

Pronghorn Antelope

Draw Licenses for Public Hunts and Private Land Authorizations

General Information

To hunt pronghorn antelope in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents must first purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before purchasing a Private Land Pronghorn Antelope License or applying for a Pronghorn Antelope Draw License.

License Required

Each Pronghorn Antelope Draw or Private Land License is valid ONLY on the lands or ranch for which it is issued and for a specific hunt. Hunters must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** and a Pronghorn Antelope Draw or Private Land License with a valid carcass tag while hunting. A hunter may not hold both a private land and Public Draw Pronghorn Antelope License in the same license year. Licenses may not be refunded or transferred to other persons.

Hunters drawn for those pronghorn antelope hunts which ARE NOT assigned (see pages 44-45), will be allowed to hunt within the area or GMU(s) which their license was issued, on any accessible public lands or on private lands with written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights pursuant to regulation NMAC 19.31.10.18

The Director may cancel portions of any pronghorn antelope hunt or adjust the number of licenses, permits or authorizations if the surveyed population levels indicate the need for such action.

Legal Sporting Arms

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Centerfire rifle or handgun; shotgun no smaller than 28 gauge, firing a slug; bow and arrow; crossbow and bolt and muzzleloading rifle.

Bow Only

Bow and arrow.

Muzzleloader

Muzzleloading rifle; scopes and sabots are legal. Bow or crossbow is legal.

No Off Road Vehicle Travel

Whether on private or public land, it is unlawful for a legally licensed pronghorn antelope hunter to drive or to ride in or on any motor vehicle that is operated off established roads. Hunters **MAY NOT** drive off established roads unless specifically allowed. See Vehicle Travel on Public Lands, pages 13 and 14.

Hunting on Military Properties, Check Stations and Wearing Blaze Orange

For some hunts, hunters will be required to check in and out in person at a check station. **McGregor Range/Fort Bliss** requires all hunters wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest. **GMU 10, 13 and 28:** Parts of these GMUs are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during military operations. **GMU 28:** ALL hunters on McGregor Range /Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course prior to hunting. Hunters entering McGregor Range/Fort Bliss will be subject to security searches.

Mobility-impaired Hunters

Applicants for Mobility-impaired licenses are required to register with the Department prior to submitting their application. See page 9 for the definition of Mobility-impaired hunter or call the Department at (505) 476-8087.

Bag Limit (See Definitions and Terms)

The bag limit for all hunts will be specified on each license issued.

MB A pronghorn antelope with at least one horn longer than its ears.

F-IM A pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns shorter than its ears.

ES Any one male or female pronghorn antelope.

Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration Program



Each year anglers, boaters, hunters and recreational shooters support fish and wildlife conservation efforts through the purchase of licenses, sporting equipment and fuels. The Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration program provides essential funding to professional wildlife and sport fish management agencies through excise taxes collected from the sale of fishing equipment, motorboat fuel, sporting arms, ammunition and archery equipment. These funds are distributed yearly to help fund wildlife projects.

In New Mexico, funds are used to support the restoration of bighorn sheep and Gila trout; the management of game species; the operation of state fish hatcheries; lake renovations; and the operation and maintenance of waterfowl habitat. These are just a few of the many worthwhile and important conservation projects funded with this money. So, every time you buy a license, ammunition, or hunting and fishing gear, remember: You are part of the most successful user-pay, user-benefit wildlife conservation program in history!

Skulls Are State Property

The skulls are both fascinating and valuable. If found in the field, the **skulls** of all protected species remain state property unless they are from an animal legally taken by a licensed hunter during an approved hunting season. This rule applies to everyone, hikers as well as hunters. The State Game Commission adopted this rule to combat poaching of our valuable big-game resources. It's a very important law for conservation officers and helps to regulate the shooting of big-game animals just for their heads.

Deer and elk shed antlers every year. It's legal to have shed antlers. However, antlers found in the field attached to a skull are only available by purchase from the Department. Owners must retain the resulting paperwork. If there is probable cause, conservation officers can confiscate any skull if they believe the animal was unlawfully killed or unlawfully possessed. So if you find a skull of a protected animal, leave it where you found it and contact a Department conservation officer.

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Public Draw Hunts

Application and Licenses

Up to four persons may apply per application. The deadline for application is **March 28, 2012**.

