

PRESCOTT

Aspen Creek Trail (Prescott). Rating C. This is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 900 ft. This hike takes you through the forest in Prescott. You get views of the valley around Prescott. The highlight is the gigantic Alligator Juniper trees along the trail. Trail condition - good hiking surface. No restrooms. No park fee. Driving distance is 210 miles RT. [SCG=7.0/1800/4.0].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Aspen-Creek-Trail>

Directions to Prescott - Aspen Creek Trail (approx. 2 hrs. 15 min.)

Drive north on Loop 303.

Take Hwy 60 west toward Wickenburg.

Turn right on Hwy 93/89 (toward Las Vegas).

Turn right on 89 and enter Prescott city limits (approx. 50 mi.).

Turn Left on Copper Basin Road (should be the first traffic light).

Drive 4.6 miles to trailhead on the right (last 1.6 miles is unpaved).

Park just past Aspen Creek Trailhead sign (limited parking)

No restrooms at the trailhead. No Park Fee.

Butte Creek Trail to Thumb Butte (Prescott). Rating C+/B. This is a 9 mile hike with an elevation gain of 1260 feet. The hike starts out going through a housing development and crosses 3 golf holes. Watch out for golf balls along this stretch. It then rises up, going into the Prescott National Forest. This is a nice hike through a pine forest with excellent views of Prescott and the surrounding mountains from the lookout point near the Thumb Butte saddle. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 220 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Thumb-Butte>

Directions to Prescott - Butte Creek Trailhead

Turn right on PebbleCreek Pkwy to Indian School.

Turn left on Indian School for about 1 mile to Loop 303.

Turn right on Loop 303.

Turn right/then go left on U.S. 60 West.

Turn right on 93.

Turn right on 89 and go into Prescott.

Turn left on Copper Basin Road.

Turn right on Hassayama Village Lane.

Turn left on Thumb Butte Road.

Make an immediate left turn on Sherwood drive.

Drive .2 miles and park on the left at the Stricklin Park sign.

There is no restroom at the trailhead.

Constellation & Willow Lake Dells (Prescott). Rating C+. This is a 7 mile multi-loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1400 ft. There are lots of great views of the Granite Dells rock formations as well as Willow Lake and the mountains of Prescott. There are a couple of "fat man's pass" like cuts through the rocks as well as a bridge across a portion of the rock formations. Trail condition - much of the trail is on granite boulders (they use white paint to park the trail) and there are many short hills to go up over and down. No park fee. There is a porta-john across the road on the trail. Driving distance is 223 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Constellation>

Directions to Prescott - Constellation Trails

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends at I-17.

Take I-17 north to Cordes Junction, Exit 262.

Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.
Turn right on Fain Road.
Take Exit 317 then left on SR 89.
Turn left into the Phippen Museum parking lot.
Trailhead parking is up the hill on the right.
No restrooms. No park fee.

Goldwater Lakes Loop (Prescott). Rating C+. This is an 8-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 700 ft. The hike goes through a pine forest and then skirts the two Goldwater lakes. After a break at picnic tables at the lake, the hike continues around and through a wooded section with groups of granite boulders. Trail condition – good hiking trail. Restrooms are at the trailhead. More restrooms and soda machines are at the lake where we will take our break. Park Fee is \$2.00. Driving distance is 200 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Prescott-Circle-Trail-PCT>

Directions to Prescott: Goldwater Lakes Trail & Quartz Mountain Trail

Turn right on Pebble Creek Pkwy to Indian School.
Turn left on Indian School.
Turn right on Loop 303.
Turn right/then go left on U.S. 60 West.
Turn right on 93/89.
Turn right on 89 and go into Prescott.
Turn right into White Spar Campground (south end of parking lot).

Granite Dells Storm Trails Loops (Prescott). Rating C/B. There are 2 C level loops in this area. The B version is a combination of the two routes of about 10 miles & 1000 ft EG. Each C loop is about a 7 miles with an elevation gain of about 800 ft. They all start out on an old railroad track that has been smoothed out for hiking and biking. There are great views of Watson lake from the high points. The trail goes through Granite Dells rock formations. Trail surface - mostly on bare granite rock (trail is marked with painted white dots). Very scenic – bring your camera! Restrooms are available at the trailhead. Park fee is \$2.00/car (free on Wednesdays). Driving distance is 220 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Watson-Lake-Loop/C-Exploratory-Hike-2Prescott-Watson-LakeLynnW2018-2019/i-4MhVXN5>

Directions to Prescott - Watson Lake Trails

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends I-17.
Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.
Take I-17 North to Cordes Junction, exit #262.
Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.
Turn right on Fain Road.
Take exit 317 then left on SR 89
Turn left on Prescott Lakes Pkwy.
Turn left on Sundog Ranch (animal rescue is on the corner).
Trailhead parking is on the left a block down Sundog Ranch.
Restrooms are at the trailhead.
Park fee is \$2.00/car.

