

Barbary Sheep

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General Information

- You Must Have All of the Following While in the Field (page 8).
- All Barbary Sheep Harvests Must Be Tagged (pages 33).
- License Requirements and Fees (see pages 8–13).
- Legal Sporting Arms for Barbary Sheep Hunting (specified by hunt code, see pages 26).
- Hunting on Military Reservations (see page 42).
- It is Legal to Harvest a Marked Animal (see page 5).

Barbary Sheep Draw Licenses

The deadline to apply for Barbary sheep draw licenses is March 19, 2025. Up to four hunters may apply per application.

Successful applicants will be mailed a Barbary Sheep License/tag unless the E-Tag option is chosen. The license includes the hunt code and description of the unit, sporting-arm type, season dates and bag limit. Tags include instructions for proper tagging.

Bag Limit

ES Either sex (any one Barbary sheep).

F-IM: Any female Barbary sheep, or a male Barbary sheep with horns less than 18 inches long. See page 155.

All public draw Barbary sheep licenses (with the exception of McGregor Range license holders who are stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas and have paid the resident fees) shall also be valid for over-the-counter hunt areas with any big-game sporting arm.

Barbary Sheep Draw Hunts

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Unit 28 McGregor Range Portion of Ft. Bliss					
Any Legal	Dec. 13-17	BBY-1-116	S	10	ES
Any Legal – Military Only	Dec. 13-17	BBY-1-117	S	10	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 27-28	BBY-1-118	S	65	F-IM
Any Legal – Military Only	Dec. 27-28	BBY-1-119	S	10	F-IM
Any Legal	Jan. 3-4, '26	BBY-1-120	S	65	F-IM
Any Legal – Military Only	Jan. 3-4, '26	BBY-1-121	S	10	F-IM

Units 29 & 30

Bow	Jan. 1-15, '26	BBY-2-108	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 10-16	BBY-1-109	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 4-10	BBY-1-110	S	75	ES

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Any Legal	Dec. 15-21	BBY-1-111	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 20-26, '26	BBY-1-112	S	200	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 1-7, '26	BBY-1-113	S	200	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 12-18, '26	BBY-1-114	S	200	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 21-27, '26	BBY-1-115	S	200	ES

Units 32, 36, 37

Bow	Jan. 1-15, '26	BBY-2-100	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Oct. 10-16	BBY-1-101	S	50	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 4-10	BBY-1-102	S	50	ES
Any Legal	Dec. 15-21	BBY-1-103	S	75	ES
Any Legal	Jan. 20-26, '26	BBY-1-104	S	150	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 1-7, '26	BBY-1-105	S	150	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 12-18, '26	BBY-1-106	S	150	ES
Any Legal	Feb. 21-27, '26	BBY-1-107	S	150	ES

Over-the-Counter Licenses

Over-The-Counter Barbary Sheep Licenses for public and private lands are available at license vendors, NMDGF offices, online: <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov> or by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**. 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. Please note: Barbary sheep draw applicants may not purchase the OTC license before the draw results are released.

	Hunt Dates	Hunt Code	Fee Type	Licenses	Bag Limit
Over-the-Counter (Statewide except on WMAs during closures, WSMR and Fort Bliss portions of GMU 19, and the draw areas of GMUs 28, 29, 30, 32, 36, and 37)					
Any Legal	Apr. 1- Mar.31, '26	BBY-1-300	S	Unlimited	ES

Barbary sheep hunters in GMU 34 should be aware that bighorn sheep may be present (see page 109).

Private-Land Only Barbary Sheep Licenses

To hunt on private land only, hunters must obtain a Private-Land Only Barbary Sheep License and Tag—available at NMDGF offices, license vendors, online and by telephone. Online and telephone purchases must be made at least 14 days prior to hunt start date to allow mailing of tags, unless the E-Tag option is chosen. When obtaining a Private-Land Only Barbary Sheep License, the hunter must select a hunt code corresponding with a public-land draw hunt code for the unit(s), bag limit, sporting-arm type(s) and season date. Written permission from the landowner is required while hunting.

BIGHORN SHEEP v. BARBARY SHEEP

It is illegal to kill a bighorn sheep
with a Barbary sheep hunting license.
Know the difference!

For more information, examples and a quiz, visit the Wild Sheep Foundation at
wildsheepfoundation.org/field-identification-desert-bighorn-aoudad



CHECK AGAIN!



Young bighorn ram horns can look similar to Barbary sheep ewe and young rams



KEY DIFFERENCES:
ALL bighorns have white rumps and ALL Barbary sheep have shaggy beards and muzzles

