

# TONTO National Forest



Recreation  
Opportunity  
Guide

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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

## MYRTLE TRAIL 30

### RANGER DISTRICT

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### TRAILHEADS (TH)

Washington Park TH  
Hatchery TH

### TERMINI INFORMATION

**South end:** (6800 feet elevation): at Highline Trail 31

**North end:** (7800 feet elevation) at Forest Road (FR) 300 west of Myrtle Point, on the Mogollon Rim

### TRAIL INFORMATION

**Trail use:** Light  
**Trail difficulty:** MOST difficult  
**Trail length:** 1/2 mile  
**Estimated hiking time:** 1 hour one-way  
**Season of Use:** Spring - fall  
**USGS maps:** Dane Canyon  
**Elevation change:** 1000 feet

### TRAIL NARRATIVE

The trail climbs through juniper, Gambel Oak and pine. Because of the Dude Fire and heavy precipitation, this trail is washed out in many locations. Parking is limited at the north trail terminus on Forest Road (FR) 300. There are a few clearings across the road. Be sure to park well off the road because logging trucks may be using this road.

### ATTRACTIONS

The Highline and Myrtle trails travel through the "Dude Fire" burn. This area is the scene of the most devastating wildfire in Arizona history, in terms of human life lost. This area is ideal for the study of the rejuvenating power of the forest.

### CONSIDERATIONS

- No motorized vehicles are allowed
- If you **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Carry an adequate supply of drinking water. One gallon/per person/per day is recommended during hot periods.
- Do not drink untreated water. Giardia, a protozoan, is in many water impoundments and streams.
- Portions of the trail are rough in places and should be traveled with caution.

### RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Visitors Guide to Mogollon Rim*, Southwest Natural & Cultural Heritage
- Arizona's Mogollon Rim*, Don Dederer, Arizona Highways Books

