



Prescott National Forest

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BABY GRANITE LOOP #308/320/671

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Baby Granite Loop lies within the Granite Mountain Wilderness and offers impressive views of Granite and Baby Granite Mountains. The loop traverses a landscape of igneous granite that has eroded into the striking formations typical of the Prescott area. Vegetation communities transition from grassland and chaparral to pinyon-juniper woodland, and support a diverse community of Southwestern birds and other wildlife.

From the Williamson Valley Trailhead, Tin Trough Springs Trail #308 passes through sloping grassland and begins a gradual descent into pinyon-juniper woodland. The trail continues over gentle terrain and crosses Mint Wash, where large cottonwoods line the banks. Past the wilderness boundary, TR 308 traverses a rugged landscape of granite formations on its way to the junction with Baby Granite Trail #320. TR 320 affords beautiful views of Baby Granite Mountain as it weaves its way between granite boulders. This trail dead-ends at an old stagecoach road, now North Granite Trail #671, which rejoins TR 308 to complete the loop. This end of TR 308 climbs up and down a series of small hills that provide the most challenging terrain along the loop. Stunning views of Baby Granite Mountain and sweeping hillsides of pinyon pine make it well worth the effort.

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

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: From its intersection with Iron Springs Road, travel north on Williamson Valley Road for 6.4 miles to the sign for the Williamson Valley Trailhead. Turn left to access the parking area.

TRAVEL TIME: 20 minutes from Prescott

ROAD CONDITIONS: Paved

HIKING TIME: 5-6 hours, round-trip **LENGTH:** 10.5 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Moderate

NOTES: Motor vehicles and the use of any mechanized equipment, including bicycles, are prohibited within the Granite Mountain Wilderness. Wilderness is an important resource and national heritage—please, leave no trace. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. There is no drinking water at the trailhead or on the trail.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall, winter

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



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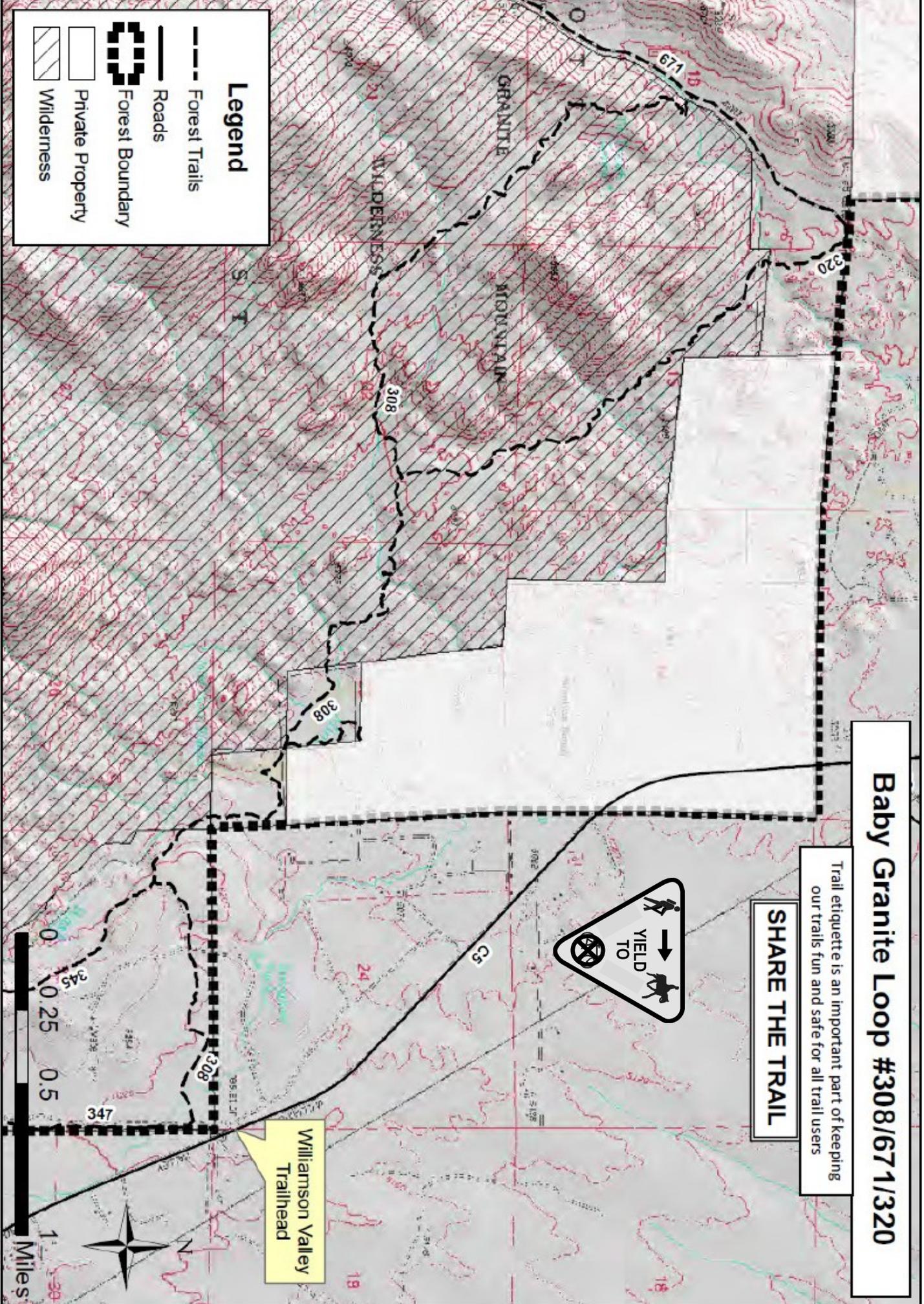
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