

Common questions

The new permit system has several significant changes that will simplify obtaining a permit and better inform the public as to the BMGR/CPNWR regulations.

1. The new permit authorizes access to both the Air Force and Marine Corps portions of the Goldwater Range, except for restricted tactical ranges, and the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge. It is no longer necessary to obtain three separate permits.
2. The permit is valid for one year from July 1 until June 30.
3. **The permittee is required to call one of the following numbers each time he/she accesses the BMGR/CPNWR:**
BMGR West – 928-343-4393
Area B – 928-683-6200
CPNWR – 520-387-4994
4. Viewing of a Range Safety video **is required** for access to the BMGR Range. This is a short film that can be viewed at the BMGR Range headquarters south of Ajo.
5. Two permit cards are provided. One is for placement in the window of an unattended vehicle. The other permit must be in the possession of the permittee and be presented upon request by an authorized officer.
6. Permits are available by mail but not by fax. This is due to requiring an original signature on the hold harmless agreement and the “approved” stamp on the permit cards. Issuance of permits by mail may be accomplished by sending the applicant the hold harmless agreement for signature. Upon return of the hold harmless agreement and a self-addressed envelope, the approved permit cards and the regulations will then be mailed to the applicant.
7. One permit is required for each adult 18 years or older in order to access the Goldwater Range. Children under the age of 18 do not need a permit if accompanied by a permitted adult.
8. Registered 4-wheel drive motor vehicles are required on the Cabeza Prieta Refuge. **Note: All ATV’s, dune buggies, sand rails, and motorcycles are prohibited in the Cabeza Prieta Refuge.**
9. No metal detectors are permitted due to safety concerns regarding unexploded ordnance.