FACT SHEET

Archery Hunting in the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve

2023-2024 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.
- ➤ <u>SPECIAL NOTE</u>: 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.



