

Over-the-Counter Licenses, Draw Permits

General Information

To hunt turkey in New Mexico, all residents and nonresidents first must purchase a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License** before purchasing an over-the-counter Turkey License. Turkey hunters have a spring and fall hunting season. Nonresidents **may NOT apply for any hunts held only on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA).**

Licenses and Tags

A resident or nonresident spring or fall over-the-counter Turkey License with valid carcass tags is available from Department offices, license vendors, online or by mail using Form 3. Hunters may purchase both spring and fall licenses. Spring turkey hunters will be issued two carcass tags with their license.

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

A Habitat Stamp is required for 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.

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. Non-toxic 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 U.S. Forest Service or the military during military operations. **Closed Areas:** The following areas are closed to turkey hunting, except as permitted by regulation: Sugarite Canyon State Park, Orilla Verde and the Wild Rivers recreation areas, Taos Valley Overlook, all WMAs except Humphries, Rio Chama and Sargent, the Valle Vidal area and Rattlesnake Canyon in Unit 2A.

OTC License Hunts

Areas Open For Spring OTC License Hunts

April 15-May 10

Units 2A (except areas east of N.M. 550 and north of N.M. 173), 2C (except areas east of Largo Canyon), 4 (including WMAs), 5, 6A, 6C, 7, 9, (including Water Canyon WMA), 10, 12-14 (bows only in Sandia Ranger District), 15-18, 20-24, 29, 32-34, 36-43, 45-49, 51-54 (including Colin Neblett WMA), 55 (including E.S. Barker and Colin Neblett WMAs, but not Uracca WMA, Valle Vidal and Greenwood area), 56, 57 (bow only in Sugarite Canyon State Park), 58 and 59.

Youth-only Spring OTC License Hunt- April 7-8

An early Youth-only turkey hunting opportunity is scheduled April 7-8 in all units open for spring hunting listed above.

Bag Limit for Spring Season

The bag limit is 2 bearded turkeys, except as restricted by permit or area. 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 cold storage.

OTC License Hunts continued

Areas Open For Fall OTC License Hunts

Sept. 1-30 (bow only) and Nov. 1-30 (any legal sporting arm except centerfire or rimfire rifle or handgun).

Units 2A (except areas east of N.M. 550 and north of N.M. 173), 2C (except areas east of Largo Canyon), 6A, 6C, 7, 9 (except Water Canyon WMA), 10, 12, 13, 15-17, 21-24, 29, 32-34, 36, 37, 40-42, 45-48, 54 (including Colin Neblett WMA), 55 (including Colin Neblett WMA, but not E.S. Barker and Uracca WMAs, Valle Vidal and Greenwood areas), 56, 57 (bow only in Sugarite Canyon State Park), 58 and 59.

Bag Limit for Fall Season

The bag limit is any one turkey in the units listed above. If you do not harvest a turkey during the September Bow-only Hunt, you may hunt again in November with any legal sporting arm.

Draw Permit Hunts

Application for these draw permits must be made by **Feb. 1, 2012**, submitting a nonrefundable application fee of \$8 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents. Two applicants may apply per application. Successful applicants must then purchase an over-the-counter Turkey License and a **Game-hunting** or **Game-hunting and Fishing License**. A Habitat Stamp is required for hunters and trappers on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands and must be purchased separately. A Habitat Management and Access Validation must be purchased separately. **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 certification number while hunting with a firearm.

Open Areas and Bag Limits For Draw Permit Hunts

Hunt Area	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Permits	Bag Limit
Unit 2 (except the Rattlesnake Canyon closure area)				
	April 15-May 10	TUR-1-100	100	1 bearded turkey
Unit 2, Youth Only (except the Rattlesnake Canyon closure area)				
	April 15-May 10	TUR-1-101	50	1 bearded turkey
Marquez WMA, N.M. Resident Only				
	April 15-May 10	TUR-1-104	5	2 bearded turkeys
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	April 7-8	TUR-1-105	3	2 bearded turkeys
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	April 14-15	TUR-1-106	3	2 bearded turkeys
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	April 21-22	TUR-1-107	3	2 bearded turkeys
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	April 28-29	TUR-1-108	3	2 bearded turkeys
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	Oct. 10-11	TUR-1-110	4	Any one turkey
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	Oct. 17-18	TUR-1-111	4	Any one turkey
Huey WMA, Youth Only, N.M. Resident Only				
	Oct. 20-21	TUR-1-109	4	Any one turkey
Valle Vidal-Greenwood Area				
	April 15-30	TUR-1-112	20	1 bearded turkey

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge Youth Spring Turkey Hunt

The Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge will conduct a limited Youth Spring Turkey Hunt for hunters younger than 18. The hunts will be held on four consecutive weekends during April and May 2012. Bag limit is one bearded turkey. Eligible hunters will be drawn from a pool of qualified applicants. An application fee of \$6.00 is required per application. Applications will be available beginning February 1, 2012 and must be returned to the Refuge by March 15, 2012. Interested persons may contact Bosque del Apache NWR at (575) 835-1828 to request an application. They may pick up an application at the refuge visitor center. Applications also are available online at: www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/newmex/bosque/Hunting

Valles Caldera National Preserve

Contact the VCNP directly at www.vallescaldera.gov for more information about this hunt. Bag limit is one bearded turkey.