Granite Mountain, Trail #261 (Prescott). Rating B. This is an 8.3 mile out and back hike with an elevation gain of 1800 ft. starting at around 5600 ft. We hike west from the trailhead gate a little more than 1.8 miles to the junction at Trail 37 and 261. The trail to the right is 261. Walk through the wooden chute and hike up 1.3 miles of moderate switchbacks and a 1200 ft ascent to Granite mountain saddle. We continue hiking another mile through the ponderosas to granite mountain overlook. Trail condition - most of it is a typical trail, but the last part is loose stone and very steep. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$5.00 (free on Wed). Driving

distance is 216 miles RT (using Hwy 89). <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Granite-Mountain>

Directions to Prescott - Granite Mountain

West (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends I-17.

Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.

Take I-17 North to Prescott exit #262.

Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.

Turn right on Fain Road.

Drive to the end of the parkway (it changes name to Pioneer Parkway).

Turn left on Williamson Valley Road

Turn right (north) on Iron Springs Rd.

Turn right at the Granite Basin Lake turn-off (this is FSR 374)

Follow FSR 374 for 5 miles to Granite Mt. Metate Trailhead #261.

Parking will be on the left.

Parking & restrooms are at the trailhead. 260 miles RT.

Fill out envelope completely; pay \$5.00 fee and place flap on dash so it can be read. Parking is free on Wednesdays or with a Golden Age or Golden Eagle Pass.

Groom Creek Trail #307, Bradshaws (Prescott). Rating B. This is 9 mi. loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1600 ft. From the trailhead, the trail immediately forks. Take the right fork for a counter clockwise loop. 200 yards into the hike you reach a power line. The trail is distinct at this point, and it follows the power line road to the south. Follow the power line road for ¼ mi. until you cross a dirt road. The trail then turns east (left) and leaves the power line road. The trail rises and falls and crosses several washes as it gently climbs along Spruce Ridge. After climbing 3.5 mi. you reach a saddle where Trail #377 branches to the right. Stay left and continue the gentle climb for 2 more mi. until reaching the Spruce Mountain. Lookout. There are picnic tables and an outhouse here. This is a good spot to break. Take a 200 yard side trip to the Lookout Tower. From the picnic area the trail continues to the south and switchbacks down along Groom Creek. The trail here is steeper than the section you climbed to the top. From the top it is 3.5 mi. back to the trailhead. There is no park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 227 miles RT [SCG=9.0/2100/4.6].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Groom-Creek-Trail>

Directions to Prescott - Groom Creek Trail #307

Take Loop 303 north to I-17.

Take I-17 north to AZ 69 in Cordes Junction.

Turn left on AZ 69 to Prescott.

From the intersection of AZ 69 and US 89 in Prescott, go left on Gurley St. to Mt. Vernon Ave.

Turn left on Mt. Vernon Ave. (which becomes Senator Hwy) and follow paved road for 6.5 mi. to the Groom Creek Horse Camp and #307 trailhead.

There is a restroom at the trailhead.

Directions to Prescott - Groom Creek Trail #307 - Alternate

Take Loop 303 north to Hwy 60.

Take Hwy 60 west towards Wickenburg.

Turn right on 93/89 (Just past the McDonald's in Wickenburg).

Turn right on 89 and go towards Prescott.

Turn right on Haisley Road.

When Haisley ends, turn right on Senator Hwy and follow paved road for about 5 miles to the Groom Creek Horse Camp and #307 trailhead (on the left).

There is a restroom at the trailhead.

