



# Prescott National Forest

Bradshaw Ranger District

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## NORTH THUMB BUTTE TRAILS

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** This network of non motorized trails serves the Thumb Butte Recreation Area. The trails can be combined in different ways to create loops of varying lengths. The trails weave across a landscape of rolling hills and granite outcrops, passing through a variety of vegetation communities. Only trails that that are featured in their entirety on the map (reverse page) are described. Trails 316 and 317 allow horses, trails 315 and 386 do not.

| TRAIL                    | USES ALLOWED | LENGTH (miles) | HIKING TIME | DESCRIPTION  |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--|
| Watertower #315          |              | 0.8            | 45 minutes  | Passes through an area of ponderosa pine, alligator juniper, and scrub oak. TR 315 ends at TR 317.   |
| Pine Lakes #316          |              | 0.3            | 15 minutes  | Climbs through ponderosa pine forest to a ridge. It has many different wildflowers in season. TR 316 ends at its northern junction with TR 317.  |
| Ridgetop #317            |              | 0.6            | 40 minutes  | Winds through ponderosa pine and scrub oak. The trail climbs to a ridge where it offers scenic views of the San Francisco Peaks and Thumb Butte. The eastern start/end of the trail is off Trailhead Street in the Forest Trails residential area. |
| Pine Lake Connector #386 |              | .2             | 10 minutes  | Provides a short or longer loop when combined with Trails #315 and 316.  |

**CAUTION:** Some of these trails are open to hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bicyclists. Please be considerate of others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

**ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION:** From downtown Prescott, travel west on Gurley Street (becomes Thumb Butte Road, CO 65) for 3.4 miles to the Thumb Butte Recreation Area parking. Please note that there is no horse trailer parking in the recreation area. Another parking area is available for all trail users if you go west another 1 mile (approx.) between Thumb Butte Road and FR 9401B, on the right. TR 318 TH starts on the east side of FR9401B. These trails are accessible by TR 318 (see map). Parking off Thumb Butte Road is very limited so these designated parking areas are recommended. There is a \$5 parking fee at Thumb Butte Recreation Area. Wednesdays are free.

**TRAVEL TIME:** 15 minutes from Prescott

**ROAD CONDITIONS:** Both access points are suitable for passenger cars. Thumb Butte Road turns to dirt about 0.5 miles west of Thumb Butte Recreation Area parking.

**HIKING TIME:** Varies    **LENGTH:** Varies    **DIFFICULTY:** Easy to Moderate    **USE:** Heavy to Moderate

**NOTES:** Drinking water, restrooms, picnic tables and grills are available seasonally at the Thumb Butte Picnic Area. Dogs must be on leashes. Please clean up after your pet. Some of these trails are open to hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bikes. Horses are not permitted in the picnic area and riders must access these trails by way of the west TR #318 trailhead located 0.9 miles west of the Thumb Butte area, off Thumb Butte Road, CO 65 .

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

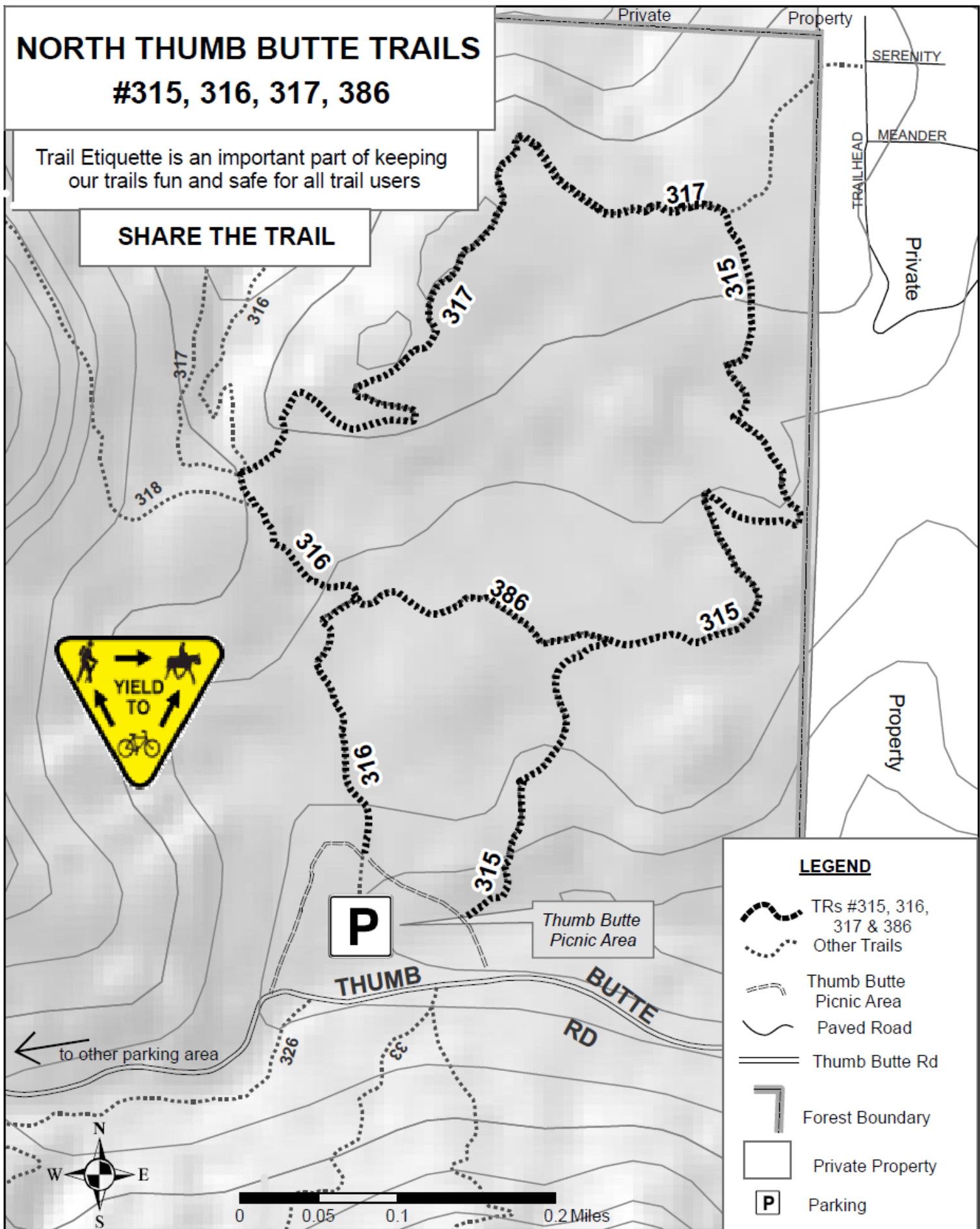
**MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES:** Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Iron Springs, Prescott National Forest Thumb Butte Recreation Area brochure, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map- Bradshaw Mountains, City of Prescott Trails and Outdoor Recreation Map

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## #315, 316, 317, 386

Trail Etiquette is an important part of keeping our trails fun and safe for all trail users

**SHARE THE TRAIL**



### LEGEND

- TRs #315, 316, 317 & 386
- Other Trails
- Thumb Butte Picnic Area
- Paved Road
- Thumb Butte Rd
- Forest Boundary
- Private Property
- Parking

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