





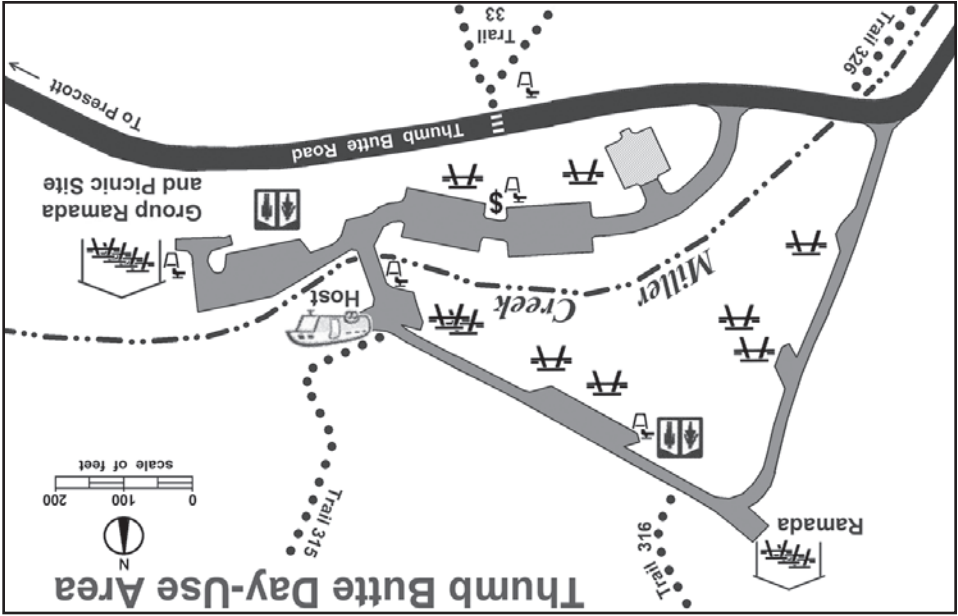


hikers and bicyclists can enjoy short loop trails or longer trails to the north and south. Across the road to the south, the popular Thumb Butte Loop Trail No. 33—for hikers only—offers a rewarding hike that takes you to beautiful vistas from the shoulders of Thumb Butte. Along the way, interpretive signs present information about the natural landscape and human influences of the area.

Adjacent to the picnic area . . .

Day-Use Area and Facilities					
Facilities and Activities		Day-Use Area and Facilities			
Name	Number of Tables	Reservation Needed	Facilities and Activities		
			RV	Picnic	Other
Individual Picnic Sites *	9	No			
Small Ramada Picnic Site	3	No			
Group Ramada and Picnic Site	12	Yes			

\* All but 3 sites are accessible



### Need a Few Good Reasons to Leash Your Dog?



Leashes protect dogs from becoming lost and from wildland hazards such as porcupines, mountain lions, snakes, and sick, injured, or rabid animals.



Failure to leash your dog may result in a fine.



Unleashed dogs increase the probability of dogs being banned from your favorite public lands.



A leashed dog's keen senses can enhance your awareness of nearby wildlife or other wildland visitors.



Unleashed dogs harass, injure, and sometimes kill wildlife.



Unleashed dogs intimidate other hikers and their dogs, depriving them of the peace wildlands provide.



- All picnic sites have tables and grills.
- Pets are welcome but must be leashed at all times. Please clean up after your pet.
- Trash receptacles are available. Dumping of any refuse brought in from private property is prohibited.
- Opening and closing of the day-use area varies with the seasons. Check our Web site for current hours.
- There are no RV sanitary dump stations.
- Horses are not permitted in the day-use area.

### Day-Use Area Notes

To protect nesting peregrine falcons, the Thumb Butte cliff face and surrounding area are closed to rock climbing each winter and spring to allow for undisturbed falcon nesting. Trail 33 is open all year. Please check our Web page and posted local notices throughout the Thumb Butte area for specific dates and locations of the closure area.

### Target Shooting and Hunting

Discharging any weapon is prohibited at all times within the Thumb Butte Recreation Area boundary.

### Welcome . . . to the Thumb Butte Area

The Thumb Butte area is one of the most popular destinations on the Prescott National Forest. Mild weather, cool ponderosa pine forest, a comfortable picnic area, and a variety of trails that offer hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bikers many routes to explore.

#### Group Picnic Site

The Thumb Butte group picnic area is open all year. It is available for an additional fee by reservation only. Reservations can be made by calling 1-877-444-6777 or visiting [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

#### Thumb Butte Trail No. 33

Thumb Butte Trail is open to hikers only. The trail is almost 2 miles long and is moderately difficult. Allow yourself about 1.5 hours to hike the entire trail. A short spur trail near the crest offers a good viewpoint of the Prescott area. The steep side of the trail (the east side) and a few other places are paved in order to minimize soil erosion that was damaging the trail.



Over 122,000 people live less than an hour's drive of the Thumb Butte area. Private property in the tri-city area can be seen from many of the trails. Please be extra careful while visiting this wildland-urban interface area so others can enjoy the forest too.



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## Thumb Butte Area

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