Hunters drawn for those pronghorn antelope hunts which ARE NOT assigned (see pages 44-45), will be allowed to hunt within the area or GMU(s) which their license was issued, on any **legally** accessible public lands or on private lands with written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights pursuant to regulation 19.31.10.18 NMAC

Hunters drawn for any legal sporting arm hunts and muzzleloader hunts marked with an asterisk (★) WILL BE ASSIGNED to hunt on a specific ranch. Ranch assignments will be made after the draw by Department Area Offices. Hunters that drew together on the same application may be assigned to separate but nearby ranches. Area Offices will mail a letter and ranch map to assigned hunters (separate from their licenses) notifying them of their assigned ranch. Assigned hunters will have free, equal and unrestricted access to hunt the entire ranch they have been assigned to including all private deeded land and public leased land associated with the ranch. Hunters, their companions and/or their guide or outfitter are allowed to scout the ranch the two days immediately preceding the start of their hunt.

Public Land License Fees

See Page 8 for Pronghorn Antelope Draw License fees.

Hunters must first purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before applying for a Pronghorn Antelope Draw License. Both must be carried while hunting. Applicants MUST pay the full license and application fee when making application. A Habitat Stamp is required if hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately, see page 9.

Private Land Hunts

Pronghorn antelope hunting opportunities on private lands are issued through the Antelope Private Lands Use System (A-PLUS) to qualifying landowners who sign hunting agreements with the Department. All authorizations and licenses issued shall be Ranch Only and valid only within the boundaries of the participating ranch.

Obtaining a Private Land License

Hunters wishing to hunt pronghorn antelope on private lands must first negotiate with a participating landowner. If successful, the landowner will provide the hunter with the appropriate information to convert an authorization into a hunting license.

Hunters wishing to purchase a Private Land Pronghorn Antelope License first must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License**. Then they must submit the required authorization information along with the proper license fee(s) by mail to the Department's Special Hunts Office or deliver it in person to any Department Office.

Hunts on private land will coincide with public draw hunts, unless otherwise specified. Hunts for Any Legal Sporting Arm (except for mobility impaired) will be any 3 consecutive days within the published hunt period. Pronghorn antelope authorizations may be available from qualified participating landowners for the areas, bag limits and dates in the box to the right.

A list of participating ranches who receive pronghorn antelope authorizations is available on the Department's website by June 5.

Private Land License Fees

Resident \$70 **Nonresident \$299**

Hunters first must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before purchasing a Private Land Pronghorn Antelope License. Fees include a fee to cover the costs of administering the A-PLUS Program. A Habitat Stamp is required if hunting, fishing and trapping on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation is required and must be purchased separately, see page 9.

Private Land Hunts

Dates	Units	Bag Limit
Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts (any 3 consecutive days)		
Aug. 25-Sept. 8	_____	MB Participating ranches in GMUs 41, 42, 43 east of Hwy. 285, 46-48 and 54-59.
Aug. 25-Sept. 8	_____	F-IM Participating ranches in GMUs 41, 42, 43 east of Hwy. 285, 46-48 and 54-59.
Sept. 8-22	_____	MB Participating ranches in GMUs 8, 14, 31-33 and 36-40 and 43 west of Hwy. 285.
Sept. 15-29	_____	F-IM Participating ranches in portions of GMU 32.
Oct. 6-20	_____	MB Participating ranches in GMUs 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 23 and 26.
Dec. 1-15	_____	ES Participating ranches in portions of GMU 32.
Any Legal Sporting Arm Hunts-Mobility Impaired		
July 28-30	_____	MB Participating ranches in GMUs 8, 12-14, 16, 17, 23, 31-33, 36-43, 46-48 and 54-59.
Bow Only Hunts		
Aug. 4-12	_____	MB Participating ranches in GMUs 41, 42, 43 east of Hwy. 285, 46-48, 54-59.
Aug. 11-19	_____	MB Participating ranches in GMUs 7-9, 12-17, 23, 26, 31-33, 36-40 and 43 west of Hwy. 285.
Muzzleloading Rifle		
Aug. 11-14	_____	MB Participating ranches in GMU 50 north of Hwy. 64 and 52.
Sept. 7-10	_____	MB Participating ranches in GMU 29.
Oct. 5-8	_____	MB Participating ranches in GMU 15.

Draw Licenses for Any Legal Sporting Arm

What You Must Know Before You Hunt - There are no Over-the-Counter licenses for pronghorn antelope.

Youth-only Hunts: Applicants must be younger than 18 on the opening day of the hunt, provide proof of hunter education certification to apply and carry their certificate number while hunting with a firearm. **Mentor and Youth-only Hunt:** A hunt consisting of one adult (18 years of age or older) and up to three youths (younger than 18 years of age as of the opening day of the hunt). **Closures:** Parts of GMU 10, 13 and 28 are subject to closure by the U.S. Forest Service and/or the military during military operations. Hunters drawn for any Bow, Mobility-impaired or late-November Youth-only Either sex hunts ARE NOT ASSIGNED to a specific ranch. See page 43. Hunters drawn for hunts marked with an asterisk (★) below WILL BE ASSIGNED to hunt on a specific ranch. **GMU 28:** ALL hunters on McGregor Range/Fort Bliss are required to have proof of passing a certified hunter education course prior to hunting. **Blaze Orange Clothing:** McGregor Range/Fort Bliss requires all hunters wear a blaze orange hat and a blaze orange hunting vest.

