



TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS

Distance: Prescott to TH is 14.0 miles (including 6.9 dirt)
Note: This is a long drive but the lovely trail at the end is worth it. The dirt roads aren't for sedans – higher clearance needed!
 Drive east on Gurley Street from Courthouse Square to Mount Vernon Street (0.4 mile) and turn right (south) at traffic light (also reset your odometer here). Mount Vernon soon becomes the Senator Highway (YC 56). As you continue south on the Senator, you will pass the following points:
 - MP 7.1 Blacktop ends (just past the Sky Y camp).
 - Stay on Senator Hwy (MP 10 is the last milepost).
 - MP 10.8 Y jct, Walker Road comes in from the left.
 - MP 12.4 Y jct at a high point. Go right (SW) on FR 52.
 - MP 12.8 Y jct, go right off FR 52 onto FR 52B, smaller road.
 Drive up winding FR 52B for 0.4 miles to jct at top of hill. Go left there onto FR 81, and drive for 0.3 miles to next Y jct where you turn left onto FR 70 (sign points to "E + L" trail). Drive 0.5 miles to TH, passing a large sign, 0.1 before TH. Park there, or on side of road by TH – minimal traffic here.
 - TH for trail 281 is on the right (by cairn, wood sign down trl).
You can choose your out-and-back hiking distance:
 - Turn-around 1 at creek is 2.8 miles out-and-back (mod) but hike farther along creek for more of this pretty hike.
 - The full loop is 6.1 miles (strenuous).
 TH elevation is 7090 feet, low point is 5790', high point 7150'
Description: This lovely trail drops down steeply through the pines from the TH to Ash Creek, which may have a small flow. Along the creek the slope becomes gradual and you can appreciate its prettiness, as you cross the creek multiple times. After the trail leaves the creek, you'll be climbing steadily until you reach a high point. Go left and up to reach FR 70 and Ash Creek Ridge. Good views to west and Mt Union to north.

OPTIONAL EARLY TURNAROUND
 If at creek, total round trip is 2.8 miles (moderate) -- or hike farther along creek

Wildfire in 2007 improved views to west

Lots of riparian trees next to creek. Maybe fall colors.

The trail up to the south end of FR 70 is about 100 yards, steep and narrow.

Metal trash along here -- remnants of a mining camp?

High point and various signs. Turn left here and go uphill (sign says "Trail" with a dirt bike symbol).

Go left and up at sign

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| ROADS | LAND USE 1 |
| Surfaced Roads | Private Land |
| Dirt Roads | Prescott National Forest |
| TRAILS 1 | Wilderness Area |
| Spree trail | Parking (at trail head) |
| Trail along dirt road | Trail Point/Junction (with approx. mileages between points/junctions/parking) |
| Non-Spree | Purple grids are for GPS (UTM NAD83) |
| Old Forest Roads | Scale is 1:20,000 |

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HIGHLANDS CENTER for NATURAL HISTORY
 (Hiking Spree Map for 2017)

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