

Turkey

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General Information

- While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following (page 9)
- All Turkey Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 31–32)
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–14)
- Legal Sporting Arms for Turkey Hunting (see pages 30–31)
- Youth-only Hunts (see page 15)

Turkey Draw Permits

Deadline to apply for Turkey Draw Permits is February 13, 2019. Up to two persons may apply per application.

Successful applicants must purchase an Over-the-Counter Turkey License with tags, and a Game-hunting License or Game-hunting & Fishing License. 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. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) License Hunts

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.

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

STATEWIDE: Except the closed areas listed below.

CLOSED: Unit 2A (areas east of NM Hwy. 550 and north of NM Hwy. 173); Unit 2B (areas in the Carson National Forest), Unit 2C (areas in the Carson National Forest); Units 6B, 8, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31; Bernardo WMA, Bill Evans WMA, Double E WMA, Jackson Lake WMA, La Joya WMA, Lake Roberts WMA, Marquez WMA, Prairie Chicken WMAs, Red Rock WMA, River Ranch WMA, Valle Vidal, W.S. Huey WMA.

Youth-only Spring OTC License Hunt: April 12–14

An early Youth-only Turkey Hunt opportunity is scheduled for April 12–14 in all units listed open for spring hunting.

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 (1), one additional turkey may be harvested in the Areas Open for Spring OTC License Hunts listed on page 111.

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OTC License Hunts—Continued.

Areas Open for Fall OTC License Hunts

Sept. 1–30 (bow only) and **Nov. 1–30** (legal sporting arms)

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Bag Limit for Fall Season

The bag limit is any one turkey. If a hunter does not harvest a turkey during the September Bow-only Hunt, she/he may hunt again in November using legal sporting arms for turkey.

Turkey Draw Permits (OTC Turkey License Required): Seasons for Legal Sporting Arms

Hunt Area	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Permits	Bag Limit
Unit 2B and 2C (Carson National Forest)				
Any Legal	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–100	115	1 bearded turkey
Any Legal - Youth Only	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–101	50	1 bearded turkey
2A (Areas east of NM Hwy. 550 and north of NM Hwy. 173)				
Any Legal - Youth Only	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–102	5	1 bearded turkey
Unit 6B⁽¹⁾ (Valles Caldera National Preserve)				
Any Legal	Apr. 15–30	TUR–1–103	20	1 bearded turkey
⁽¹⁾ Hunter orientation required (page 42).				
Unit 8 (Sandia Ranger District, Archery Only)				
Any Legal	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–104	15	2 bearded turkey
Unit 9 - Marquez WMA (N.M. Resident Only)				
Any Legal	Apr. 15–May 10	TUR–1–105	5	2 bearded turkeys
Unit 30 - Washington Ranch (Youth Only, page 113)				
Any Legal	Apr. 27–28 May 4–5	TUR–1–106	4	1 bearded turkey
Unit 33 - W.S. Huey WMA (Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only)				
Any Legal	Apr. 12–14	TUR–1–107	2	1 bearded turkey
Any Legal	Apr. 19–21	TUR–1–108	2	1 bearded turkey
Unit 55 - Valle Vidal				
Any Legal	Apr. 15–30	TUR–1–109	20	1 bearded turkey

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Washington Ranch Youth Hunt

This is a special hunting opportunity for youth hunters to harvest a Rio Grande Turkey at Washington Ranch. Successful draw applicants will be assigned either the April 27–28 or May 4–5 hunt date and will be contacted with additional hunt details. Hunter orientation is required and will be held on the Friday afternoon before the designated hunt begins. Youth hunters will be paired with a Conservation Officer for a Saturday and Sunday hunt. Lodging and meals will be provided at Washington Ranch for the youth hunter and parents. For additional information about this opportunity, contact the Southeast Area Office: (575) 624-6135.

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge Youth Spring Turkey Hunt

The Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will conduct a Youth Spring Turkey Hunt for hunters 17 years of age and younger. Hunts will be held on weekends during April and May, 2019 in conjunction with seasons 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 February 2, 2019 at: www.bdanwrpermits.com. For more information about hunting opportunities at Bosque del Apache NWR telephone (575) 835-1828.