

FACT SHEET

Archery Hunting in the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve

2025-2026 **Hunting Season**



Introduction:

Wildlife found throughout the State of Arizona, including within the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve, is managed by the State and may be hunted in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

Arizona Game and Fish Commission Rules:

The following are basic descriptions of rules established by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission regarding hunting in Game Management Unit 25M, which includes the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve. For detailed rules and regulations, please go to www.azgfd.gov.

- Hunting with firearms and trapping are prohibited
- Those lands within a ¼ mile of an occupied structure are closed to archery hunting
- Archery hunting is permitted in the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve during open seasons for javelina, deer, and mountain lion
- Hunters are responsible for determining open season dates, as well as verifying that Game Management Unit 25M is still open to hunting before entering the field
 - Deer --check online at www.azgfd.gov/ArcheryDeerReport or by calling (623) 236-7961
 - Mountain lion --check online www.azgfd.gov/lionhunting or by calling 1-877-438-0447
 - Javelina --check current hunting regulations at www.azgfd.gov

City of Scottsdale Rules:

Hunters in the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve must follow the rules of use, as established in Chapter 21 of the Scottsdale Revised Code (S.R.C). Including, but not limited to:

- No motorized vehicles are permitted outside designated parking areas.
- Hunters must park and access the Preserve at designated access points only, as shown on the attached maps.
- Hunter access is limited to the Preserve hours of operation as defined by Chapter 21 of the S.R.C. which is sunrise to sunset as determined by the National Weather Service.
- **SPECIAL NOTE:** Hunters please be aware of access restrictions in the Tom's Thumb area. See attached maps for the specific location of the closed area. The boundary of the closed area is posted with on-the-ground signage. Hunters traveling off-trail in areas closed to hunting are violating S.R.C. 21-12(b)(6) & (7).

Attention Hunters: If you plan to hunt in the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve, please register through the City's website at www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/Preserve/Hunting. This information is used to assist the City of Scottsdale and AZGFD with determining hunter participation for Game Management Unit 25M.

STAGECOACH PASS

WESTLAND

LONE MOUNTAIN

DIXILETA

Pima Dynamite Trailhead
DYNAMITE

JOMAX

SCOTTSDALE RD.

PIMA RD.

Granite Mountain Trailhead

Brown's Ranch Trailhead

Fraesfield Trailhead

128TH ST.

136TH ST.

TONTO
NATIONAL
FOREST



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- Archery hunting is not permitted within 1/4 mile of occupied structures
- For detailed hunting rules & regs go to: www.azgfd.gov



Designated Access Point
(with parking)



Designated Access Point
(No parking - walk-in only)



Area Open for Hunting
(archery only and subject to
AZGFD rules & regulations)

Restricted Area -
See Details on
Inset Map →

REMINDER:
New development
in this area.
No Hunting Within
1/4 mile of occupied
structures

No Hunting

No Hunting

No Hunting

Tom's
Thumb
Trailhead

SCOTTSDALE
MCDOWELL
SONORAN
PRESERVE

Gateway Trailhead

BELL RD.

104th & Bell Trailhead

SCOTTSDALE
MCDOWELL
SONORAN
PRESERVE

CACTUS RD.

Lost Dog Wash
Trailhead

Ringtail
Trailhead

Sunrise
Trailhead



Scale in Miles



Map Date:
Nov 2021

**NO
HUNTING**

119th Wy.

WARNING:
No Parking, Hunting,
or Access in or through
Troon Highlands Estates
or Estates at Miramonte

NO HUNTING

NO HUNTING

128th St.

**NO
HUNTING**

**NO
HUNTING**

**TOM'S
THUMB
TRAILHEAD**

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**NO
HUNTING**

Paraiso Dr.

**NO
HUNTING**

**NO
HUNTING**

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**SCOTTSDALE MCDOWELL
SONORAN PRESERVE**


Ft. McDowell Climbing Route


Tom's Thumb Trail
TT1
TT2
TT3

INSET MAP

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 Emergency Marker