Iron Springs Loop (Prescott). Rating C/B. This is an 8-11 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 800-1000 ft. starting at around 5600 ft. The hike goes through a pine forest with sections of granite boulders. It crosses 3 seasonal creeks and goes through a tunnel. Trail condition - most of it is a typical Prescott forest trail. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park. Driving distance is 210 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Watson-Lake-Loop/C-Exploratory-Hike-2Prescott-Watson-LakeLynnW2018-2019/>

Directions to Prescott - Iron Springs Trailhead

Take Loop 303 north to US 60.

Turn left on US 60 to Wickenburg, AZ.

Turn right on US 93 toward Kingman, AZ

Turn right on AZ 89 toward Prescott

Take AZ 89 about 31 miles to Kirkland Valley Road

Turn left on Kirkland Valley Road and go 4.4 miles.

Turn right on Iron Springs Road (County Road 10)) and go 21.6 miles.

Turn right on Spence Springs Road and park at the trailhead on the left.

No park fee at this trailhead.

No restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 210 miles RT.

Little Granite Mountain Loop, Granite Mountain (Prescott) Rating C+. Access is at the Metate Trailhead. This is a 7.3 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1500 ft. Trail # 261 starts across the roadway from the parking area. After 1 1/2 miles and at the wilderness boundary Trail #261 goes to the right up onto Granite Mountain. Instead enter the wilderness area through the gate and take the immediate trail to the left, Little Granite Mountain Trail #37. This trail continues south in an ever increasing gradual ascent. After approximately 1 1/2 miles the trail turns to the left and starts a steep ascent onto a ridge overlooking Skull Valley. Continue along ridge for another mile and at this point the trail will intersect with the Clark Springs Trail #40 (3 mi. from Tr. # 261) going abruptly to the left (leave wilderness thru gate). Follow this trail going northerly direction towards Granite Peak where it will pass the lake and intersect Trail #261. Go to right to return to parking area via a few hundred feet (to the right) on the roadway. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee: \$5.00 (free on Wed). Driving distance is 216 miles RT (using Hwy 89). <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Granite-Mountain>

Directions to Prescott - Granite Mountain

West (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends I-17.

Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.

Take I-17 North to Prescott exit #262.

Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.

Turn right on Fain Road.

Drive to the end of the parkway (it changes name to Pioneer Parkway).

Turn left on Williamson Valley Road

Turn right (north) on Iron Springs Rd.

Turn right at the Granite Basin Lake turn-off (this is FSR 374)

Follow FSR 374 for 5 miles to Granite Mt. Metate Trailhead #261.

Parking will be on the left.

Parking & restrooms are at the trailhead. 260 miles RT.

Fill out envelope completely; pay \$5.00 fee and place flap on dash so it can be read. Parking is free on Wednesdays or with a Golden Age or Golden Eagle Pass.

Lynx Lake Loop + Salida Gulch trail. Rating C. This actually two hikes in one totaling 8 miles with an elevation gain of 800 ft - the Lynx Lake Loop trail plus the Salida Gulch trail forming a large loop hike. The Lynx Lake Loop is a very nice tree lined hike around the lake. The Salida Gulch trail takes you up over a ridge with great views of the surrounding area. Trail condition - typical hiking trail. There are restrooms at several spot along the trail. No Park fee with the Senior Parks Pass. Driving distance is 200 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Lynx-Lake>

Directions to Prescott - Lynx Lake Ruins Trailhead

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends at I-17.

Take I-17 North to Prescott exit #262.

Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.

Turn left on Walker Road (just past Costco)

Go 1.3 miles and turn left (a sign on the right points to trailhead).

The trailhead will be on the left.

There is a rest room at the trailhead.

Mount Francis Loop (Prescott). Rating C+. This is a 8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 ft. This hike takes you through the forest in Prescott. You get views of the valley around Prescott. The highlights are gigantic Alligator Juniper trees along the trail and views from the top of Mount Francis. Trail condition - good hiking surface. No restrooms. No park fee. Driving distance is 210 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Aspen-Creek-Trail/B-Exploratory-HikePrescottAspen-Creek-Mt-FrancisLynnW2017/>

Directions to Prescott - Aspen Creek Trail (approx. 2 hrs. 15 min.)

Drive north on Loop 303.

Take Hwy 60 west toward Wickenburg.

Turn right on Hwy 93/89 (toward Las Vegas).

Turn right on 89 and enter Prescott city limits (approx. 50 mi.).

Turn Left on Copper Basin Road (should be the first traffic light).

