

TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS

Distance: Prescott to TH is 54.5 miles, 3.5 dirt.

This is a long way, but worth it to see a trail few have hiked, with great views as a bonus. This is the adventure trail for 2014.
 Drive towards I-17 on Hwy 69 to Youngs Farm (now Mortimers) at jct with Cherry Rd (Hwy 169). This jct is 17 miles from downtown Prescott and 8 miles from Glassford Hill Rd in Prescott Valley.
 Turn left (east) at lights, and drive 15 miles on Hwy 169.
 At I-17, go north for 9 miles to exit 287 (Camp Verde).
 At exit, go left (NW) on AZ 260 towards Cottonwood and drive 9.7 miles on AZ 260 to crossroads at Ogden Ranch Road - This crossroads is just after the end of the divided highway.
 Turn left (SW) on Ogden Ranch Road (a wide dirt road).
 Drive 3.5 miles to the trail head (end of road) and parking circle.
 - The road name changes to FR 359 on the way.

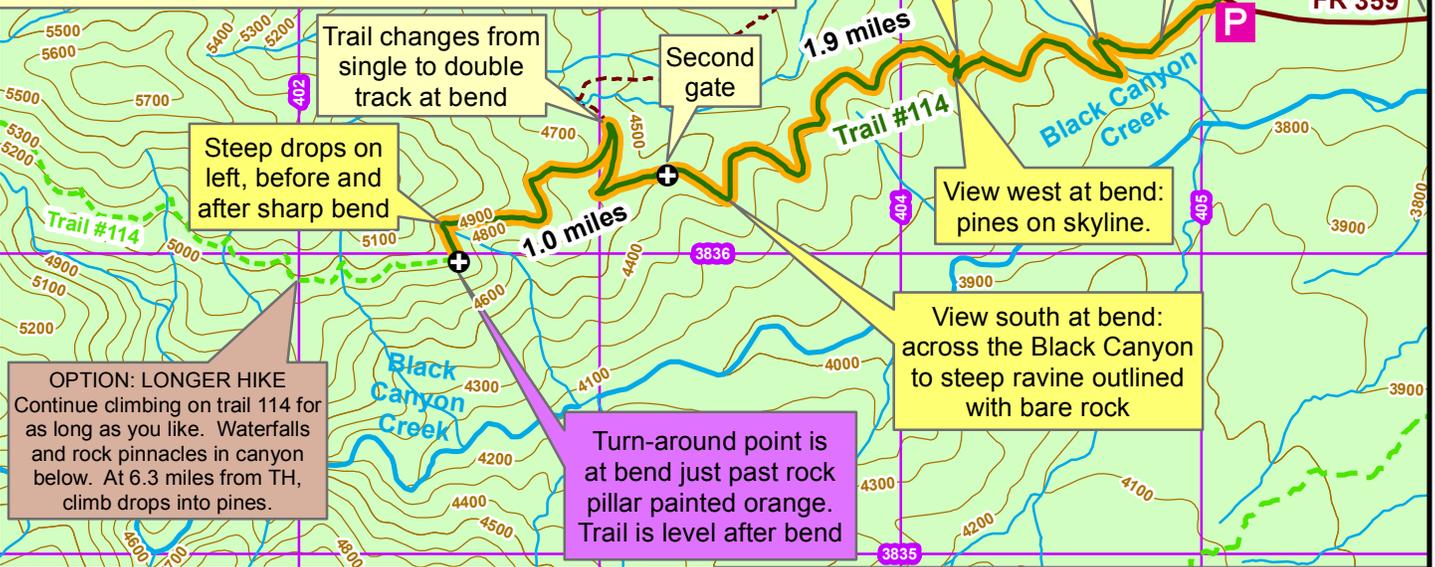
For a more adventurous route take Cherry Crk Rd from 169 to 260

Total out-and-back hike is 5.8 miles (strenuous).

Allow ~2 hours to reach turn-around. Return back down is easier!
 TH elevation is 3940 feet (low point), end is 4930 feet (high point)

Description: Trail climbs steadily with the Black Canyon dropping away, below on your left (south). There are wonderful views in all directions. The trail is in chaparral, but large junipers offer some shade for a rest. Trail is rocky in places. Look for numerous pack rat nests, both sides of trail. The scattered dead junipers indicate a wildfire decades ago. Pillow basalt is a brownish-pinkish-orange rock along the trail, appearing as large rocks to small chunks. It formed 1.8 billion years ago when red hot lava flowed into the sea.

NOTE: There are a number of Black Canyons in Arizona.



11. Black Canyon (PNF)

ROADS

- Surfaced Roads
- Dirt Roads

TRAILS 1

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

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 1:25,000

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