

General Information

Approximately 695,000 of the 1.2 million acres occupied by Fort Bliss are available for hunting when not in use for military training. Fort Bliss spans the New Mexico-Texas border with 89% falling within New Mexico. The Training Center's desert scrublands, mesa grasslands and woodlands support a wide variety of wildlife. Hunting opportunities are available in both the New Mexico and Texas portions.

Big Game

Barbary sheep (aoudad), elk, javelin, mule deer, oryx (gemsbok) and pronghorn antelope may be hunted on Fort Bliss. Most big game hunting opportunities are allocated by a draw system conducted by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Additionally, special draws for big game on the Texas portion of the installation are held by the Fort Bliss Recreational Hunting Program.

Small Game, Furbearers, Nongame

Migratory and upland game birds including dove and quail are found throughout the Training Center. Waterfowl occasionally occur on playa lakes and earthen tanks when there has been adequate rainfall. In addition to game birds, badger, bobcat, coyote, fox, rabbit and other furbearers and nongame mammals can be hunted on both the New Mexico and Texas portions of Fort Bliss.

ALL New Mexico and Texas hunting regulations are applicable while hunting on Fort Bliss.

ALL Fort Bliss Training Center regulations are enforced.

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HUNT FORT BLISS



BIG GAME



FURBEARERS



UPLAND BIRDS



NM
TX

MIGRATORY BIRDS



NONGAME



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Hunting on Fort Bliss- What You Need To Know

Hunting on Fort Bliss is open to US citizens and foreign military members for opportunities to hunt small and big game.

Fort Bliss requires each hunter to obtain a Fort Bliss (FB) Hunting and Recreation Access Permit, a Fort Bliss Firearms Registration, a State-approved Hunter Education/Safety card and the appropriate hunting licenses, permits, tags and stamps required by the states of New Mexico (NM) and/or Texas (TX).

Each adult hunter or party member must possess their own FB Access Permit. Youth hunters must also obtain their own FB Hunting and Recreation Access Permit.

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Fort Bliss Access Permits are available through the Fort Bliss iSportsman website:

<https://ftbliss.isportsman.net/>

All adult users will be required to submit a Firearms Registration Form to the Fort Bliss Visitor Control Center (VCC).

Specific details available on the website.

Hunters hunting on the Fort Bliss Training Center (FBTC) must comply with all FBTC regulations including checking in and out for hunting activities through the Fort Bliss iSportsman website.

Legal sporting arms include shotguns and bow. Rifles are only allowed during specific big game draw hunts.

Big Game hunters and accompanying non-hunters must wear 144 square inches of hunter orange on their chest and back.

New Mexico and Texas State hunting regulations must be obeyed while hunting on Fort Bliss. These regulations are posted on the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department websites.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hunting dogs are allowed provided they have up-to-date vaccinations.

Trapping is prohibited.

Guides/Outfitters are permitted. Guides on McGregor Range must be registered with Las Cruces NM Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

ATVs are not allowed off-road for any reason including game retrieval.

Camping may be allowed on McGregor Range with permission from Range Operations.

Alcohol is prohibited.

Unexploded Ordinance (UXO) may be encountered on the FBTC: **DO NOT pick up anything you did not drop!**

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES

NMDGF: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

TX Parks and Wildlife: tpwd.texas.gov/

Fort Bliss Rod & Gun Club: bliss.armymwr.com/programs/rod-and-gun-club

For current information on obtaining Fort Bliss Access Permits: <https://ftbliss.isportsman.net/>



NM BIG GAME OPPORTUNITIES- FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Military Only hunts: Current opportunities include NM big game draw hunts for antelope, barbary sheep, elk, javelina, mule deer and oryx. These hunts take place on McGregor Range (NM Game Management Unit [GMU] 28) and are open only to active duty military members. In addition, there is a population management oryx hunt opportunity available to active duty US military members permanently assigned to Fort Bliss. This hunt occurs on Dona Ana Range. Active duty US military members permanently assigned to Fort Bliss pay resident fees for all of these hunts. Refer to the NMDGF website and Hunting Rules & Info booklet for application procedures.

The NMDGF deadline for antelope, barbary sheep, elk, javelin, mule deer and oryx is yearly around mid-March.

To qualify and apply for these hunts: 1) Create an online account with NMDGF, 2) Submit proof of military status and, if applicable, permanent assignment to Fort Bliss to the NMDGF Special Hunts Office (must be done yearly) before the application deadline, and 3) Apply online for hunts.

TX BIG GAME OPPORTUNITIES

Hunting for big game occurs only through special draws held by the Fort Bliss Recreational Hunting Program. Barbary sheep and oryx are the only big game hunted. More information available on the Fort Bliss iSportsman site.

Small Game

Both the TX and NM portions of the FBTC are open to hunting game birds, furbearers and non-game species defined in the respective state's hunting regulations. Appropriate hunting licenses, permits, tags and stamps required by the state of New Mexico (NM) and/or Texas (TX).