

New Mexico State Lands

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New Mexico State Trust Land

The New Mexico State Wildlife Commission and the Commissioner of Public Lands have an agreement that provides access for hunting and fishing of protected species on State Trust Land by NMDOW licensees during the seasons for which their licenses are valid. Trapping is not allowed on State Trust Lands. A copy of this agreement and other information about hunting access on State Trust Land can be found at:

<https://www.nmstatelands.org/resources/hunting-access-information/>. People seeking to use State Trust Land for uses not addressed under this agreement must secure separate approval from the New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO). For more information, contact NMSLO at: **505-827-5760** or visit:

<https://www.nmstatelands.org/>.

Access

Certain areas may be unavailable for hunting or fishing. For specific locations, view the interactive map at: <https://mapservice.nmstatelands.org/HuntingInformation/> or contact NMSLO at **505-827-5760**. The right to enter State Trust Land via vehicle is allowed if access is available by public road (defined in Section 67-2-1, NMSA 1978) or on other established roads on State Trust Land that have not been closed to vehicular traffic. Access is also allowed on foot from roads mentioned above or from adjacent public and private lands that have been lawfully accessed. NMDOW and NMSLO have identified specific hunting access points on State Trust Land that must be unlocked during any open season. These access points are shown on NMSLO's interactive map.

To ensure access and create larger and better-defined hunting areas, hunting privileges for some State Trust Land have been exchanged for similar privileges on private lands. The private-land areas have signs posted with notices that the land has been unitized (page 50). Contact NMDOW if you have questions about which lands are open for public use.

On legally accessible State Trust Land, you may:

- Scout for big game, small game or turkey 14 days prior to the open season.
- Hunt big game, small game, turkey or protected furbearers during open hours and seasons.
- Hunt nongame species on State Trust Land, but only during the period in which your license is valid for protected species on those lands.
- Camp, in campsites designated under this agreement and shown on NMSLO's interactive map, with the permission of the State Trust Land agricultural lessee or as otherwise authorized by the Commissioner.
- Have campfires with a valid hunting license in designated or dispersed camping areas and only if currently permitted by the New Mexico State Forester. It is the hunter's responsibility to know current conditions and restrictions. Information is available at <https://www.nmstatelands.org/resources/hunting-access-information/>.
- Take up to three guests per license holder on your hunt.

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On State Trust Land, you must:

- Have in your possession all required and valid fishing and hunting licenses with applicable tags.
- Respect other permitted or leased uses of State Trust Land, including agriculture, mineral activities and recreation.
- Drive only on established roads, complying with any posted signage and respect private property boundaries.
- Close all gates that you pass through.
- Pack out trash.

It is illegal to:

- Use a Private-Land Only License to hunt on state land, even if the state land is leased by a landowner whose property you have permission to hunt.
- Attach blinds to agricultural improvements including property such as windmills, fences, tanks, etc.
- Drive off-road for any reason.
- Enter during seasons for which you are not licensed or before scouting periods for which you are licensed.
- Cross private lands without prior written permission from the landowner.
- Remove wood, sand or gravel or conduct commercial activities.
- Harass or injure livestock or wildlife or damage private property, such as dwellings, stock tanks or fences.

If you have problems or questions about gaining access to State Trust Land, record complete details including the location, date, time and names of parties involved, and contact one of the following:

- The local NMDOW Conservation Officer or Operation Game Thief:
1-800-432-4263.
- NMSLO in Santa Fe at: **505-827-5760** or the appropriate local NMSLO Field Office, using the directory at: <https://www.nmstatelands.org/divisions/surface-resources/district-offices/>.
- Submit a Multiple Use Incident Reporting Form, found at:
<https://www.nmstatelands.org/resources/hunting-access-information/>.

New Mexico State Parks

All New Mexico State Parks are closed to hunting, unless specified open in a designated area. For information contact the New Mexico State Parks Division at: **1-888-667-2757** or www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd.

Other State Lands

Chihuahuan Desert Research Center: The Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center (College Ranch) is closed to unescorted public access. For information, call: **575-646-2554** or visit: <https://chihuahuansc.nmsu.edu/index.html>.

Jornada Experimental Range: Jornada Experimental Range in Doña Ana County is closed to unescorted public access.

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District: For information or to obtain access, call: **505-864-7466**.

Portions of the Rio Grande in Valencia County: In the interest of public safety, areas posted along the Rio Grande in Valencia County may be closed to hunting. For further information regarding closures contact the NMDOW Northwest Area Office: **505-222-4700, ext. 0**.