



Signage at this jct is easy to miss

As the name implies, lots of good views along Vista (Thumb Butte & Sierra Prieta)

OPTION: LONGER HIKE  
Go south on Tunnel Vision: old RR underpass 0.7 miles.

**NOTES ON SIGNAGE AND MILEAGE**

- The signage in Spence Basin is temporary – short signs at each junction with trail names. The rain may have washed some away or the growth of bushes/weeds may hide them.
- The many trails make navigation challenging. To compute mileage, use your watch! Most people average about 2 ½ mph hiking, without stops. So 1 mile should take about 24 minutes, or about 2 ½ minutes for 0.1 miles.

**TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS**  
**Distance: Prescott to TH 4.8 miles, all blacktop.**  
 Drive NW to start of Iron Springs Road (YC 10) at the traffic light by hospital (YRMC). Then drive 3.2 miles to Spence Springs Road and turn left (south).  
 - The TH is on your right, less than 100 yards from Iron Springs Road.  
 - Park on the left on the dirt just before the TH.  
**Total loop hike is 4.4 miles (moderate)**  
 TH elevation 5560 feet (low point), high point 5820'.  
**Description:** Hike the loop counterclockwise. The Spence Basin area had very few official trails a year ago. Starting in 2017, a new network of trails was designed by the PNF to replace the social trails, and constructed by the Over-the-Hill Gang. This network is mainly shaded by trees, and winds up and down. This Spree hike takes you on a small part of this extensive network – go back on your own and explore some of the other trails another time.

# 11. Spence Basin

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| <b>ROADS</b>       | <b>LAND USE 1</b>   |
| Surfaced Roads     | Private Land  |
| Dirt Roads         | Prescott National Forest  |
| <b>TRAILS 3</b>    | Wilderness Area   |
| Spree trail        | Parking (at trail head)   |
| Optional SPREE trl | Trail Point/Junction (with approx. mileages between points/junctions/parking) |
| Other trails       | Purple grids are for GPS (UTM NAD83)  |
| Old Forest Roads   | <b>Scale is 1:10,000</b>  |
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HIGHLANDS CENTER for NATURAL HISTORY

(New map for 2018)

