt** will be allowed to operate on the range. **Outfitters and guides are not authorized for Population-Management Hunts.** It is the hunter's responsibility to verify that an outfitter or guide is in compliance with WSMR policies. For further information about registration requirements contact White Sands Missile Range at: (575) 678-7909 or (575) 678-7095.

Legal Sporting Arms: Centerfire rifle or handgun, .24 caliber or larger; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; bow and arrows; crossbow and bolts; or muzzleloading rifle no smaller than .45 caliber.

Premier Hunts (These are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Rhodes Canyon - Mobility Impaired Only	Sept. 1-3.	ORX-1-101 . . . . .	.20 . . . . .	.ES
Stallion Range	Oct. 13-15	ORX-1-102 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 10-12	ORX-1-104 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES
Stallion Range	Jan. 5-7, '18	ORX-1-106 . . . . .	.45 . . . . .	.ES
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 19-21, '18	ORX-1-10845ES
Stallion Range	Feb. 16-18, '18	ORX-1-11045ES

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Licenses, applications, harvest reporting and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Youth-Only Hunt (This is not an Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt.)

Applicants must be younger than 18 years of age on opening day of the hunt and provide proof of a Hunter Education number (page 24) to apply and carry a certification number (required) while hunting with a firearm.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Rhodes Canyon - Youth Only	Sept. 1-3	ORX-1-100. . . . .	.30 . . . . .	.ES

Broken-Horn Oryx Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Those who have held an Once-in-a-Lifetime Oryx License **may apply** for a Broken-Horn Oryx Hunt.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range	Oct. 13-15	ORX-1-118 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Nov. 10-12	ORX-1-119 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	.BHO
Stallion Range	Jan. 5-7, '18	ORX-1-120. . . . .	.15 . . . . .	.BHO
Rhodes Canyon	Jan. 19-21, '18.	ORX-1-121 . . . . .	.15 . . . . .	.BHO
Stallion Range	Feb. 16-18, '18	ORX-1-122. . . . .	.15 . . . . .	.BHO



White Sands Missile Range Population Management Hunts

(These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Oryx population management hunts may occur on WSMR.

Hunts may occur on two types of areas, standard-hunt areas and secure-hunt areas (formally Security Badged Hunt areas). United States citizenship is required.

Standard-hunt areas: Applicants should choose the 5th-choice oryx hunt option when applying.

Secure-hunt areas: To also be eligible for secure-hunt areas, applicants must have arranged with an approved WSMR 2017 Security Sponsor. An approved Security Sponsor will provide a hunt-authorization code that the applicant must enter in his/her oryx 5th-choice management hunt application. This sponsor must apply and be approved for a WSMR security-sponsor permit by February 15, 2017.

Do not apply if you do not have an approved Security Sponsor. Hunters unaccompanied by a sponsor will be denied access to the hunt. If uncertain about your eligibility, please telephone WSMR: 1-575-678-7909 or NMDGF: 1-888-248-6866.

Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Resident Veterans Only Hunts

(These are Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

The hunts listed below have been established for New Mexico resident veterans who have served on active military duty in Iraq or Afghanistan (see 'Oryx Hunts for Iraq-Afghanistan Returnees,' page 12). All hunts are held on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). No more than two persons may apply on each application. Application must be made by March 22, 2017. **Proof of**

Military Service Required: Each year, applicants must provide proof of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan before the application deadline. A **copy** of Orders or DD-214 can be emailed: specialhunts@state.nm.us, faxed: (505) 476-8180, or mailed to: NMDGF, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504. **Blaze-Orange Clothing:** Hunters must wear at least 244 square inches of blaze-orange clothing while hunting on military property.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Oct. 13–15	ORX-1-103	.5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Nov. 10–12	ORX-1-105	.5	.ES
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Jan. 5–7, '18	ORX-1-107	.5	.ES
Rhodes Canyon - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Jan. 19–21, '18	ORX-1-109	.5	.ES
Stallion Range - I/A Resident Veterans Only	Feb. 16–18, '18	ORX-1-111	.5	.ES

Off-WSMR Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Open Areas: Lands administered by the Forest Service and BLM, State Trust Land, and private property with written permission. **Closed Areas:** White Sands Missile Range, Jornada Experimental Range, San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, Holloman Air Force Base, Fort Bliss / McGregor areas in units 19 and 28, and other lands closed to hunting.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
Statewide, off-range	June 1-30	ORX-1-204 . . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	June 1-30	ORX-1-205 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	July 1-31	ORX-1-206 . . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	July 1-31	ORX-1-207 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-208 . . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Aug. 1-31	ORX-1-209 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-210 . . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Sept. 1-30	ORX-1-211 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-212 . . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Oct. 1-31	ORX-1-213 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-214 . . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Nov. 1-30	ORX-1-215 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-216 . . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Dec. 1-31	ORX-1-217 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Jan. 1-31, '18	ORX-1-218 . . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Jan. 1-31, '18	ORX-1-219 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Feb. 1-28, '18	ORX-1-220 . . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Feb. 1-28, '18	ORX-1-221 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range	Mar. 1-31, '18	ORX-1-222 . . . . .	.60 . . . . .	.ES
Statewide, off-range Youth Only	Mar. 1-31, '18	ORX-1-223 . . . . .	.18 . . . . .	.ES

Private-land Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

License Fees	Resident	Nonresident
Private-land License:	\$153	\$1,610

Private-land Oryx Licenses are valid only on deeded private land. Hunters must obtain and possess written permission from the landowner. Private-land Oryx Licenses are valid for a period of one month and must correspond to the hunt dates, eligibility requirements/restrictions, sporting arm type and bag limits listed in the above table, 'Off-WSMR Hunts'. In addition to the dates listed above statewide private-land, off-range licenses are available for April and May. Licenses are available at NMDGF offices, online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, or by telephone:

1-888-248-6866.

McGregor Range Hunts (These are not Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunts.)

Hunts are on lands administered by Fort Bliss. All hunters may apply for the ORX-1-224 and the ORX-1-226 hunt. Applicants for Fort Bliss/McGregor Range hunts must possess proof of successfully completing a certified Hunter Education Course before the hunt. Applicants for military only hunts must submit proof of current active-duty status prior to the application deadline (page 11).

All hunters must wear a blaze-orange hat and hunting vest while hunting. Hunters may be required to visit El Paso, Texas to obtain an access pass. For further information, contact Fort Bliss: brian.a.locke.civ@mail.mil.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
McGregor Range.	Dec. 2-3.	ORX-1-226. . . . .	.25 . . .	.ES
McGregor Range - Military Only.	Dec. 2-3.	ORX-1-227. . . . .	.25 . . .	.ES
McGregor Range.	Jan. 13-14, '18	ORX-1-224. . . . .	.25 . . .	.ES
McGregor Range - Military Only.	Jan. 13-14, '18	ORX-1-225. . . . .	.25 . . .	.ES