Drive 4.6 miles to trailhead on the right (last 1.6 miles is unpaved).

Park just past Aspen Creek Trailhead sign (limited parking)

North Mingus Mtn Trail #105 (Prescott). Rating B. This is a 10.8 mile hike with an elevation gain of 2100 ft. Most of the trail is an old Jeep road that climbs to the top of the mountain. The trail also goes through a cluster pine trees. There are great views of Prescott Valley on the way up. Very scenic – bring your camera! Restrooms are not available at the trailhead. Driving distance is 220 miles Rt <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Mingus-Mountain>

Directions to Prescott - North Mingus Trail #105

Drive North on Loop 303 and go until it ends at I -17.

Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.

Take I-17 North to Prescott exit #262.

Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.

Turn right on Fain Road.

Turn right on SR 89A.

At milepost 339.6 (Mescal Gulch), there is a pull off area on the left, near the Prescott National Forest sign.

Forest road 338 starts on the right side of the road.

There are no restrooms at this trailhead.

Peavine/Lakeshore Trails (Prescott). Rating C. This is a 7 to 8 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of about 600 ft. The Peavine trail itself is an old railroad track that has been smoothed out for hiking and biking. It starts off past a cluster of large Cottonwood trees. There are great views of Watson lake and many granite rock formations. The Lakeshore trail goes close to the lake and then up, over, and through the Granite Dells rock formations past the dam that forms the lake. Very scenic – bring your camera! Restrooms are available at the trailhead. Park fee is \$2.00. Driving distance is 210 miles RT.<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Peavine-Lakeshore-Trails>

Directions to Prescott - Watson Lake Trails

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends I-17.
Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.
Take I-17 North to Cordes Junction, exit #262.
Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.
Turn right on Fain Road.
Take exit 317 then left on SR 89
Turn left on Prescott Lakes Pkwy.
Turn left on Sundog Ranch (animal rescue is on the corner).
Trailhead parking is on the left a block down Sundog Ranch.
Restrooms are at the trailhead.
Park fee is \$2.00.

Directions to Prescott - Watson Lake Trails off SR 89

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends I-17.
Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.
Take I-17 North to Cordes Junction, exit #262.
Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott and go 21 miles.
Turn right on Fain Road and go 14 miles to Exit 317.
Take exit 317 then left on SR 89 and go 3 miles.
Turn left on Granite Dells road.
Trailhead is on the right.

Seven Mile Gulch Trail (Prescott). Rating C. This is a 6 mile out and back hike with an elevation change of 1100 feet. The trail travels through a pine forest on a loose rock but wide trail. Views are of Prescott Valley and the mountains around Prescott. Most of the hike is in the shade of the trees. There is a Costco on the corner of Walker Road and 69. No restrooms and no park fee from this trailhead. Driving distance is 210 miles RT.
<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Prescott-Circle-Trail-PCT>

Directions to Prescott - Seven Mile Gulch Trail

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends at I-17.
Take I-17 North to Prescott exit #262.
Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.
Turn left on Walker Road (just past Costco)
The trailhead is just past mile marker 2 on the right.

Thumb Butte Trails, (Prescott). Rating C. This is a 6 mile hike with an elevation change of 1100 feet. Do the hike in a counterclockwise direction using these trails: right on #326, left on #392, straight on #322, left on #327, left on #321, left on #323, right on #326, right on #314, and right on #33. This route will take you up to the saddle on Thumb Butte in a gradual fashion with the final return to the car down the steep part of #33. You can also go back down #33 from the saddle and return to the car via a less steep but longer (+.6 miles) trail (Trail #33 is actually a 2 mile loop trail). This is a nice hike through a pine forest with excellent views of Prescott and the surrounding mountains from the lookout point near the Thumb Butte saddle. A

shorter or longer hike can be done combining other trails in the area. The Prescott Circle Trail, segment #3 uses some of these trails. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$2 (free with Golden Age Pass). Driving distance is 205 miles RT via Wickenburg (longer via I-17).

