



2026 JAVELINA INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT

This Informational Handout for the Javelina Over-the-Counter Nonpermit-tags is being provided for reference only to assist hunters in understanding this unique but limited and restricted hunting opportunity. **Hunters are reminded that the 2026 Spring Turkey, Javelina, Bison, Bear and Raptor Capture Hunt Draw Information booklet has precedence over this informational handout and is the legal controlling document.**

In this handout you will find:

- Overview
- Common Violations
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Season Dates, Allowable Weapon Types, and Open Areas

OVERVIEW:

The javelina over-the-counter nonpermit-tags are for very specific and limited locations where the Department is attempting to create areas with few or no resident javelina.

Javelina numbers in these hunt areas are low; therefore, hunt success is expected to be very low. However, one advantage of these hunts is that they afford the opportunity to hunt with family and friends, which hasn't always been possible because of the difficulty in getting a tag through the big game draw process.

Hunters need to be attentive to the hunt area boundary and private property within the hunt area. Hunters who obtain these over-the-counter javelina tags should make sure they contact the property owner and obtain permission before hunting on private land.

These hunts will not affect your bonus points but do count toward your two-javelina-per-calendar-year bag limit.

NOTE: Hunters are reminded that many of these hunts occur in lower elevations and during the hotter times of the year. These two conditions make it imperative to quickly field dress your harvested game, including removing the hide to preserve the meat BEFORE transporting. Hunters should have plenty of coolers and ice to preserve their harvest BEFORE the hunt.

COMMON VIOLATIONS:

- Hunting outside of a defined Hunt Area, "Take Wildlife During Closed Season. A.R.S. 17-309.A.10"
 - If the rest of the unit or units outside your designated "Hunt Area" have concurrent hunts taking place, a hunter who takes an animal with a nonpermit-tag is the same as "Take Wildlife in Wrong Unit. A.R.S. 17-309.A.1 Per, R12-4-302.D.2" or "Take Wildlife without Valid Permit/Tag A.R.S. 17-309.A.1 Per R12-4-302A "
- Pick up your litter, "A.R.S. 17-309.A.9"



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COMMON VIOLATIONS:

- Stay on existing roads/trails, Follow regulatory signage on public and private land, "A.R.S. 17-454"
- Vandalism while hunting can include livestock, crops, personal property, open/close gates, signboards, or other improvements, "A.R.S. 17-309.A.3"
- Camp At Least 1/4 Mile From Waters, "A.R.S. 17-308"
- Do Not Shoot Within 1/4 Mile Of Occupied Structures, "A.R.S. 17-309.A.4"
- Do Not Trespass on Private Property, "A.R.S. 17-303.2"
- Do Not Attempt to Take Wildlife from a Vehicle A.R.S. 17-301.B

For the complete language on these Title 17 laws and others, visit www.azleg.gov/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp?Title=17. A copy of the Arizona Game and Fish Laws and Rules booklet can be purchased from any Department office.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs):

Question: WHAT are nonpermit-tags?

Answer: Nonpermit-tags are tags that may be purchased over-the-counter from Department offices and some license dealers without applying through the Department's Draw (lottery) process.

Question: WHY is the Arizona Game and Fish Department offering nonpermit-tags for javelina hunts?

Answer: The Department does not want resident javelina herds in specific areas of the state due to conflicts with private landowners and/or javelina management concerns. In these areas, our standard hunt structures have not met our management goals, which is why we offer nonpermit-tag javelina hunts in certain units around the state.

Question: WHAT is the expected hunt success?

Answer: Hunt success is expected to be low on all nonpermit-tag javelina hunts. These areas, as identified through public process, are not traditional javelina habitat and their continued occupation is not desired. Javelina numbers in these hunt areas are very low; therefore, hunt success is expected to be very low.

Question: What type of hunting license and permit do I need for these hunts?

Answer: A current, valid hunting license (General Hunting or Combination Hunt and Fish) and a javelina nonpermit-tag (over-the-counter) for the year of the hunt, are required.

Question: Do I need the archery-only, HAM and general nonpermit-tags to hunt different weapon type seasons?

Answer: No, there is only one nonpermit-tag required that may be used for either weapon type hunt. The separate listings in the regulations are required to identify differences in open areas, seasons, legal animals, or weapon types. Hunters can possess a javelina nonpermit-tag and



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adjust their hunt to the seasons and weapon types as permitted by the current javelina hunting regulations.

Question: WHEN can I hunt with a javelina nonpermit-tag?

Answer: Open hunting areas are subject to change from year to year. The very nature of this opportunity is to address problem areas. All hunt areas and season dates are subject to change from year to year. Hunters must thoroughly review the appropriate year's Spring Turkey, Javelina, Bison and Bear Hunt Draw Information booklet, including the notes section, for detailed boundaries of open areas, legal game and other pertinent information. (Note: Open areas are not the same as the familiar Game Management Units in most cases.)

Question: Where can I get a map of the open areas for javelina nonpermit-tag holders?

Answer: All the boundaries of open areas are identified in the notes section of the appropriate year's Spring Turkey, Javelina, Bison and Bear Hunt Draw Information booklet. For reference only, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is providing map(s) of the hunt areas. You can log onto the Game and Fish Web site at www.azgfd.gov/otc. Caution: Be sure to pick the appropriate year's "Informational Handout."

Question: Do I lose my bonus points if I purchase a javelina nonpermit-tag?

Answer: No. You do not lose or accrue bonus points when buying a javelina nonpermit-tag.

Question: If I purchase a javelina nonpermit-tag can I still apply for a tag through the Draw?

Answer: Yes.

Question: If I harvest a javelina during a nonpermit-tag season and then find out I was awarded a tag through the "Draw" of the same year can I hunt javelina again with that permit-tag?

