

US Army Yuma Proving Ground

Access Information

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Visitor Control Center (VCC) The subject of authorized access by members of the public is an important issue at military installations throughout the nation, no matter the branch of service. Due to security concerns, the Department of the Army has heightened access control requirements for Army installations throughout the nation.

All US Army Yuma Proving Ground visitors who do not possess a military identification card or Common Access Card (commonly called a CAC card and issued to government employees and authorized contractors) must undergo a computer background check of individual records through the National Crime Information Center prior to gaining entry to the proving ground. These checks are conducted inside US Army Yuma Proving Ground's Visitor Control Center located within the Wahner Brooks Interpretive Display best known as the Open Air Museum located on Imperial Dam Road and normally takes no longer than 15 minutes. All visitors must also possess: 1) Driver's license; 2) Vehicle registration; 3) Proof of insurance.

Since these background checks require U.S. identification, they cannot be conducted on visitors who are not U.S. citizens. This means that unescorted access to Yuma Proving Ground for these individuals will no longer be granted. Other foreign nationals may only obtain access to the proving ground by being escorted at all times by an authorized official.

The Visitor Control Center is open for visitor background checks and credentialing Monday through Thursday 6:30 AM to 3:45 PM and closed on weekends and federal holidays.

NCIC III - The Army's baseline background check for entrance onto Army installations for Non-Common Access Card (CAC) or Non-DoD card holders. Upon successful completion of a background check the individual(s) will be issued a US Army Yuma Proving Ground Installation Access Badge.

Denials - The Installation Commander will, in the absence of an approved waiver, deny uncleared contractors, subcontractors, and visitor's unescorted access to the installation based on results of an NCIC III check that contains credible derogatory information indicating the individual may present a threat to good order, discipline, or health and safety of the Army installation. For those person(s) denied access, upon request, they will be given a denial access waiver form to be completed and returned to the VCC. The denial waiver will be reviewed to determine suitability for access to the installation.

For further information, contact the Visitor Control Center at (928) 328-6668 or the USAYPG Public Affairs Office at (928) 328-6533.

USAYPG Local AIE Pass - must be scanned by the AIE scanner and approved by the system prior to entry, not authorized through unmanned gates. Issued at the VCC. Up to all cantonment areas as specified on the card. Howard Cantonment (HCA), Kofa (KFR), Walker Cantonment (WCA), Laguna Army Airfield (LAF). Not authorized escort or sponsorship privileges. (Not authorized through unmanned Gates)

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Sponsorship - Only Active Duty Service Members and their family members, DoD Retirees, Active Army Federal Employees with a DoD ID Card or Official Army Units or Organizations may sponsor a cleared (NCIC III) guest for one year. Retired Army Federal employees may sponsor their legal spouse for one year.

Escorts - Only U.S. State Department vetted foreign nationals are approved for unescorted access. All other foreign nationals must be escorted by a DoD Active Duty or Active DA Civilian. Retirees and family members may escort foreign nationals **only** when approved by the Directorate of Operations. Retirees, family members, and contractors are not authorized to escort foreign nationals on the installation.

Lost Access Badge - If an Installation Access Badge is lost or damaged the individual will report to the VCC, re-vetted and re-issued an installation access badge.

Range access passes for DOD test personnel may be acquired from 6:00 AM to 3:30 PM Kofa Cantonment.

Gate Hours:

Howard Cantonment Area- (928) 328-3419 Access 24/7/365 days a year including Federal Holidays. Howard Cantonment lies further west off Imperial Dam Road and contains the USAYPG Police Department, housing areas, Commissary, Price Elementary School, medical facilities, troop billets, IHG Hotel, and various Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) sites and facilities.

Kofa Cantonment Area- (928) 328-7011 Access Monday-Thursday 24/7, Friday-Sunday and Federal Holidays by Proximity Access Badge or Registered CAC. Kofa Cantonment is a limited and restricted access area and lies east of Highway 95 and is accessed through Aberdeen Road.

Laguna Army Airfield (LAAF) - Manned ACP, Monday thru Thursday 4:00 AM-6:00 PM. Personnel must use CAC reader to gain access after-hours. Monitor is located at the E-911 Center until new Proximity System is installed. More instructions will follow once installed. The Laguna Army Airfield (LAAF) is a limited and restricted access area located west of Highway 95 and is accessed off Martinez Lake Road.

Walker ACP-Access Monday-Thursday 4:00 AM-7:00 PM (928)-328-2747/2706 is a limited and restricted access area which lies west of Highway 95 and is accessed off Imperial Dam Road. Walker cantonment is the USAYPG Garrison which contains the Headquarters area and various other administrative directorates.

USAYPG ACP issued temporary pass: Issued at the ACP after identity proofing and vetting during non-business hours or during closures of the VCC. Temporary passes will be valid during the length of stay or until the VCC re-opens, whichever is shorter. Personnel will be instructed to report to the VCC to be issued an AIE Badge/pass if their length of stay requires. Not authorized through unmanned gates. Only on cantonment areas as specified on the pass. Not authorized

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Proximity Card Controlled access gates: Proximity Card Controlled access gates are located in the following areas: Price School, Air Delivery, Laguna Airfield and Kofa Cantonment area. Proximity Card Controlled access gates can be accessed by CAC Cards which are registered in the Proximity Card Access system and Proximity Cards issued to non CAC holders who require access through a Proximity Card Controlled Access gates. Registration of CAC's and issuance of Proximity Cards are done at the Visitor Control Center during normal business hours.

Weapons registration - All privately owned weapons stored on or transited through the USAYPG must be registered with the US Army Yuma Proving Ground Police. Weapons cannot be transported onto the proving ground in a loaded condition, must be transported separate from ammunition and in a locked container or trunk separate from the passenger compartment, and cannot be stored in a vehicle or other location outside an approved residence.

All vehicle(s) entering the installation are subject to search by law enforcement/security personnel.
Only hands-free communication devices are authorized while operating a vehicle.