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Prescott-Circle-Trail-PCT>

Directions to Prescott - Thumb Butte Trails

Turn right on PebbleCreek Pkwy to Indian School.
Turn left on Indian School for about 1 mile to Loop 303.
Turn right on Loop 303 and follow until it ends at Happy Valley Rd.
Turn right on Happy Valley Rd and go to Lake Pleasant Rd.
Turn left on Lake Pleasant Rd and follow until it ends at AZ 74.
Turn left on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway) for about 100 ft.
Turn right on New River Rd and follow to I-17 North.
Turn left on I-17 North to AZ 69 in Cordes Junction.
Turn left on AZ 69 to Prescott.
From the intersection of AZ 69 and US 89 in Prescott, go left on Gurley Street.
Gurley Street will become Thumb Butte Road.
3 miles past the courthouse, turn right into the Thumb Butte Picnic Area.
There is a restroom at the trailhead.

Directions to Thumb Butte Trails - Alternate

Turn right on PebbleCreek Pkwy to Indian School.
Turn left on Indian School for about 1 mile to Loop 303.
Turn right on Loop 303.
Turn right/then go left on U.S. 60 West.
Turn right on 93.
Turn right on 89 and go into Prescott.
Turn left on Copper Basin Road.
Turn right on Hassayama Village Lane.
Turn left on Thumb Butte Road.
Turn right into the Thumb Butte Picnic Area.
There is a restroom at the trailhead.

Tin Trough Trail, Granite Peak, (Prescott). Rating C. This is a 5 mile hike on a trail (out and back) with an elevation change of 400 ft. It is an easy hike with views of Granite Peak and the San Francisco Peaks. You will be hiking amongst Granite boulders and juniper and pinion trees. No restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park entrance fee. Driving distance is approx 230 miles RT.

Directions to Prescott - Tin Trough Trail

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends at Happy Valley Rd.
Turn right on Happy Valley Rd and go to Lake Pleasant Rd.
Turn left on Lake Pleasant Rd and follow until it ends at AZ 74.
Turn left on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway).
In one block turn right onto New River Rd.
Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.
Take I-17 North to Prescott exit #262.
Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.
Take Sheldon Exit. Follow it to Montezuma St.
Turn North (right) & follow as it becomes Whipple & then Iron Springs Rd.
Turn North (right) at Williamson Valley Road. Drive about six miles to the signed trailhead
turnoff

Watson Lake Loop Trail (Prescott). Rating C. This is a 7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1000 ft. Part of the trail is an old railroad track that has been smoothed out for hiking and biking. The trail also goes through a cluster of large Cottonwood trees. There are great views of Watson lake dam from both sides of it and many granite rock formations. The trail goes close to the lake and then up, over, and through the Granite Dells rock formations. Trail surface - mostly on bare granite rock (trail is marked with painted white dots). Very scenic - bring your camera! Restrooms are available at the trailhead. Park fee is \$2.00 (free on Wednesdays). Driving distance is 210 miles RT - on paved road, with dirt parking off Granite Dells road.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Watson-Lake-Loop>

Directions to Prescott - Watson Lake Trails

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends I-17.
Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.
Take I-17 North to Cordes Junction, exit #262.
Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.
Turn right on Fain Road.
Take exit 317 then left on SR 89
Turn left on Prescott Lakes Pkwy.
Turn left on Sundog Ranch (animal rescue is on the corner).
Trailhead parking is on the left a block down Sundog Ranch.
Restrooms are at the trailhead.
Park fee is \$2.00.

Directions to Prescott - Watson Lake Trails off SR 89

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends I-17.
Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.
Take I-17 North to Cordes Junction, exit #262.
Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott and go 21 miles.
Turn right on Fain Road and go 14 miles to Exit 317.
Take exit 317 then left on SR 89 and go 3 miles.
Turn left on Granite Dells road.
Trailhead is on the right.

Willow Trail 347 to Junction w/ Mint Wash Trail 345 loop, Granite Mountain

(Prescott).Rating B. Located at Williamson Valley Trailhead. This is a 8 mile out, loop and back hike with little to no elevation change. Take Willow Trail 347 to junction with Mint Wash Trail 345(1 ¼ mi.) (You pass thru open fields of packed soil). Take the Mint Wash Trail 345. It is a loop. Return to Willow Trail 347 and then to parking area. No park fee. Driving distance is approx 240 miles RT.

Directions to Prescott - Williamson Valley Trailhead

Take 303 North to I-17

Turn left (north on I-17)

Take Exit 262 (Route 69) towards Prescott
Near Prescott, exit route 69 at Sheldon Rd
About a mile ahead turn right onto Montezuma St.
(Montezuma becomes Whipple, then Iron Springs Road)
Turn Right onto Williamson Valley Rd
Go 6 miles ahead to the Williamson Valley Trailhead on the left.
No fee for parking.
We usually stop at the McDonalds at Exit #262 (Route 69) for a pit stop.

