



Prescott National Forest

Verde Ranger District

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MESCAL TRAIL #547

GENERAL INFORMATION: Mescal Trail #547 begins at Forest Road 338 and climbs a gentle grade that zigzags through a significant mountain drainage lined with oak and ponderosa. Rocky mountain irises grow up in isolated pockets along the trail, as well as patches of rose and other wildflowers. This is an area of geologic diversity, home to limestone formed in ancient seas, volcanic basalt, and numerous examples of other rock types. Mingus Mountain and the surrounding territory saw extensive mining activity in the late 1800s and early 1900s. TR 547 was likely used by early prospectors.

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 14 miles, through Jerome, to FR 338 on the left. If you reach the Mingus Summit, you have gone 3.1 miles too far. Travel 0.1 miles on FR 338 to the trailhead on the right. Parking is good.

From the junction of Hwy 89/89A near Chino Valley, travel 18.8 miles on Hwy 89A to the Mingus Summit. Continue on Hwy 89A for another 3.1 miles to FR 338 on the right. Travel 0.1 miles to the trailhead on the right.

TRAVEL TIME: 1 hour from I-17; 30 minutes from Chino Valley

ROAD CONDITIONS: Paved to FR 338, which is suitable for high clearance vehicles

HIKING TIME: 30 minutes, one-way **LENGTH:** 1.4 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Easy **USE:** Moderate

NOTES: Historic artifacts, where they lie, tell a story. Once they are moved, a piece of the past is destroyed forever. Please respect cultural resources and leave what you find.

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, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Sycamore Canyon Verde Valley



