

OPEN GATE

Hunting & Fishing Access Program

WHAT IS OPEN GATE?

Open Gate is a hunting and fishing access program that leases private land and waters for licensed hunters and anglers. It benefits the landowners and sportsmen of New Mexico.

- **Licensed hunters and anglers** gain new recreation opportunities by obtaining access to hunt and fish on private land.
- **Landowners profit** from their voluntary participation by earning direct monetary payments for providing licensed hunters and anglers access.

DO I QUALIFY TO ENROLL?

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is looking for new acreage to enroll in the Open Gate Access Program. If you own or lease land you consider attractive for any of the following wildlife, you likely qualify for enrollment.

- **Big game hunting**
 - ♦ Deer
 - ♦ Antelope
 - ♦ Elk
 - ♦ Turkey
 - ♦ Ibex
 - ♦ Furbearers
 - ♦ Bear
 - ♦ Cougar
 - ♦ Javelina
 - ♦ Oryx
 - ♦ Barbary Sheep
- **Small game hunting**
 - ♦ Pheasant
 - ♦ Dove
 - ♦ Waterfowl
 - ♦ Geese
 - ♦ Quail
 - ♦ Sandhill Crane
- **Fishing**
 - ♦ Coldwater
 - ♦ Warmwater
- **Road access to isolated or landlocked public lands.**



WHO TO CONTACT

If you are interested in the program and would like more information, or would like to submit an application, contact the Open Gate coordinator or your district conservation officers.

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HOW DO I SIGN-UP?

It is as easy as following this four-step process.

Step 1. Complete an application.

Applications are available on the department's website, at a Department of Game and Fish Area Office, and on the outside of this brochure. Make sure to specify all of the activities you would like to offer.

Step 2. Submit your application with all other necessary documentation to the Open Gate coordinator, who is available for your assistance if you have any questions or need help filling out the application.

Step 3. A New Mexico Department of Game and Fish representative will arrange a good time to visit and evaluate your property. You will then receive an offer for the type and amount of compensation.

Step 4. Sign an agreement and the Department will take care of the rest!



HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

Before planning your hunting or fishing trip, be sure to check out the Open Gate areas in your region. Descriptions and maps for Open Gate areas are available on the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish website, www.wildlife.state.nm.us or through a Department of Game and Fish Area Office. Open Gate areas are easily identifiable by the Open Gate signs posted at access points.

OPEN GATE KEYS

- Obey all New Mexico hunting and fishing regulations.
- Do not litter.
- Leave gates as you found them.
- Be courteous, respectful and ethical.
- Don't drive off established roads or on closed roads.

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OPEN GATE APPLICATION

Check it off:

- Completed application.
- Proof of ownership in the form of deed or tax documents, including legal description.
- Legible map including any roads designated for motorized vehicle travel.
- If tenant, you must provide a notarized and signed letter from the owner authorizing program participation.

Descriptive name of access area (for Web Title): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Property Location: _____

For hunting:

I am interested in enrolling for (e.g. fall & spring turkey): _____

Acres: _____

Zip: _____

State: _____

Mobile: _____

For Fishing:

Name of lake, reservoir, stream, or river: _____

Type of fishery (e.g. bass, catfish, crappie): _____

Pond acres: _____

Stream miles: _____