

U.S. Marine Corps

BARRY M. GOLDWATER RANGE WEST: ARIZONA

Established in 1941, the Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR) is a premier military training range. The BMGR is located in southwest Arizona, along the United States-Mexico border. In 1999, Congress transferred land management responsibilities from the Department of Interior to the Department of Defense and withdrew the land for military use until 2026. The western portion of the BMGR West is managed by MCAS Yuma. This includes both land management and environmental compliance. BMGR West provides the necessary space for Marines to receive critical tactical aviation training (air-to-ground and air-to-air) and convoy training. Nearly 80% of all Marine Corps Aviation units train on the BMGR before deployment.



A new F-35 Auxiliary Landing Field (ALF) has been built within the BMGR for carrier landing practices. There is also a rifle range, a parachute drop zone, and an EOD operating area located in the BMGR-W.

In the BMGR-W, multiple training missions can occur simultaneously, providing realistic, situational military training that supports the Marine Corps' intermediate and advanced level aviation training. The BMGR Range also provides the necessary space to host Marine Corps graduate-level aviation weapons and tactics training. A new F-35 Auxiliary Landing Field (ALF) will be built within the BMGR for carrier landing practices.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Yuma County, AZ**
- » Land Area: **691,759 acres**
- » Special Use Airspace: **3,906 square nautical miles**

For more information, please see < <http://www.mcasyma.marines.mil> >



Above: Endangered Sonoran pronghorns drink at BMGR West. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

Left: CH-53 Sea Stallions approach for landing to pick up Marines with Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, after a helicopter training raid at BMGR. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Provides a critical training area for all military Services, including U.S. allies.
- » Includes 37 miles of border with Mexico
- » Part of the Bob Stump Training Complex
- » Includes portions of the Cabeza Prieta Wilderness Area
- » Namesake is Barry M. Goldwater, a five-term U.S. Senator for Arizona
- » Public recreation is available with permit
- » The State of Arizona granted concurrent jurisdiction for BMGR West

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