Answer: Yes. The annual bag limit for javelina is two (2) per calendar year (excluding special raffle tags per R12-4-120). Two (2) javelina per calendar year (except as prescribed in R12-4-120) with no more than one (1) javelina taken per open area as defined in each hunt number. The bag limit may be filled in any combination of permit-tag (draw tag or first-come left over draw tag as long as the tags are for differing hunt numbers) or nonpermit-tag (over-the-counter tag) hunts as prescribed in R12-4-114.

You may also transfer the draw javelina tag you were drawn for to your minor child, minor grandchild, or donate to a qualified nonprofit organization per R12-4-121. For details on transferring a tag, visit www.azgfd.gov/hunting under "Tag Transfer Program."



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SEASONS DATES, ALLOWABLE WEAPON TYPES, AND OPEN AREAS:

GENERAL HUNT AREAS AND SEASON DATES

Hunt Area: Units 39 (excluding Robbins Butte, Powers Butte and Arlington Wildlife Areas), 40B (excluding Pima County), 41, 43A, and 43B (excluding National Wildlife Refuges)(**Special Restrictions Apply - See Notes 6, 7**):

Dates: January 1 – December 31, 2026 – Any javelina

See Notes: 2, 4, 6, 7, 27, 34, 87

Note 6: For deer, javelina, mountain lion, predators, furbearers, and small game hunters, Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR) access is subject to military operations/closure and requires an Access Permit. For more information on how to obtain a permit, please visit the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma website at: <https://www.mcasyma.marines.mil/Staff-and-Agencies/Range-Natural-and-Cultural-Resources/> OR the Luke Air Force Base Website at: <https://www.luke.af.mil/Units/56th-Range-Management-Office/>. Unit 40B on BMGR-West is open to hunting as permitted under R12-4-304 and R12-4-318, except in the Restricted Areas which are closed to all public recreation. That portion of BMGR-East located in Unit 40B is closed to hunting. Transit through BMGR-East to hunt in Units 46A or 46B is not authorized. Hunters in BMGR-East areas of Unit 40A (east of SR-85) require only the Access Permit, but must also avoid Restricted Areas. It is the hunter's responsibility to know his/her location and remain clear of unauthorized areas. For additional information, contact Luke Air Force Base for BMGR-East: 623-856-7216 or 623-856-1758; or Marine Corps Air Station Yuma for BMGR-West: (928) 269-3115.

Note 7: The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) is closed to hunting except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed U.S. citizens holding a valid YPG Hunting Access Permit and coordinating with YPG Range Control. Hunters drawn for Units 41W, 43A, or 43B who plan to hunt on YPG must obtain a hunting access permit before entering YPG. All persons accompanying the hunter on YPG must also have a permit. The permit must be with the permit holder at all times when on YPG. Access permits are issued through iSportsman at <https://yuma.isportsman.net/>. Applicants must register online at iSportsman, and watch the Range Safety Briefing Video, after which, YPG will conduct a background check which takes 2 to 3 business days. Permits will only be available after the background check is complete. Once the background is cleared, applicants must log into their iSportsman account to purchase the Hunting Access Permit. Furthermore, all firearms or bows must be registered either at the visitor center or through iSportsman prior to entering YPG. Do not bring firearms into the visitor center. The weapon registration must be with the weapon, while on YPG. Due to military activities some hunting areas may be temporarily closed on short notice. Updates will be posted at yuma.isportsman.net or via email notification to permit holders. For information visit <https://yuma.isportsman.net> ; email: usarmy.ypg.imcom.list.doo-vcc@army.mil or call (928) 328-2125.



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HAM HUNT AREAS AND SEASON DATES

Hunt Area: Units 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A North, 7, 9:

Dates: January 1 – December 31, 2026 – Any javelina

See Notes: 4, 29, 30, 32, 34, 85

ARCHERY-ONLY HUNT AREAS AND SEASON DATES

Hunt Area: Unit 11M:

Dates: January 1 – December 31, 2026 – Any javelina

See Notes: 4

Hunt Area: Units 25M and 38M (**Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 25**):

Dates: January 1 – 31, 2026 and December 11 – 31, 2026 – Any javelina

See Notes: 3, 4, 15, 18, 25, 34

Hunt Area: Units 26M (**Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 16**):

Dates: January 1 – February 28, 2026 and December 11 – 31, 2026 – Any javelina

See Notes: 4, 16, 17, 18

Note 16: The following described area in Unit 26M is closed to hunting: those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.

Note 25: Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area in Unit 38M is closed to the discharge of all firearms. Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area and Tucson Mountain Park in Unit 38M are open to archery hunting, except those portions within 1/4 mile of any occupied residence or building, developed picnic area, developed campground, shooting range, boat ramp, or golf course are closed to hunting. Developed areas do not include trails. Archery hunters planning to hunt the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area must check-in online at www.azgfd.com/hunting/tucson-mountain-hunt-registration/ prior to going afield. Tucson Mountain Park is a Pima County Park that occurs within the boundaries of the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area. The boundary for Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area is as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the Saguaro National Park boundary (Township 13 South, Range 11 East, Section 33); south about 1 mile to the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline; southeast along El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline to Sandario Rd; south on Sandario Rd about 2 miles to the southwest corner of Township 14 South, Range 11 East, Section 15; east along this section line to the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline; southeast along the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline to AZ Hwy 86 (Ajo Hwy); easterly on AZ Hwy 86 to the Tucson city limits; north along the city limits to Silverbell Rd; northwest on Silverbell Rd to Twin Peaks Rd; west on Twin Peaks Rd to Sandario Rd; south on Sandario Rd to the Saguaro National Park boundary; west and south along the Park boundary to the northwest corner of the Saguaro National Park boundary (Township 13 South, Range 11 East, Section 33).