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SYCAMORE BASIN TRAIL #63

GENERAL INFORMATION: Originally used to move cattle and horses, Sycamore Basin Trail #63 is still the main thoroughfare through the 55,000-acre Sycamore Canyon Wilderness. This trail offers spectacular views of Sycamore Canyon and the surrounding red rock bluffs. The lower section of TR 63 is relatively level through Sycamore Basin at an elevation of 4,500 feet. From the Wilderness boundary, the trail approaches Sycamore Creek at mile 5 and stays either in or close to the canyon bottom until mile 12, where it junctions with Winter Cabin Trail #70 on the Coconino National Forest. TR 63 ends at this junction. TR 70 continues northeast for another 5 miles.

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

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: Although TR 63 begins about 6 miles east of the trailhead described below, hikers usually begin at the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Boundary, which lies at the end of FR 181. From Chino Valley take Perkinsville Road approximately 26 miles to FR 181. Take FR 181 east about 6 miles to Henderson Flat. Continue southeast for another 5 miles to the trailhead. An alternate approach from Drake is to take FR 492 for 11 miles to Perkinsville Road. Head south on Perkinsville Road 2 miles to FR 181. The latter route is longer, but is paved as far as Drake.

TRAVEL TIME: 1.5 hours from Chino Valley

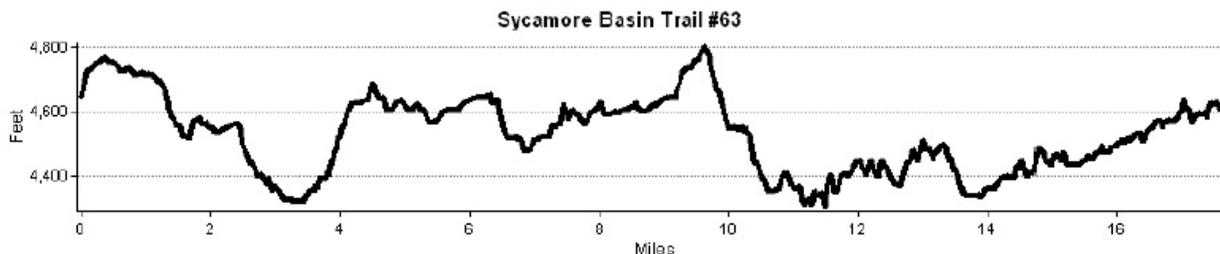
ROAD CONDITIONS: FR 181 is suitable for high clearance vehicles.

HIKING TIME: 6 hours to TR 70 from FR 181 **LENGTH:** 17 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Moderate

NOTES: This trail lies within the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness. Motor vehicles and the use of any mechanized equipment, including bicycles, are prohibited. Wilderness is an important resource and national heritage—please, leave no trace. There is no dependable water along this trail during summer and the canyon can be extremely hot. Mid-summer use by hikers is not recommended.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, fall, winter

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, east half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Sycamore Basin, Loy Butte, and Sycamore Point , U.S. Forest Service Sycamore Canyon Wilderness map, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Sycamore Canyon Verde Valley

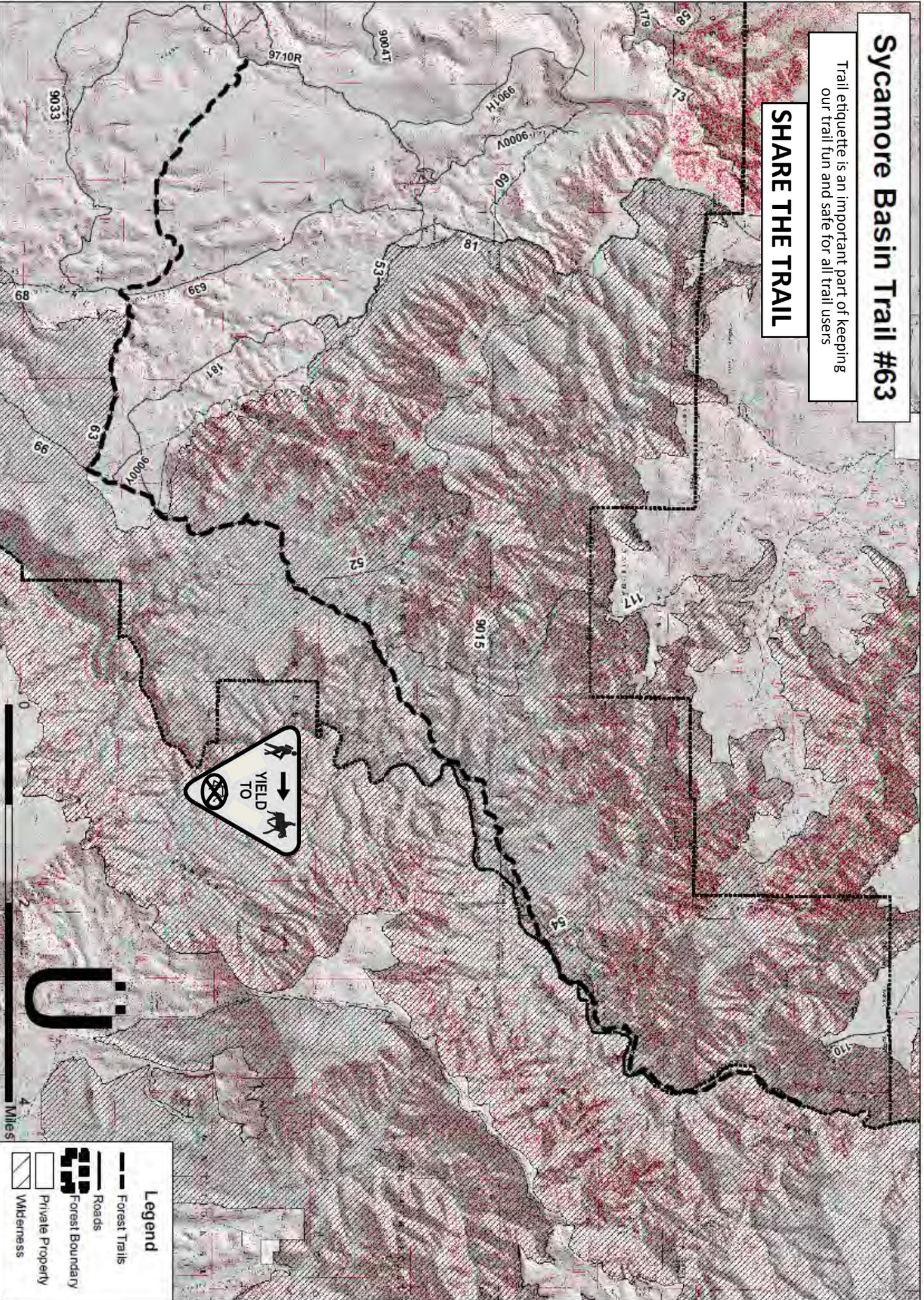


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