

Barbary Sheep

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

General Information

- While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 9)
- All Barbary Sheep Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 31–32)
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–14)
- Legal Sporting Arms for Barbary Sheep Hunting (see page 30)
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 44)

Barbary Sheep Draw Licenses

Deadline to apply for Barbary Sheep Draw Licenses is March 20, 2019. Up to four persons may apply per application.

Successful applicants will be mailed a Barbary Sheep Draw License/tag. The license includes a hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Bag Limit: Any Barbary sheep.

Over-the-Counter Licenses

Over-the-Counter Barbary Sheep Licenses for public and private lands are available at license vendors, NMDGF offices, online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or by telephone: 1-888-248-6866. If planning to hunt within 14 days of online or telephone purchase, hunters may be required to obtain tags at a license vendor or NMDGF office. When obtaining a Private-land Only Barbary Sheep License, the hunter must select a hunt code which corresponds with a Barbary Sheep Draw Hunt Code for the unit, bag limit, sporting arm type and season date.

Private-land Only Barbary Sheep Licenses

To hunt on private-land only, hunters must obtain a Private-land Only Barbary Sheep License and tag—available online, by telephone, from license vendors or at NMDGF offices. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags. When obtaining a Private-land Only Barbary Sheep License, the hunter must select a hunt code which corresponds with a Barbary Sheep-Draw Hunt Code for the unit(s), bag limit, sporting arm type(s) and season date.

Barbary Sheep Draw Licenses: Seasons for All Sporting Arms

All public draw Barbary sheep licenses (with the exception of McGregor range license holders who are stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX and have paid the resident fees) shall also be valid for over-the-counter hunt areas with any legal sporting arm.

Closed Areas: Units 8, 13, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27; WSMR and Fort Bliss portions of Unit 19; all WMAs (except Water Canyon). **McGregor Range Hunts:** See page 44.

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Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
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Unit 28 McGregor Range _____

Any Legal	Dec. 28–29BBY–1–110.	20.	ES
Any Legal - Military Only.	Dec. 28–29BBY–1–111.	20.	ES

Units 29, 30 _____

Bow	Jan. 1–15, '20 . . . . .	.BBY–2–105.	75.	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 12–16 . . . . .	.BBY–1–106.	100.	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 7–20 . . . . .	.BBY–1–107.	250.	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 20–Feb. 2 '20 . . . . .	.BBY–1–108.	250.	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 15–Feb. 28 '20. . . . .	.BBY–1–109.	250.	ES

Units 32, 34⁽²⁾, 36, 37 _____

Bow	Jan. 1–15, '20 . . . . .	.BBY–2–100	75.	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 12–16 . . . . .	.BBY–1–101.	75.	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 7–20 . . . . .	.BBY–1–102.	225.	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 20–Feb. 2 '20 . . . . .	.BBY–1–103.	225.	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 13–26 '20. . . . .	.BBY–1–104.	225.	ES

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Public-land Hunt

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Licenses	Bag
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Units 2, 4–7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19 (portion outside WSMR and Fort Bliss), _____
and 21, 25, 31, 33, 34⁽¹⁾, 38–59

Any Legal	Apr. 1–Mar. 31, '20BBY–1–300	Unlimited.	ES
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⁽¹⁾ BBY-1-300: The western portion of GMU 34 shall be open to over-the-counter licenses. The eastern portion of GMU 34 shall be closed to any license holder of a BBY-1-300 license. The boundary dividing the western portion of GMU 34 is the line beginning at the junction of NM Hwy 244 and the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation and traveling south to US Hwy 82. Hwy 82 to NM Hwy 130 south to NM Hwy 6563 continuing south as it transitions to County Road E12 (Sacramento River Road). County Road E 12 south to the Unit 34/GMU 28 boundary.

⁽²⁾ Barbary sheep hunters in GMU 34 should beware that bighorn sheep may be present (see page 102).





Barbary sheep (top): Both males and females have shaggy front quarters and are sand colored. Males have crescent-shaped horns. NMDGF photo.

Bighorn sheep (right) are grey-brown colored and have white hindquarters. Immature males that have not fully grown curled horns may resemble Barbary sheep at first glance. NMDGF photo by Clint Henson.

