



Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area - FAQs

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What happened to the pole barn?

The pole barn collapsed during a summer monsoon storm. A similar structure will be rebuilt sometime in 2023.

How long will the cranes be there?

The cranes typically arrive at the beginning of October and stay until the middle of March depending on the weather and how the cranes are feeling.

Best time to view the cranes?

The best times to view the cranes are when they leave for morning foraging which is just before sunrise and approximately one hour after. Additionally, you can view the cranes as they return from the morning foraging approximately 10 am – 12 pm.

Are dogs allowed?

Yes, but they must be leashed at all times and owners are expected to pick up after them.

Are drones allowed?

No drones for photography or recreational activities are allowed on the Whitewater Draw property.

Can I RSVP a campsite?

Unfortunately at this time no RSVPs are accepted.

Closest area to book a hotel and/or eat at?

The nearest cities to eat and spend the night are Bisbee, Tombstone, and Douglas.

Are fires allowed?

No fires are allowed.

Is hunting allowed?

Yes, designated areas on the wildlife area are accessible for hunting. Please see the link on this page for a map that shows areas open for hunting.