

GMU 35A

Access Information

National Park Service – The Coronado National Memorial encompasses 4,750 acres of the southern end of the Huachuca Mountains to the Mexican border. There are no entrance fees for the Memorial. While hunting of any kind is not allowed in the Coronado National Memorial, there are over 900 species of plants and animals to observe and enjoy. A single road traverses the park east to west and provides access to numerous hiking trails. Driving over Montezuma Pass offers spectacular views of the San Pedro River Valley to the east and the San Rafael Valley to the west, and the visitor center is open daily. A large portion of the road over Montezuma Pass is steep, narrow, switch-backed, and wash-boarded and is not suitable for vehicles over 24 feet in length. Vehicles pulling trailers should use caution. The Memorial is open daily from dawn to dusk; vehicles can drive through the park after-hours but cannot stop in the park at night.

Arizona State Land Department – There are pockets of Arizona State Trust Land scattered throughout the northern and eastern portions of GMU 35A in the Mustang Mountains and Rain Valley, and on the eastern edge of Sierra Vista. Arizona State Trust Land is managed by the State Land Department and is not public land. A recreation permit is required to camp, hike, or travel on State Trust Land; permits can be purchased online. Arizona hunting and fishing licenses include a permit for accessing State Trust Land. As long as you are actively hunting or fishing while on State Trust Land, and you possess a valid Arizona hunting or fishing license, you do not need an additional State Trust Land permit to access State Trust Land. Hunting and fishing are allowed on State Trust Land, however target shooting is prohibited.

United States Army – The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison spans approximately 76,000 acres in GMU 35A. While much of the Fort is open to the public, civilians wishing to enter the Fort must undergo a brief background check upon entry. Hunting on Fort is managed by the Fort in collaboration with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Hunting on Fort is permitted for active and retired military and National Guard personnel, their spouses and legal dependents, active reservists and their legal dependents, and current full-time civil service and non-appropriated fund employees of Fort Huachuca and their spouses and legal dependents. All 100% disabled veterans are eligible. The Fort controls hunt numbers, season dates, and special regulations, and has an extensive set of rules by which hunters must abide. Contact Fort Huachuca for additional information about hunting on Fort Huachuca.

Bureau of Land Management – The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) includes 57,000 acres in GMUs 35A, 30B, and 34B, and spans from the Mexican border to St. David. The San Pedro River serves as the eastern boundary of GMU 35A, and western boundary

of GMU 30B. The SPRNCA is free for day use but a small fee is required for camping. The SPRNCA contains numerous trails and historic sites, and provides opportunities for wildlife viewing, birdwatching, primitive camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, biking, horseback riding, and more. Target shooting is not allowed in the SPRNCA. Bow hunting is permitted in the SPRNCA during all established seasons. Hunting with firearms in the SPRNCA is allowed from September 1 to March 31, and only in the portions of the SPRNCA north of Charleston Road and south of Highway 92. The portion of the SPRNCA between Charleston Road and Highway 92 is closed to hunting with firearms at all times. Target shooting is not allowed in the SPRNCA. Hunting is permitted in the SPRNCA during all established seasons. Be sure to visit the SPRNCA website for maps of safety buffer areas closed to discharge of firearms; most of these buffers follow the standard state quarter-mile restrictions around occupied structures (<https://www.blm.gov/documents/arizona-gila-do/public-room/map/san-pedro-riparian-national-conservation-area-sprnca>). In addition to the SPRNCA, the BLM manages some parcels of land north of Elgin and northeast of Sonoita.

Babacomari Ranch – At nearly 28,000 acres, the Babacomari Ranch is the largest contiguous private property parcel in the state of Arizona. Most of the ranch lies in the northern portion of 35A with the western end extending into 35B. The ranch encompasses a large section of the lush Babacomari River, and contains ample habitat for pronghorn, mule deer, white-tailed deer, javelina, and Gould's turkeys. Recreational access in the past has been threatened by trespassers and irresponsible users driving off road, shooting near buildings, and leaving gates open. Recognizing a need to maintain access for responsible hunters while protecting ranch property, the ranch and the Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department signed a Landowner Compact (Cooperative Stewardship Agreement) in May 2015. This Compact provides limited recreational access for hunters to large portions of the ranch, in exchange for law enforcement and wildlife management support provided by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Ranch access is regulated by the Ranch Manager, and written permission must be obtained from the Ranch Manager prior to hunting on the ranch. Please contact the Ranch Manager (520-455-5507) well in advance of your hunt for permission to access the Babacomari Ranch.

Private – GMU 35A has several large parcels of private property, including much of the San Rafael Valley and the San Pedro River Valley on the eastern boundary. Additionally, much of the land around Sierra Vista and Elgin is also private. Ramsey Canyon on the east side of the Huachucas is private and posted. Hunters and other recreational users should take care not to trespass onto private property. Some private landowners are willing to allow access to recreational users if they contact the landowners to ask for permission. If you are granted permission, treat the land with utmost respect. When recreational users trespass or damage

private property, it can lead to areas being closed off to everyone. Remember: respected access is open access.

AZ Access Map – Know before you go! AZ Access Map is an online mapping tool that allows the user to apply layers showing Game Management Unit boundaries, land ownership, access agreements, wildlife waters, and more. AZ Access Map is also now available on your mobile devices. Visit <https://azaccessmap.com/index.html> for more information.