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GADES CANYON TRAIL #110

GENERAL INFORMATION: Gades Canyon Trail #110 is popular with campers on Mingus Mountain because it provides an easy day hike from the Mingus Mountain Campground to Gades Canyon. The trail stays primarily in ponderosa pine forest, so there are not many views along the trail. There is, however, a breathtaking vista overlooking pine-covered slopes approximately 2 miles from the trailhead. Where it enters the canyon bottom, TR 110 is idyllic. Gigantic ponderosas grow alongside equally impressive oaks and walnuts. The ground is a tangled mat of wildflowers where hummingbirds and bumblebees forage. Autumn brings shades of yellow, red, and gold. The trail climbs gently from the canyon bottom, and then follows an old road across flat, open terrain. Here, the forest is park-like, with native grasses padding the ground between widely spaced trees. It is not uncommon to see deer in this area, and there is often evidence of elk. The last mile of TR 110 winds downhill to its end at Allen Springs Road (also FR 413).

CAUTION: This trail is 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 its intersection with Interstate 17 near Camp Verde, travel 12.2 miles on Hwy 260 to the junction with Hwy 89A. Turn left and go 17.1 miles, through Jerome, to the Mingus Summit and Forest Road 104. Turn left and travel 2.3 miles to the Mingus Mountain Recreation Area and FR 104B. Turn right onto FR 104B and go 0.2 miles to the trailhead, on the left. Parking is fair.

From the junction of Hwy 89/89A near Chino Valley, travel 18.8 miles on Hwy 89A to the Mingus Summit. Turn right onto FR 104 and follow the directions above.

TRAVEL TIME: 45 minutes from I-17 and Chino Valley

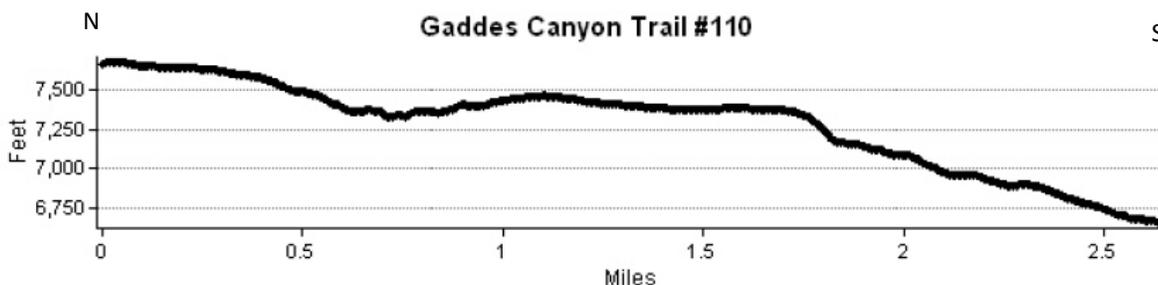
ROAD CONDITIONS: Suitable for all vehicles

HIKING TIME: 1 hour, one-way **LENGTH:** 2.6 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Moderate

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RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

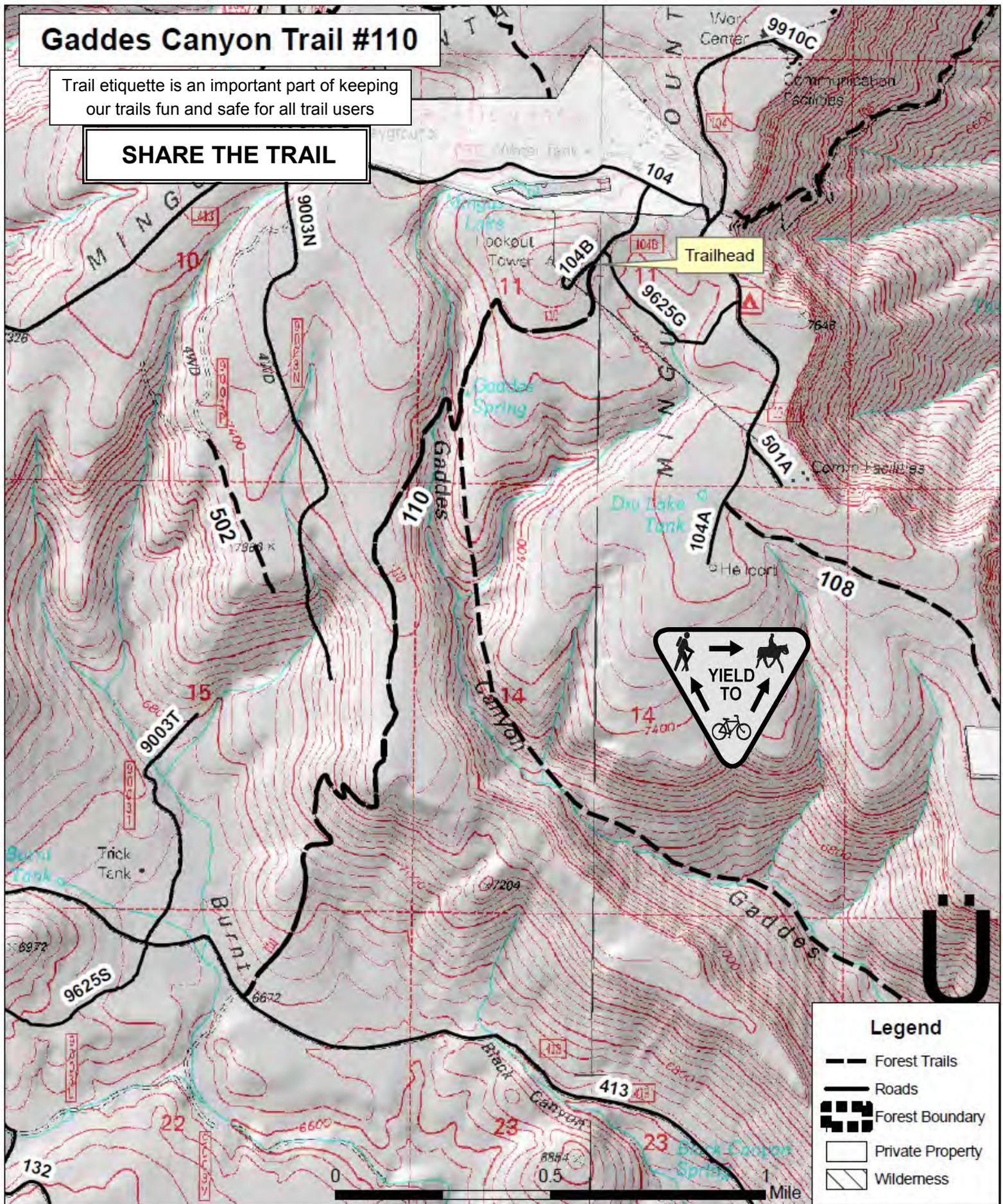
MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, east half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Hickey Mountain and Cottonwood. National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map, Sycamore Canyon Verde Valley and Mazatzal & Pine Mtn Wilderness Areas.



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