Wolf Creek Falls Trail (Prescott). Rating C/B. This is a 6-8 mile hike with an elevation gain of 1000-1200 ft. The C version of the hike is an in and out hike that goes through a typical pine forest down to the top of Wolf Creek Falls. The falls, which are dry most of the year, are actually a quarter mile long series of falls, including one of 30 feet and one over 60 ft. While the dry falls rocks are excellent, in the spring after a wet winter the falls would be spectacular. The B version is a loop going past another set of waterfalls (also usually dry) along the Hassayampa river. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 227 miles RT.
<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Wolf-Creek-Falls>

Directions to Prescott - Groom Creek Trail #307

Take Loop 303 north to I-17.

Take I-17 north to AZ 69 in Cordes Junction.

Turn left on AZ 69 to Prescott.

From the intersection of AZ 69 and US 89 in Prescott, go left on Gurley St. to Mt. Vernon Ave.

Turn left on Mt. Vernon Ave. (which becomes Senator Hwy) and follow paved road for 6.5 mi. to the Groom Creek Horse Camp and #307 trailhead.

There is a restroom at the trailhead.

Directions to Prescott - Groom Creek Trail #307 - Alternate

Take Loop 303 north to Hwy 60.

Take Hwy 60 west towards Wickenburg.

Turn right on 93/89 (Just past the McDonald's in Wickenburg).

Turn right on 89 and go towards Prescott.

Turn right on Haisley Road.

When Haisley ends, turn right on Senator Hwy and follow paved road for about 5 miles to the Groom Creek Horse Camp and #307 trailhead (on the left).

There is a restroom at the trailhead.

Woodchute Trail (Jerome). Rating B/C. This is an in and out hike of 8 miles with an elevation gain of 900 ft. The Woodchute Trail begins near the Potato Patch Campground which is about 8 mi. of winding road southwest of Jerome. The first mile of the hike is along a dirt road to the old trailhead, where there is a trail register and wooden sign to the Woodchute Wilderness. You will hike 1.25 mi. from the old trailhead to Woodchute Tank. The trail becomes less pronounced and begins to climb, gaining about 400 ft over the next 3/4 mi. The last segment of the hike is an easy walk through a forested meadow. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 254 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Woodchute-Mountain-Trail>

Directions to Prescott - Woodchute Trail

Take Loop 303 north to I-17.

Take I-17 North to Prescott exit #262.

Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.

Turn right on Fain Road then right on SR 89A.

At the top (Mingus pass) (7,023 ft. elev.) turn left toward Potato Patch Campground.

Follow the paved road .3 mi. then turn left on the dirt road into the parking area.

Look for signage to the Woodchute Trail (No. 102).

There is no fee or water but there is a restroom at the trailhead.

Upon returning: At the turn for Fain Road, turn left, but go straight across onto Robert road instead. There is a Dairy Queen on the left at Robert Rd. & SR 69.

Yeagar Canyon Loop (Prescott). Rating C+. This is a loop hike of 6.5 miles with an elevation change of 1200 ft. The hike consists of three connected trails: #28, #111, and #533. Most of the hike is in various pine tree and oak trees. Trail 28 goes up about 1000 ft over the course of 2 miles, providing great views of Prescott Valley and Jerome across the valley. Trail

111 descends about 500 ft through the forest. Trail 533 curves around the far side of Yeagar Canyon with excellent views of Prescott Valley before descending back down 700 feet to the trailhead. The trail itself is well maintained with few rocks in the trail. There are no restrooms and no park fee. Driving distance is 240 miles RT.

Directions to Prescott - Yeagar Canyon Loop Trail

Drive North on Loop 303 and go until it ends at I -17.

Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.

Take I-17 North to Prescott exit #262.

Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott.

Turn right on Fain Road.

Turn right on SR 89A.

The trailhead is 8.8 miles from Fain road, about 1.4 miles past where the overhead wires cross 89A, and just before the sign saying "Flagstaff 69, Jerome 10."

Upon returning: At the turn for Fain Road, turn left, but go straight across onto Robert road instead. There is a Dairy Queen on the left at Robert & SR 69.

