



HISTORY: A flume (or aqueduct) is an artificial channel for carrying water from a natural water source. A diversion dam, built across a stream, forces water to flow into the flume, which may be an open ditch or a pipe. The flume along Granite Creek was probably built around 80 - 100 years ago to provide a reliable source of water to an orchard on the east side of the creek. Originally, this flume was an open ditch, with metal pipes across side gullies or over sheer rock. The flume was later converted to white plastic pipe and is now abandoned, but remnants remain. A siphon is a pipe at ground level (or buried) that allows a flume to cross a gully (or similar low spot) without the cost of a bridge (it has to withstand pressure).

TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS
 Drive north from Prescott on Highway 89 to Granite Dells Road at milepost 316.7
 - This junction is 0.6 miles north of the roundabout at Willow Lake Road/Watson Lake Park.
 Turn right (east) onto Granite Dells Road and drive for ¼ mile to trail head parking area on right.
 - Trail starts at the far end of the parking area (SE end).
 - There are a few steep sections over rock, especially at south end near Granite Crk, so trail is rated moderate.
Total loop hike is 1.5 miles (moderate)
 Elevation at both ends 5080 feet. High point 5160 feet

For City trail map of Watson Dam trails, go to:
www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/trails/

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TRAILS	LAND USE
●●●● SPREE Trail Route	□ Private Land
●● Spree Motorized	□ Prescott Nat. Forest
●●●● Other non-motorized	□ Wilderness Area
●●●● Other motorized	⊕ Trail Point/Jct (with approx. mileages between pts/junctions)
ROADS	■ Purple grids are for GPS (UTM NAD83)
— Surfaced Roads	Scale is 1:5,000
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