



HISTORICAL NOTES

The land for this park was donated to the city by James Acker. He moved to Prescott in 1902, where he died in 1955 at age 89. He also gave 100 other parcels, some of which were used to establish a fund to promote children's study of music (the December Acker Musical Showcase).

- He is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at the south end of the Park.
- Other burials include: Barlow-Massicks (he built the "Castle" next to Fain Park and died a tragic death due to a gun accident); James Cleator (he bought the community of Cleator in 1925 – on the Crown King road – historic bar).
- The Odd Fellows is a "friendly society" that originated in England many centuries ago. It provided mutual support between its members – artisans who worked at different trades.

The "Barrie Mayes Memorial Trail System" is the formal name for the trails in Acker Park. Barrie was a tireless trails advocate.

TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS

Distance: Prescott to TH is 0.9 mile, all blacktop. From the Courthouse Square, drive 0.4 miles east on Gurley Street to the traffic light at Mount Vernon. Turn right at the light onto Mount Vernon, and first left at stop sign onto Goodwin. Then turn right onto Virginia and drive south into Acker Park. Park on the left near the kiosk, where the Hilltop trail starts. The traditional way to hike the main loop is counter-clockwise but I prefer clockwise. That way you soon reach the hilltop (steep near top) -- wonderful views.

You can choose your own hiking distance:

- Main Loop: 1.3 miles (easy).
- Add optional loop: total is 1.6 miles (easy).
- For more: hike Picnic, Mural and Virginia.

TH elevation is 5460 feet, high point is 5600 feet.

Description: Acker Park is an oasis in a busy city and is unknown to many people. The trails include signs to identify plants as well as quotes from John Muir and others who enjoyed nature (borrow a Natural History Guide by kiosk). You can also visit the Odd Fellows Cemetery at south end of the Park.

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ROADS	LAND USE 5
Surfaced Roads	Private Land
Dirt Roads	City Owned Land
TRAILS 3	Prescott National Forest
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 road, closed	<small>Yavapai County assumes no responsibility for errors, omissions, and/or inaccuracies in this mapping product. NJER</small>

Original Spree Hike was in 2015, #3