

Prescott National Forest

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YANKEE DOODLE TRAIL #284

GENERAL INFORMATION: Yankee Doodle Trail #284 is one of the longest trails on the Prescott National Forest. It ascends Longfellow Ridge and follows along the top of this feature for several miles. This part of the Bradshaw Mountains is remote and scenic, thickly forested with ponderosa pine. TR 284 continues to gain elevation as it travels north, cresting Yankee Doodle Peak and skirting the west face of Moscow Peak before approaching Mount Union. At 7,979' Mount Union is the highest point in the Bradshaw Mountains, as well as in Yavapai County. A short trail coming off of TR 284 leads to the picnic area and fire lookout tower on top of the peak. Travelers may visit the lookout when it is manned. Not surprisingly, the views from this high point are spectacular. TR 284 continues down the other side of Mount Union where ponderosa pine, fir, and Gambel oak stand tall among a dense carpet of grasses and wildflowers. This area, high in the mountains, is home to a wonderful array of songbirds.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers, horseback riders, mountain bicyclists, dirt bikes and ATV's.

Please be considerate ofothers—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: From its intersection with Gurley Street, travel south on Mt Vernon Street as it becomes Senator Highway (also FR 52). Proceed 16.7 miles to the junction with Bodie Mine Road (also FR 82). Make a slight right onto Bodie Mine Road and travel 2.3 miles to 82A. Turn left onto 82A and proceed 3.2 miles to the trailhead on the left. Parking is poor.

TRAVEL TIME: 1.5 hours from Prescott

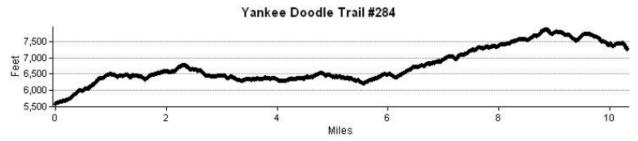
ROAD CONDITIONS: 4WD recommended on FR 82 and FR 82A

HIKING TIME: 7 hours, one-way LENGTH: 12.1 miles DIFFICULTY: Difficult USE: Light

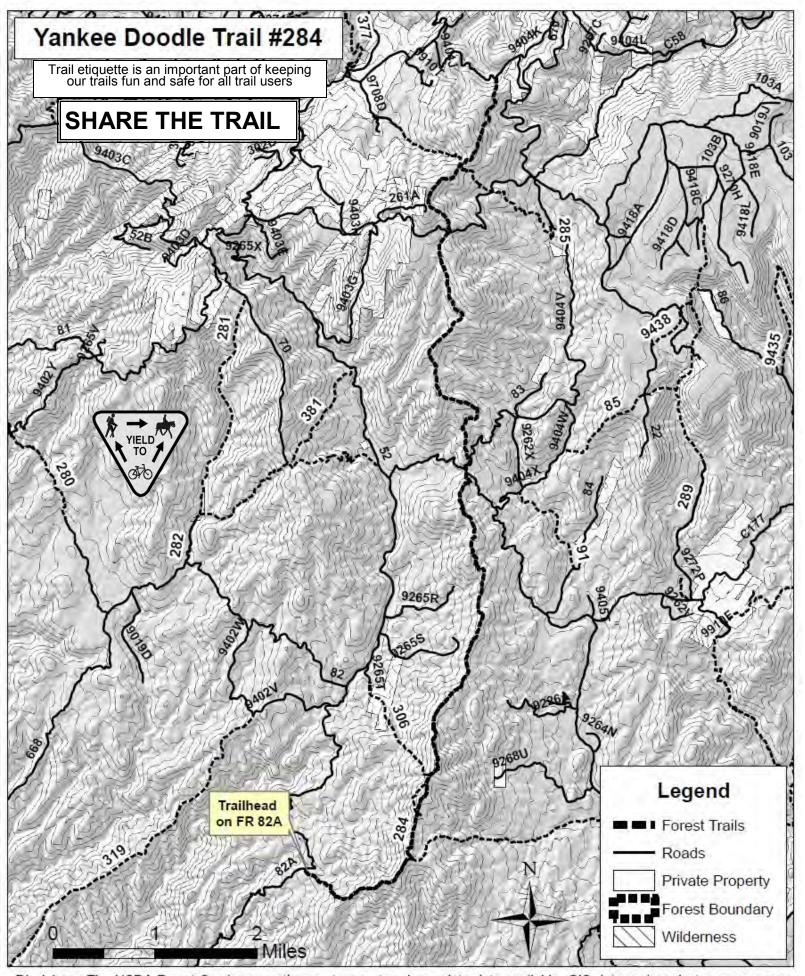
NOTES: This trail is open to hikers, horses, mountain bikes, and OHVs. Please use caution and watch for other users. Motorized vehicles may not exceed 50" in width and are prohibited on the portion of TR 284 that ascends Mount Union between FR 261 and Dandrea Trail #285. Sections of this trail are steep and rocky. There is no dependable source of water along this trail—please come prepared.

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 and Battleship Butte, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map, Bradshaw Mountains



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