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 2					
2	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-100 ★	S	5	MB
2 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-130	S	1	ES
Units 7, 9, 12 and 13					
7, 9, 12 and 13	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-101 ★	S	40	MB
7, 9, 12 and 13 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-131	S	8	ES
Unit 8					
8 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-155	S	10	MB
Units 8, 14 and 43					
8, 14 and 43 (west of Hwy. 285)	Sept. 8-10	ANT-1-102 ★	S	15	MB
8, 14 and 43 (west of Hwy. 285) Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-132	S	3	ES
Unit 12					
12 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-156	S	10	MB
Unit 13					
13 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-157	S	10	MB
Units 14 and 43					
14 and 43 (west of Hwy. 285) Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-158	S	5	MB
Unit 16					
16 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-159	S	5	MB
16	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-103 ★	S	60	MB
16 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-133	S	8	ES
Unit 17					
17 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-160	S	5	MB
17	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-104 ★	S	40	MB
17 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-134	S	4	ES
Unit 23					
23 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-161	S	10	MB
23	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-107 ★	S	20	MB
23 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-137	S	3	ES
Unit 26					
26	Oct. 6-8	ANT-1-110 ★	S	10	MB
26 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-140	S	1	ES
Unit 31					
31 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-162	S	10	MB
31	Sept. 8-10	ANT-1-112 ★	S	65	MB
31 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-142	S	9	ES
Units 32 and 33					
32 and 33 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-163	S	15	MB
32 and 33	Sept. 8-10	ANT-1-114 ★	S	130	MB
32 (Portions of) Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-144	S	3	ES
32 (Portions of)	Dec. 1-15	ANT-1-116	S	30	F-IM
Units 36-38					
36-38 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-164	S	10	MB
36-38	Sept. 8-10	ANT-1-117 ★	S	120	MB

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Any Legal Sporting Arm continued

Hunt Area	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Units 39 and 40					
39 and 40 Mobility Impaired Only	July 28-30	ANT-1-165	S	10	MB
39 and 40	Sept. 8-10	ANT-1-119 *	S	55	MB
39 and 40 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-146	S	5	ES
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59 Mobility Impaired Only					
	July 28-30	ANT-1-166	S	25	MB
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59	Aug. 25-27	ANT-1-121 *	S	425	MB
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59 Youth Only	Aug. 25-27	ANT-1-122 *	S	50	ES
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59 Youth Only	Sept. 1-3	ANT-1-123 *	S	60	F-IM
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-1-147	S	50	ES

Draw Licenses For Bow Only

Units 7, 9, 12 and 13					
7, 9, 12 and 13	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-170	S	25	MB
Units 8, 14 and 43 (west of Hwy. 285)					
8, 14 and 43 (west of Hwy. 285)	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-171	S	5	MB
Unit 15					
15	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-172	S	10	MB
Unit 16					
16	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-173	S	30	MB
Unit 17					
17	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-174	S	30	MB
Unit 23					
23	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-176	S	10	MB
Unit 26					
26	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-178	S	10	MB
Unit 30					
30	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-179	S	25	MB
Unit 31					
31	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-180	S	75	MB
Units 32 and 33					
32 and 33	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-181	S	75	MB
Units 36-38					
36-38	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-182	S	25	MB
Units 39 and 40					
39 and 40	Aug. 11-19	ANT-2-183	S	10	MB
Units 41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59					
41, 42, 43 (east of Hwy. 285), 46-48 and 54-59	Aug. 4-12	ANT-2-184	S	100	MB

Draw Licenses For Muzzleloader

Unit 15					
15	Oct. 5-8	ANT-3-187 *	S	25	MB
15 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-3-148	S	5	ES
Unit 28					
28 McGregor Range Military Only	Sept. 1-2	ANT-3-188	S	10	MB
28 McGregor Range	Sept. 1-2	ANT-3-189	S	5	MB
28 McGregor Range Youth Only	Sept. 1-2	ANT-3-190	S	10	MB
Unit 29					
29	Sept. 7-10	ANT-3-191 *	S	37	MB
29 Mentor/Youth Only	Sept. 7-10	ANT-3-192 *	S	10	ES
29 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-3-149	S	5	ES
Units 50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52					
50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52	Aug. 11-14	ANT-3-193 *	S	150	MB
50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52 Youth Only	Aug. 11-14	ANT-3-194 *	S	25	ES
50 (north of Hwy. 64) and 52 Youth Only	Nov. 23-25	ANT-3-150	S	15	ES

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