

### TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS

**Distance:** Prescott to TH is 16.3 miles, all blacktop.

Drive NW out of Prescott on Williamson Valley Road (YC5) to Almosta Ranch Road. This junction is on the left, 12.5 miles from Iron Springs Road (milepost 12.5).  
 - Large sign at entrance to road says THE PRESERVE.  
 Drive 0.8 miles down Almosta Ranch Rd to high voltage transmission line (and hydrant), where you turn left.

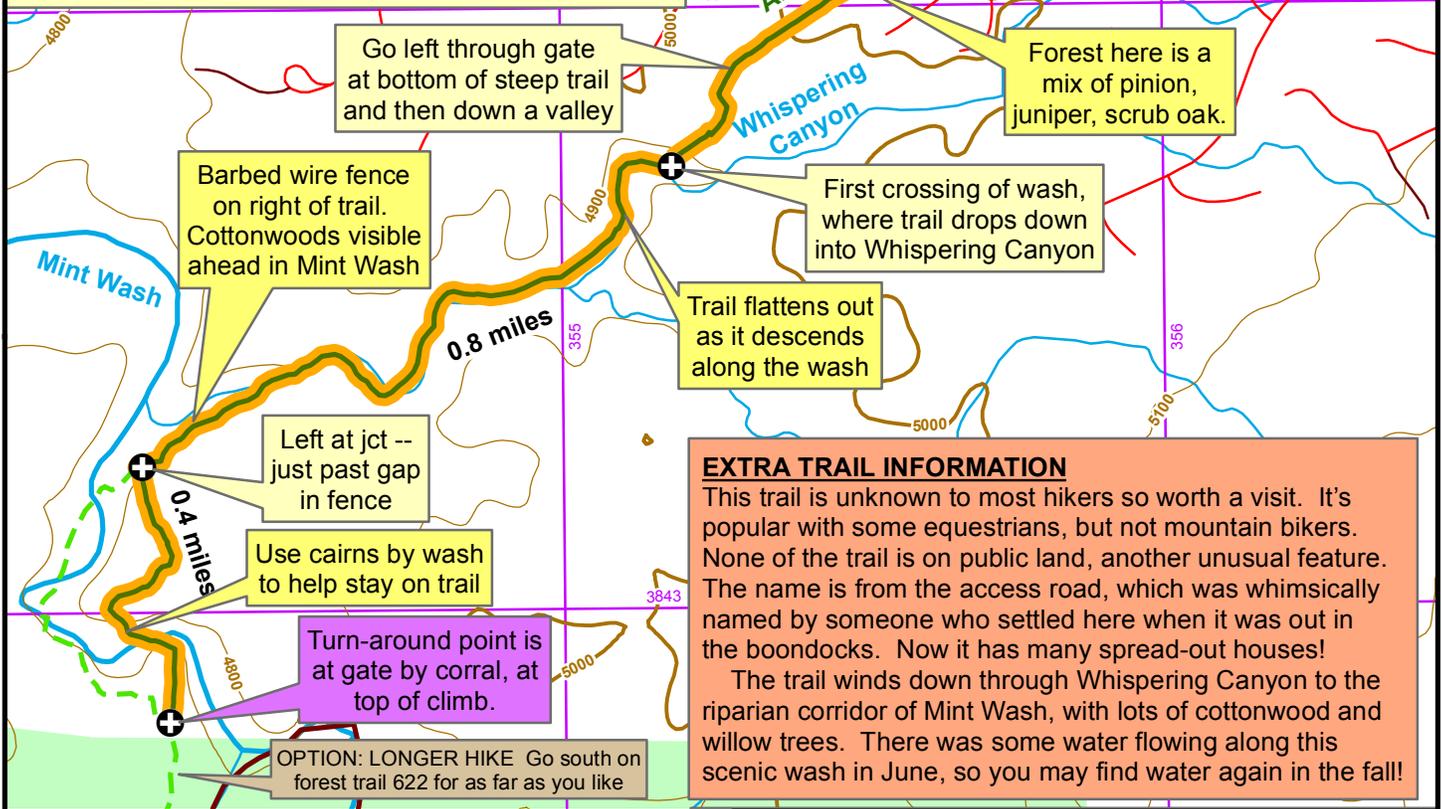
- TH parking is an open dirt area on your right.

Trail is a little tricky to find so park as follows:

- Turn right into parking OPPOSITE driveway to house.
  - Drive to "NO PARKING BEYOND SIGN" -- facing sign.
  - Trail starts on your left in wide gap between bushes.
  - A long limb of a dead tree is on ground, pointing to gap.
- Go down trail for ~60 yards to a trail junction, turn right.  
 - Note this junction (by a sign) for return back to vehicle.

**Total out-and-back hike is 4.5 miles (moderate).**

TH elevation is 5070 ft, low point is 4780' at Mint Wash. There is little shade along the trail, but many ups and downs -- some with views of Granite Mountain.



**EXTRA TRAIL INFORMATION**  
 This trail is unknown to most hikers so worth a visit. It's popular with some equestrians, but not mountain bikers. None of the trail is on public land, another unusual feature. The name is from the access road, which was whimsically named by someone who settled here when it was out in the boondocks. Now it has many spread-out houses!  
 The trail winds down through Whispering Canyon to the riparian corridor of Mint Wash, with lots of cottonwood and willow trees. There was some water flowing along this scenic wash in June, so you may find water again in the fall!

## 12. Almosta Trail

### ROADS

- Surfaced Roads
- Dirt Roads

### TRAILS

- SPREE Trail Route
- Spree Motorized
- Other trails
- Old Forest Road

### LAND USE 1

- Private Land
- Prescott National Forest
- Wilderness Area

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

Purple grids are for GPS (UTM NAD83)

Scale is 1:12,500

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