



TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS

Distance: Prescott to TH is 6.0 miles, all blacktop.
 Drive to Walker Road on Highway 69 – this is east out of Prescott and west out of Prescott Valley. Walker Road is the light just west of Costco at MP 293. Turn south onto Walker Rd (YC 57) and go 1.8 miles to the entrance to the Highlands Center, on east (left) side of the road. Turn in and keep right to the parking area.
 - Walk back to the concrete path across the bridge and go past the main building, before winding down to the amphitheater.
 - Continue on #443 (now dirt) going past two jcts -- Discovery Gdns on right (closed) and #442 on left. At #305, turn left (north). The first mileage on the map is from Parking to the trail #305 jct.
 - On the first part of the loop (#305, FR, #444), go clockwise.
Total Loop hike is 2.3 miles (easy)
 TH elevation 5580 feet, high point 5650 feet, low point 5410 feet
Description: The trails that form this double loop have partly been treated and partly untreated as explained in the Yellow Box below. This hike undulates a lot, including many twists and turns. The north part goes along an active forest road, while the first part of the return route is close to Lynx Creek.

FIRE MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS
 When you drove south on Walker Road to reach the Highlands Center, you would have noticed that the understory brush has been removed – especially on the left (east) side of the road. Mastication, which is the mechanical removal of vegetation, is one of many fire management treatments that the Prescott National Forest (PNF) is using to restore natural habitats and forest health.
 For this hike (#12 Homestead), the mastication treatment can be observed as you cross the valley at the bottom of the hill, north of the jct of trails #442 & #305. All current prescription treatment types used by PNF can be seen throughout the Highlands Center. For more info, contact the Highlands Center or PNF.

More thinning north of FR 9401T

OPTION: LONGER HIKE
 Continue north on trail #305 until you reach Walker Road.

Watch for traffic along this FR

Thinning starts as you cross this valley

Stay left, go downstream

Good views from hilltop

HIGHLANDS CENTER

NOTE
 Gate locked 7PM to 7AM
 April to Sept 6PM to 8AM
 Oct to March

Trail 305 is often used by mtn bikes -- be aware!

12. Homestead

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| ROADS | LAND USE 1 |
| Surfaced Roads | Private Land |
| Dirt Roads | Prescott National Forest |
| TRAILS 3 | Wilderness Area |
| SPREE Trail Route | 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 | Scale is 1:10,000 |
- Yavapai County assumes no responsibility for errors, omissions, and/or inaccuracies in this mapping product. NJER Revised 09/01/16

HIGHLANDS CENTER for NATURAL HISTORY
 (Hiking Spree Map for 2016)

Take A Hike!

So much more than money.
Credit Union WEST
 www.cuwest.org
 928.778.7156 | 800.621.0287

THE HIKE SHACK