

# RANCHO SECO RANCH



## ACQUISITION

Welcome to Rancho Seco. Rancho Seco was acquired by Pima County in 2005 in order to conserve over 9,500 acres of open space and 27,000 acres of grazing lease under the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. The purchase of the ranch was the largest in Pima County's history at the time. The Rowley family continues to remain stewards of the land, as they have for the past 50 plus years.

## WILDLIFE

The Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan acquires ranches in order to lessen the affects of urban sprawl and maintain unfragmented open space for conservation and outdoor recreation. The habitat of Rancho Seco is suitable for cattle ranching and serves a wide variety of wildlife. Commonly found species include mule deer, javelina, gila monsters, rattlesnakes and hundreds of species of birds. Under the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, several priority vulnerable species that may be present, including the Chiricahua leopard frog, rufous-winged sparrow, California leaf-nosed bat, Pale Townsend's bat, desert box turtle and the giant spotted whiptail.

## ARCHAEOLOGY AND MINING

Rancho Seco contains archaeological and historical sites. There are fourteen known archaeological sites present on the land, two of which are small Hohokam villages that were occupied between A.D. 900 and A.D. 1200. Mining activity has also taken place on the ranch, dating back to the early 1800's. Although the mines do not have a high potential for mineral deposits, there is still a chance that some deposits are present. All mining on County lands are restricted.

## ACCESS

Pima County and the Arizona Game and Fish Department have developed a cooperative recreational access agreement on Rancho Seco. Be alert for illegal border crossers and drug smuggling activity while visiting.

## REPORTING PROBLEMS OR VIOLATIONS

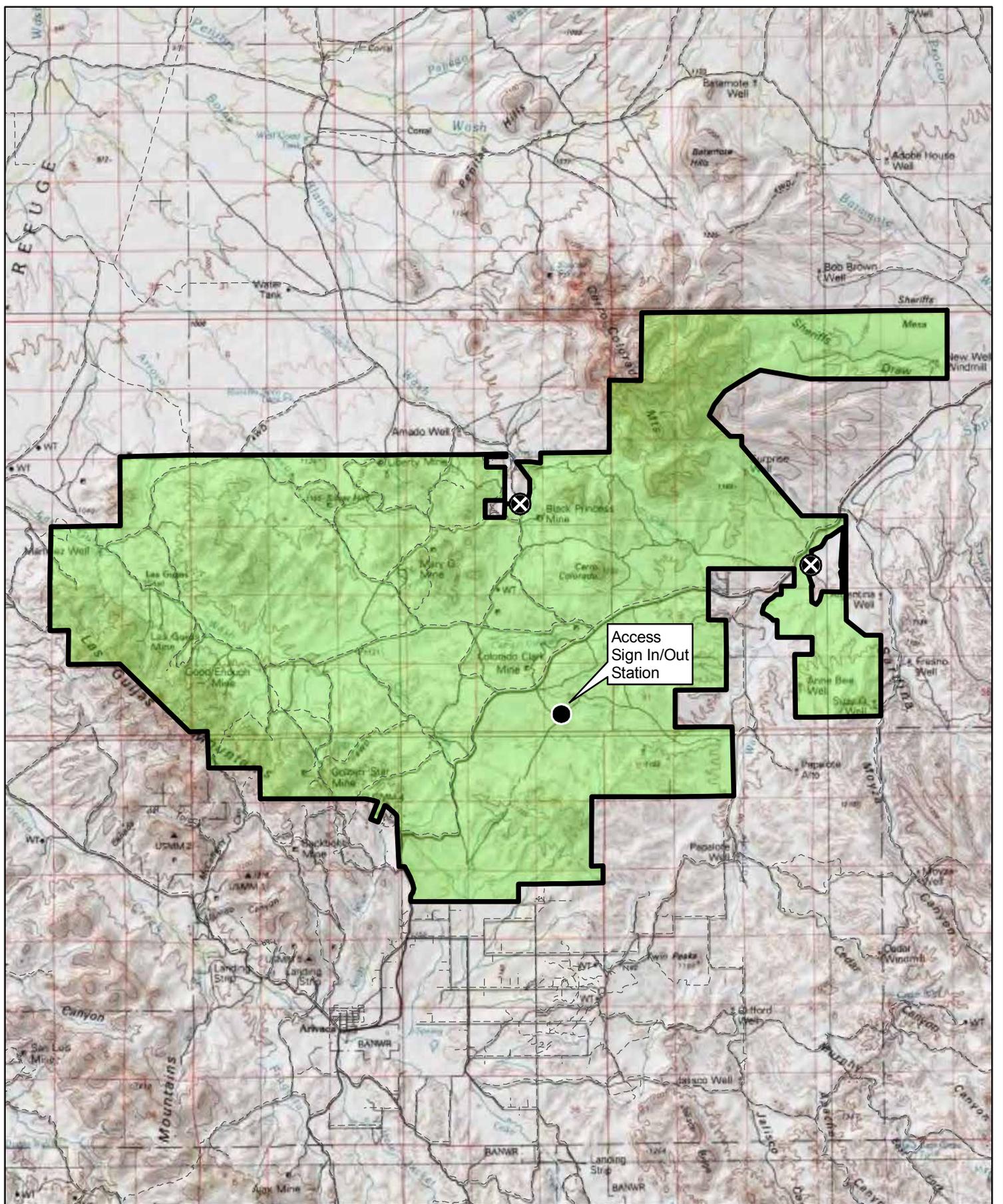
- For Law Enforcement Emergencies, please call 911
- For Property Violations, call Pima County NRPR: 520-724-5000 M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- For Vandalism or Wildlife Violations, call AZ Game and Fish OGT Line: 1-800-352-0700

## RULES

- Stay on the designated roads and trails; all off-road travel is prohibited.
- Please keep all gates closed unless wired open.
- Do not discharge firearms within a ¼ mile of occupied buildings or posted areas.
- Do not camp near water holes or livestock waters.
- Do not cut firewood.
- Do not remove or disturb any natural or cultural resources.

***Thank you for respecting Pima County's Rancho Seco Ranch.***

For more information and complete Park rules, please see the NRPR website at: [www.pima.gov/nrpr](http://www.pima.gov/nrpr)



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- Access Sign In/Out Station
- ⊗ Locked Gate - No Public Access

- ▭ County Ranch Boundary
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