

To airport & Chino Valley

Some History of Granite Creek

From the first settlement, water has always been important for civilians and military. The dam you see across Granite Creek on this hike diverted water into a pipeline that connected to the Chino Valley Irrigation District (CVID). Farther upstream (not on map), there's another diversion dam, built by Thomas Wing in 1885. This dam fed a flume that provided water to his orchards, and later to the swimming pool at the Dells Resort – fondly remembered by Prescott residents from 1922 to 1971. Watson Lake was created by a large dam in 1914, providing water for CVID. Watson Lake is now owned by the City.

TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS

Distance: Prescott to TH is 5.8 miles, all blacktop (except parking).
 Drive E on Gurley St from Courthouse Square to jct of US 89 and AZ 69. Go left (north) on US 89, then drive 4.7 miles to crossroads at MP 317.4 (this crossroads is half a mile past Granite Dells Road). At the crossroads:
 - the entrance to Granite Gate Senior Living is the road on the left (west).
 - Granite Gardens Drive (dirt) is the road on the right (east) – take it.
 - You can park on this road as soon as you leave US 89 (park on the dirt on the right). Alternatively, drive down the rough dirt road for 150 yards to where there is lots of parking on a flat area before the creek.
 - This point is where the trail officially starts (the “P” on the map).

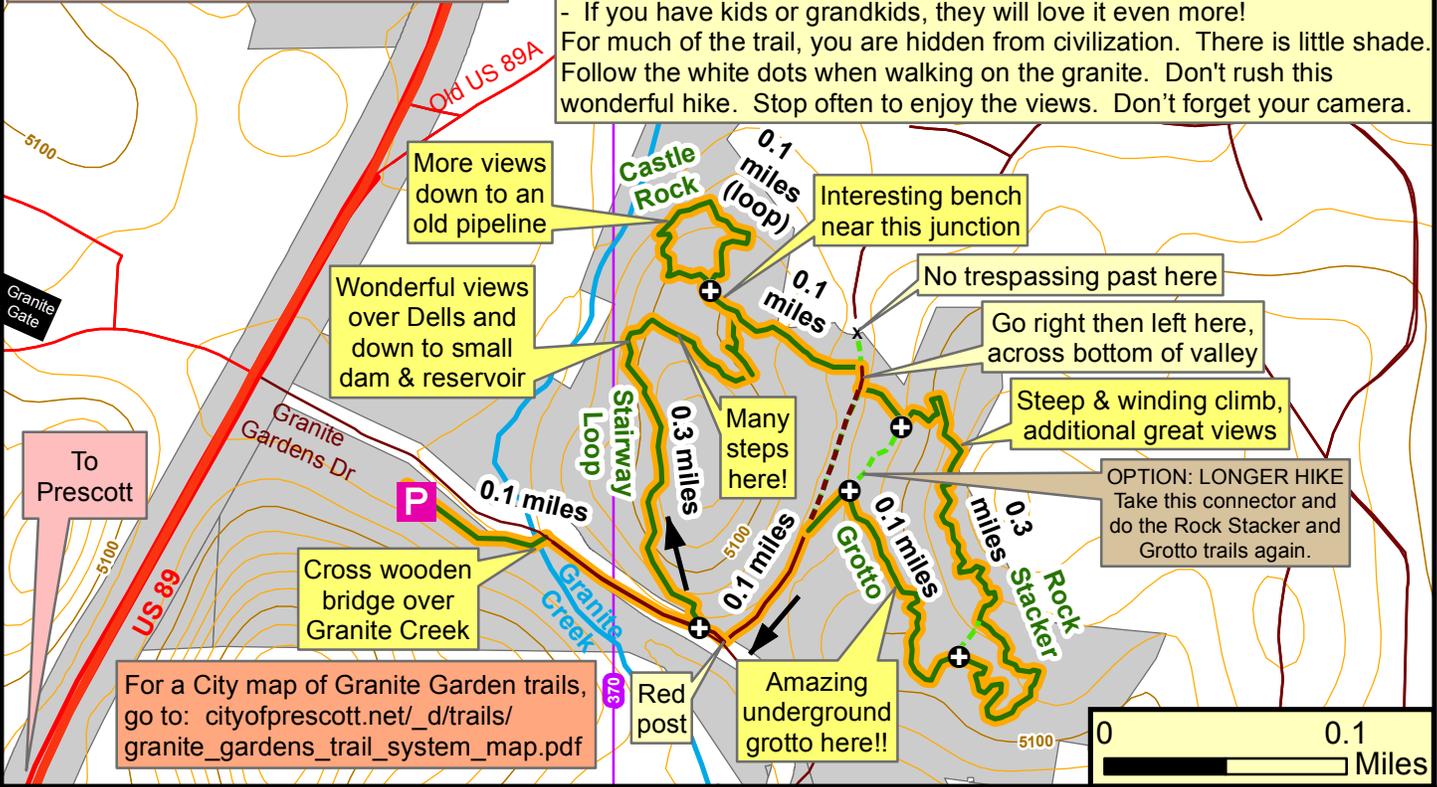
Cross over Granite Creek using the bridge and walk east along the dirt road. About 100 yards past the bridge, look for a sign on your left where a single-track trail leaves the road at a sharp angle and climbs up to your left (this trail is 15 yards before a red post). Hike the loops clockwise.

Total loop hike is 1.2 miles (moderate)

TH elevation is 5040 feet, high point is 5150' (but don't let this fool you).

Description: This trail is not your average hike! Although the total length is short, it has many steep ups-and-downs, hence the moderate rating.

- It is an adventurous trail with a number of surprises along the way.
 - If you are old but young at heart, you will love it.
 - If you have kids or grandkids, they will love it even more!
- For much of the trail, you are hidden from civilization. There is little shade. Follow the white dots when walking on the granite. Don't rush this wonderful hike. Stop often to enjoy the views. Don't forget your camera.



For a City map of Granite Garden trails, go to: cityofprescott.net/_d/trails/granite_gardens_trail_system_map.pdf

1. Granite Gardens

ROADS

- Surfaced Roads
- Dirt Roads

TRAILS 1

- SPREE Trail Route
- Trail along dirt road
- Other trails
- Old Forest Road

LAND USE 5

- Private Land
- City Owned Land
- Prescott National Forest
- Parking (at trail head)
- Trail Point/Junction (with approx. mileages between points/junctions/parking)

Purple grids are for GPS (UTM NAD83)

Scale is 1:10,000

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