



GMU 36C

October 29, 2025

Species within this unit: Javelina, Mule Deer, White-tailed Deer, Cottontail Rabbit, Dove, Quail

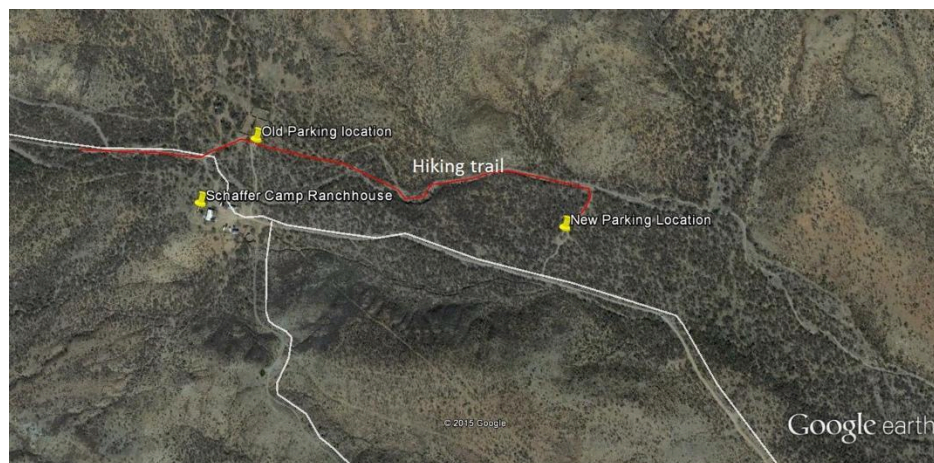
Unit Boundaries

The Sierra Vista ranch property is fenced, signed and closed to hunting and trespassing.

[See map for details.](#)

Beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 86 and AZ Hwy 286; southerly on AZ Hwy 286 to the U.S.- Mexico border; westerly along the border to the east boundary of the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation; northerly along the reservation boundary to AZ Hwy 86; easterly on AZ Hwy 86 to AZ Hwy 286.

*Important information: This unit has both whitetail deer and mule deer, study the differences. There has been an increase of wrong species shot in recent years.





Hunter Access – Read this section about access in the unit.

Access is a significant issue in 36C, due to the location of the private land in this unit. Fortunately, the majority of this unit is open to hunting. This is because of stewardship agreements with the various ranches. Please respect the rules and regulations pertaining to access. There are several mandatory sign-in stations located throughout the unit. Each of these sign-in stations is independent of each other. In other words, signing in at one ranch does not give you access to another ranch. Failure to sign-in will result in trespassing charges. Do not omit any information when filling out the sign-in sheet. Please help maintain these access boxes. Some other problems we have experienced in the past include:

Failure to sign-out when leaving the ranch.

Taking ranch passes off of the ranch.

Driving off road.

Littering, to include the failure to bury toilet paper and feces, and failure to clean out fire pits of unburned items.

Camping within a ¼ mile of water.

Parking near corrals during ranch operations.

Shooting at signs and water tanks.

The continued access in this unit is dependent on the proper conduct by everyone.

Be advised that much of this unit is accessible by foot only. All of these areas are identified with signs. Access to the unit is primarily off of Highway 286. Milepost numbers to various locations south of Three Points are as follows:

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to javelin and Deer hunting. You must also camp in designated campsites. Contact the refuge for additional information and regulations, 520-823-4251.

Most of Unit 36C is comprised of State Trust land. A valid hunting or fishing license, or State land permit is required to enter State Trust lands.

*Note: All private land on the Santa Margarita Ranch is now closed to all access for all purposes. No Trespassing, No Hunting, No Fishing, No Camping, No trapping effective immediately.

*Note: The use of off-highway vehicles (ATVs, quads, etc.) is prohibited on the King's Anvil Ranch. The King's Anvil Ranch will not open until Sept. 1.

Consult hunting regulations for season dates and bag limits.

*Attention: Not all of Brown Canyon is open to hunting. Be aware of the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge's designated 'no hunt zones' located at the mouth of the canyon and extending along the canyon bottom. Hunters wishing to hunt in Brown Canyon must park at the designated parking lot and hike to State Trust Land and BLM land.

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Unit Summary

Primary Game Species/ Hunting Month(s)

White-tailed Deer	August-January
Javelina	August-November, January-March
Mule Deer	August-January

Secondary Game Species/Hunting Month(s)

Dove	September, December
Quail	October-February

Average # permits in past 5 years

White-tailed Deer	695
Javelina	850
Mule Deer	220

Climate Information

MONTH	AVG. TEMP	AVG. RAINFALL	AVG. SNOWFALL
January	Max 66°/Min 33°	0.78"	0.0"
February	Max 70°/Min 35°	0.70"	0.0"
September	Max 95°/Min 62°	1.42"	0.0"
October	Max 86°/Min 50°	0.88"	0.0"
November	Max 75°/Min 39°	0.50"	0.10"
December	Max 66°/Min 39°	1.03"	0.10"

Other Pertinent Climate Information

The desert flats get very muddy after prolonged rain. In the wintertime, up to 3 to 6 inches of snow can accumulate in the mountains.



Cities, Roads & Campgrounds

Major Cities and Towns in or Near Game Management Unit and Nearest Gas, Food, and Lodging:

Tucson, Three Points, Sasabe, Arivaca

Major Highways and Roads Leading To

From the East: Hwy 86

From the West: Hwy 86

From the North: Hwy 286

From the South: Hwy 286

Developed Campgrounds

None.

Undeveloped Campgrounds

The Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge offers designated primitive camping sites throughout the refuge. Camping is allowed on State land with a hunting license or recreation permit.

Brief Description of Terrain, Elevation, and Vegetation

Elevations range from about 3,000' in the Altar Valley to about 6,000' in the Baboquivari Mountains, which form the western edge of the unit. The unit is comprised primarily of mesquite grassland with oaks growing on north facing slopes.

Government Agencies and Phone Numbers

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Region V – 520-628-5376

Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge – 520-823-4251