



Prescott National Forest

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BLACK CANYON #114

GENERAL INFORMATION: Black Canyon Trail #114 is exceptionally scenic and provides panoramic views of the Verde Valley, the red rock country above Sedona, and the San Francisco Peaks. There is an elevation gain of over 2,200 feet from the bottom of the trail to where it meets FR 413, making it a good choice for horseback riders and hikers looking for a more challenging route. TR 114 begins at Quail Springs in cactus, mesquite, and juniper. It climbs steadily along the slopes overlooking Black Canyon. The upper portion of the trail enters Gaddes Canyon where ponderosa pines grow alongside large walnut and oak trees to create a lush, green canopy not often encountered in this part of Arizona. TR 114 connects with several other roads and trails to provide diverse recreation opportunities across a large area.

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 89A just outside Cottonwood, travel southwest on Hwy 260 approximately 2.6 miles to FR 359. Turn right onto FR 359 and go 4.2 miles to the trailhead. Parking is good.

Alternate access is via the upper trailhead on Mingus Mountain. 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 onto FR 104 and travel 1.4 miles to FR 413. Turn right onto FR 413 and go 5.8 miles to the trailhead, on the right. Parking is poor.

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 to the upper trailhead.

TRAVEL TIME: 25 minutes from Cottonwood to lower trailhead; 1 hour to upper trailhead

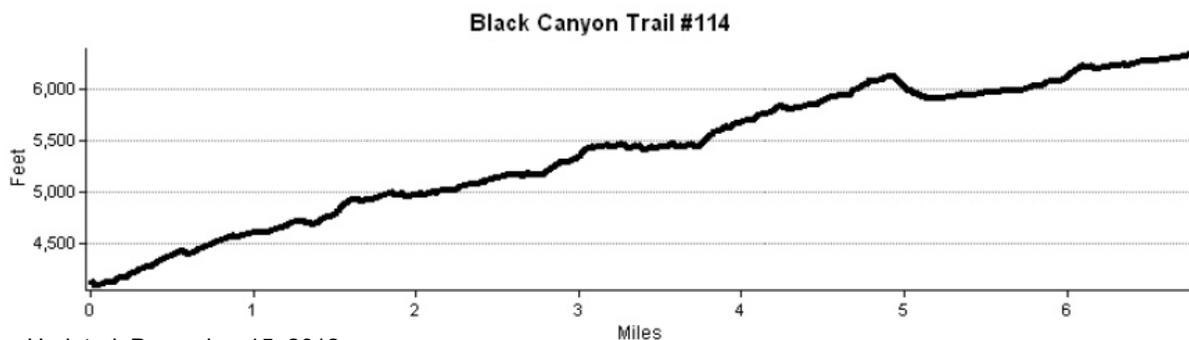
ROAD CONDITIONS: Suitable for most vehicles

HIKING TIME: 3.5 hours, one-way **LENGTH:** 6.4 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Moderate

NOTES: No motorized equipment is permitted on this trail.

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

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, east half, U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5" quad for Cottonwood, Trails Illustrated Map-Sycamore Canyon Verde Valley



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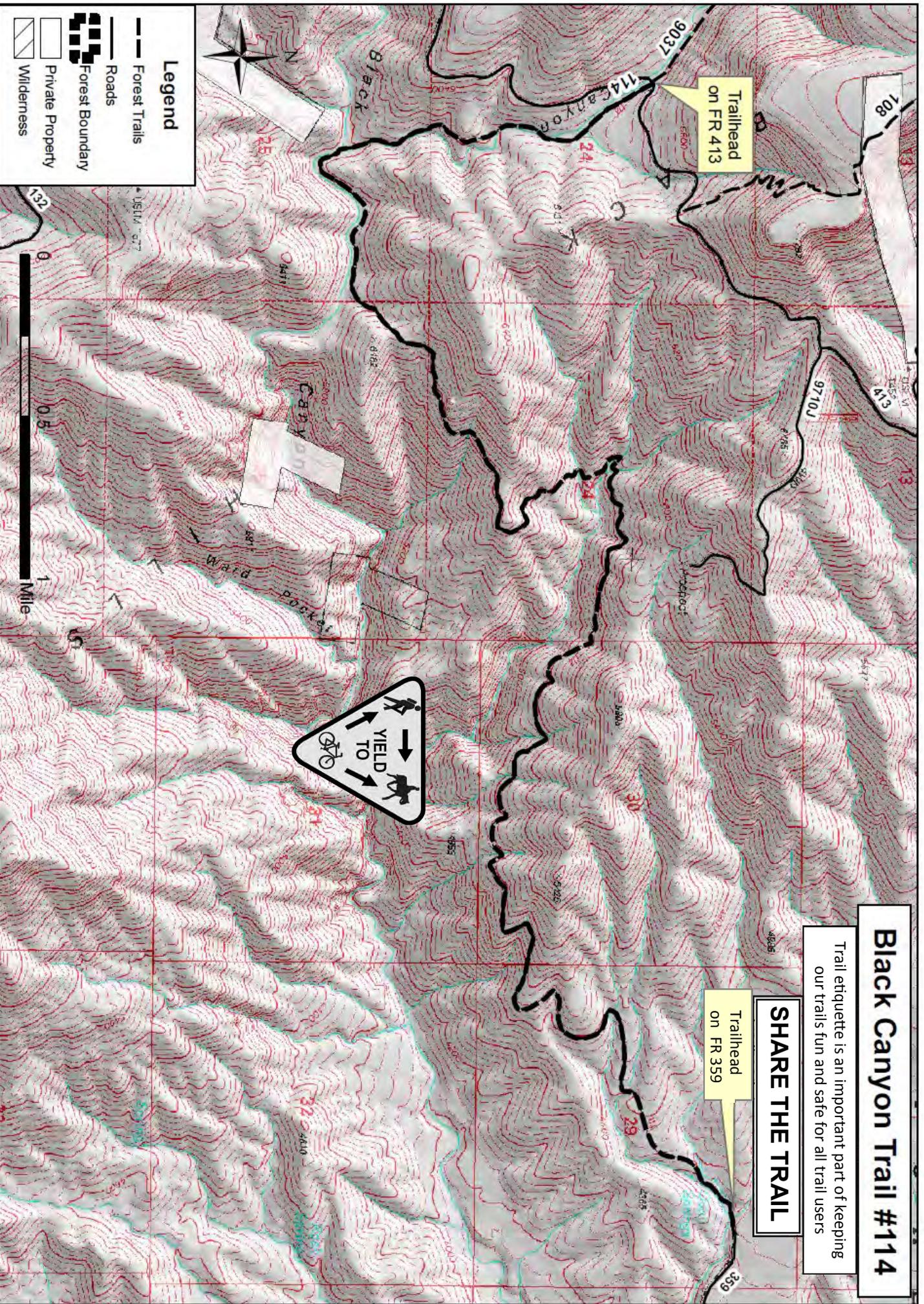
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Trailhead on FR 359

Trailhead on FR 413



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