



TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS

Distance: Prescott to TH 32 miles, incl 5.5 miles of dirt road.
- Dirt roads can be a challenge for low clearance vehicles.
This is a long drive, but worth it to see a part of Mingus Mtn few see, and a rarely used trail. This is the adventure trail for 2016.
 Drive east on Hwy 89A, up to the top of Mingus Mountain.

- From Prescott, go E on Gurley then N on Hwy 89 to jct with 89A at underpass. (From this jct it's about 18.5 miles to Mingus Mtn.)
- From Prescott Valley, go N on Glassford Hill Road to Hwy 89A, then east. (From this jct it's about 14.5 miles to Mingus Mtn.)
- At junction with Fain Road (traffic light), go left to stay on 89A.
- Watch for antelope on both sides of Hwy 89A past Fain Road. Milepost 336.6 is at the summit and a crossroads. Reset trip odometer here. Roads are now dirt/gravel, go slowly!

0.0 Turn right (SE) off Hwy 89A onto FR 104.
 - On FR 104, you will climb up and go past a hairpin.
 - At all of the following three junctions, follow the signs to Cherry.

- 1.5 miles: Jct FR 413. Turn right (south) here.
- 3.8 miles: Jct FR 132. Bear right (FR 413 goes off to left).
- 4.2 miles: Jct FR 105. Go left by pond, staying on FR 132.
- 5.4 miles: TH for trail 539 is on right, but trail sign is about 25 feet from road - easy to miss. Park in small dirt space on right by TH.

Total out-and-back hike is 4.6 miles (strenuous).
 TH elevation and high point is 6750 feet, low point at end 6070'

Description: Drop down from TH along an old road to Ash Canyon Creek. Turn left at a cairn here (the first of many) and follow trail to end. This is a pretty hike under the pines, beside the creek. It climbs up away from the creek occasionally. The creek probably won't be flowing but expect water in places.

After returning to car, drive east on FR 132 for about ½ mile to see extensive views above Ash Canyon Creek -- pines in valley along the trail. Few pines elsewhere due to many past forest fires.

7. Ash Canyon

ROADS

- Surfaced Roads
- Dirt Roads

TRAILS 1

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

LAND USE 1

- Private Land
- Prescott National Forest
- Wilderness Area

Parking (at trail head)

Trail Point/Junction
 (with approx. mileages between points/junctions/parking)

Purple grids are for GPS (UTM NAD83)
 Scale is 1:12,500

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