



Prescott National Forest

Bradshaw Ranger District

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HOMESTEAD TRAIL #305

GENERAL INFORMATION: Homestead Trail #305 travels north through ponderosa pine and oak forest and connects several sites within the Lynx Lake Recreation Area. Among these sites are Hilltop and Lynx Campgrounds, the Highlands Center for Natural History, and Lynx Ruin Trail #301. From the trailhead, TR 305 climbs for a short distance, offering sweeping vistas of the pine-covered Bradshaw Mountains before dropping down to follow Smith Ravine. The trail crosses a number of intermittent streams where wild rose and columbine flowers grow beside the creek bed. Many of the rock types exposed along the trail are metamorphic varieties similar to what one finds in the lower reaches of the Grand Canyon. TR 305 ends at the trailhead for Ranch Trail #62.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers and mountain bicyclists. Please be considerate of others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: To reach the southern trailhead, travel east on Hwy 69 to Walker Road. Turn right and continue 5.1 miles to Bannie Mine Road (also FR 30). Turn left onto Bannie Mine Road. The trailhead is approximately 30 yards down the road, on the left. Parking is fair.

To reach the northern trailhead, travel east on Hwy 69 to Walker Road. Turn right and travel 0.6 miles to the trailhead serving TR 305 and TR 62, on the right. Parking is good.

TRAVEL TIME: 25 minutes from Prescott

ROAD CONDITIONS: Suitable for all vehicles

HIKING TIME: 4 hours, one-way **LENGTH:** 7 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Heavy

NOTES: This trail is open to hikers and mountain bikers. Please be considerate of other users—slow down and know when to yield the trail. Please refrain from using bikes when the trail is wet.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Groom Creek, Prescott and Poland Junction, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Bradshaw Mountains, City of Prescott Trails and Outdoor Recreation Map



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SHARE THE TRAIL

Ranch Trailhead

Lynx Lake Recreation Area

Trailhead on Bannie Mine Rd



Legend

- Forest Trails
- Roads
- Forest Boundary
- Private Property
- Wilderness



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