



Domestic Animal Permit Frequently Asked Questions

Who needs this permit?

You need a permit if you plan to possess or transport domestic sheep in a Wood Bison Area (see map below) in the Northwest Territories (NWT). The permit may include requirements for fencing, containment for transport, testing and disease management, and other terms and conditions.

- A **permit to possess** is required for anyone keeping sheep in a Wood Bison Area, including all current domestic sheep owners in these areas. This permit is valid for 10 years.
- A **permit to transport** is required for anyone bringing sheep into or through a Wood Bison Area. This permit is valid for a period of time specified on the permit and must be obtained before entering a Wood Bison Area.

How much does it cost?

There are no fees for these permits.

What do I need to do?

1. Fill out application for the permit(s) you need

- [Domestic animal permit](#)

Be sure to indicate whether you require a permit for possession, transport or both.

2. For a possession permit, attach:

- Identification for each animal
- Details of proposed or current fencing

For a transport permit, attach:

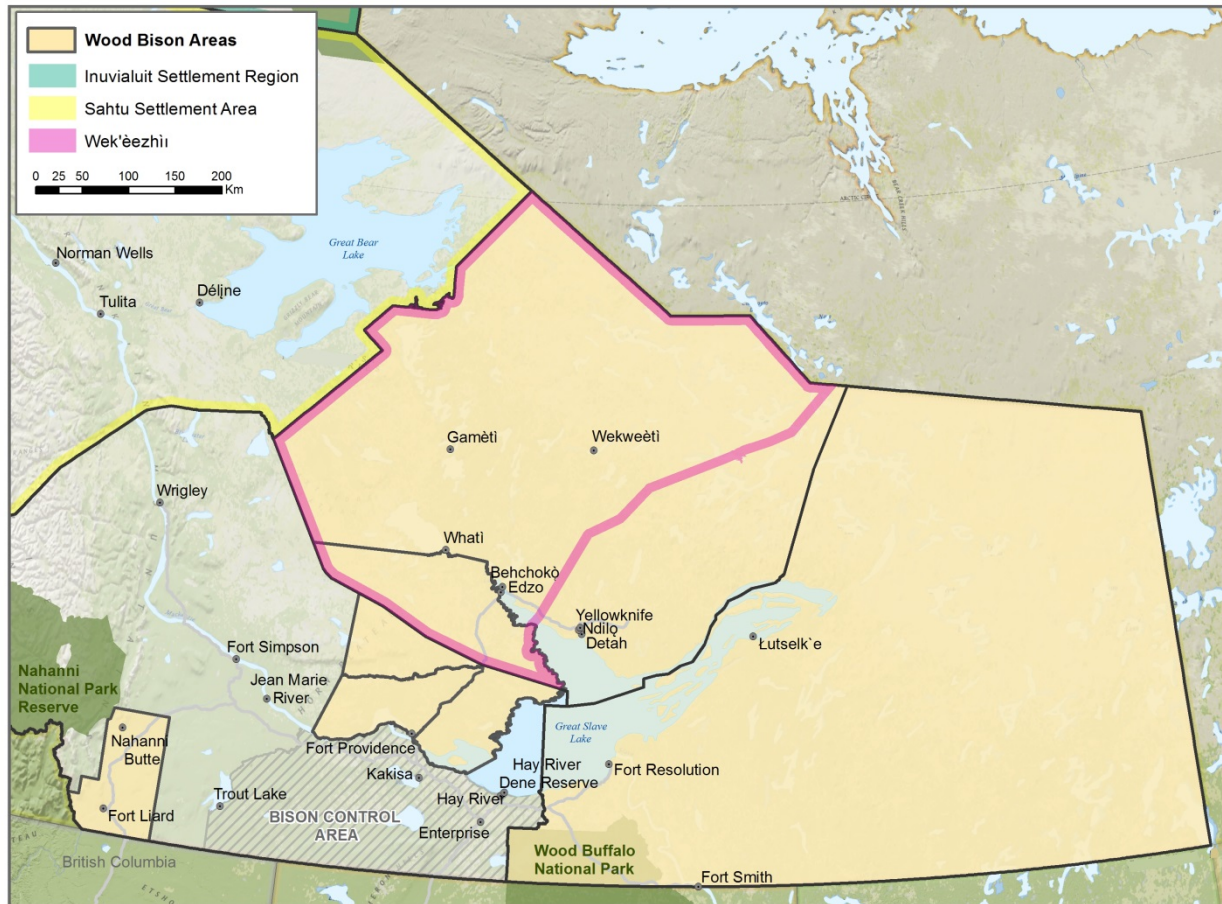
- Vaccination records
- Certificate of health signed by a licensed veterinarian
- Identification for each animal

3. Submit your application

Submit your application (with attachments):

- Email: wildlifecoordinator@gov.nt.ca
- Fax: 867-873-0293
- In person: At your nearest ENR Regional Office

Which areas require a domestic animal permit?



Bringing domestic sheep into the following communities requires a domestic animal permit:

Dehcho

- Nahanni Butte
- Fort Liard

South Slave

- Fort Providence
- Fort Resolution
- Łutselk'e
- Fort Smith

North Slave

- Behchokò
- Whatì
- Gamèti
- Wekweèti
- Ndiłò
- Detah
- Yellowknife

What kind of containment system do I need for transport?

Domestic sheep must be transported in a containment system that is secure enough to prevent the animal from escaping and does not cause damage to the animal itself. Animals must have full range of motion and be able to stand, lie down and turn around with ease.

The containment system must follow applicable standards and regulations, including:

- [Health of Animals Regulations](#)
- [Live Animal Regulations](#)

What kind of fencing do I need?

Your application must include details of proposed or current fencing, including dimensions and materials. Fencing must prevent domestic sheep from escaping and prevent nose-to-nose contact with wood bison. Double fencing may be required in certain high-risk areas for contact between bison and sheep, such as in Fort Liard and Fort Providence.

What kind of identification do I need for my sheep?

All domestic sheep must have a unique animal identifier. This may include an ear tag colour and/or numbers, radio-frequency identification (RFID) tag, microchip or collar with tag, or equivalent.

Who do I contact for more information?

Email wildlifestveterinarian@gov.nt.ca for more information or visit your local or regional ENR office.