



Prescott National Forest

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GADES TWO TRAIL #9037

GENERAL INFORMATION: For most of its length, Gades Two Trail #9037 travels along the cool, shady bottom of Gades Canyon. Large oaks and walnut trees tower over a thick understory of New Mexico locust to create a lush green canopy not often encountered in this part of Arizona. Wildlife takes advantage of this unique habitat—deer, elk, and a wide variety of birds make their homes here. It is common to see signs of bear along the trail. From its trailhead on Forest Road 413, TR 9037 gradually climbs the southern side of Mingus Mountain, where it joins the upper section of Gades Canyon Trail #110.

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 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 left. 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.

TRAVEL TIME: 1 hour from I-17 and Chino Valley

ROAD CONDITIONS: Portions of FR 413 may be rutted or rocky, but the road is suitable for most vehicles when dry.

HIKING TIME: 1 hour, one-way **LENGTH:** 2.3 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Light

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RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

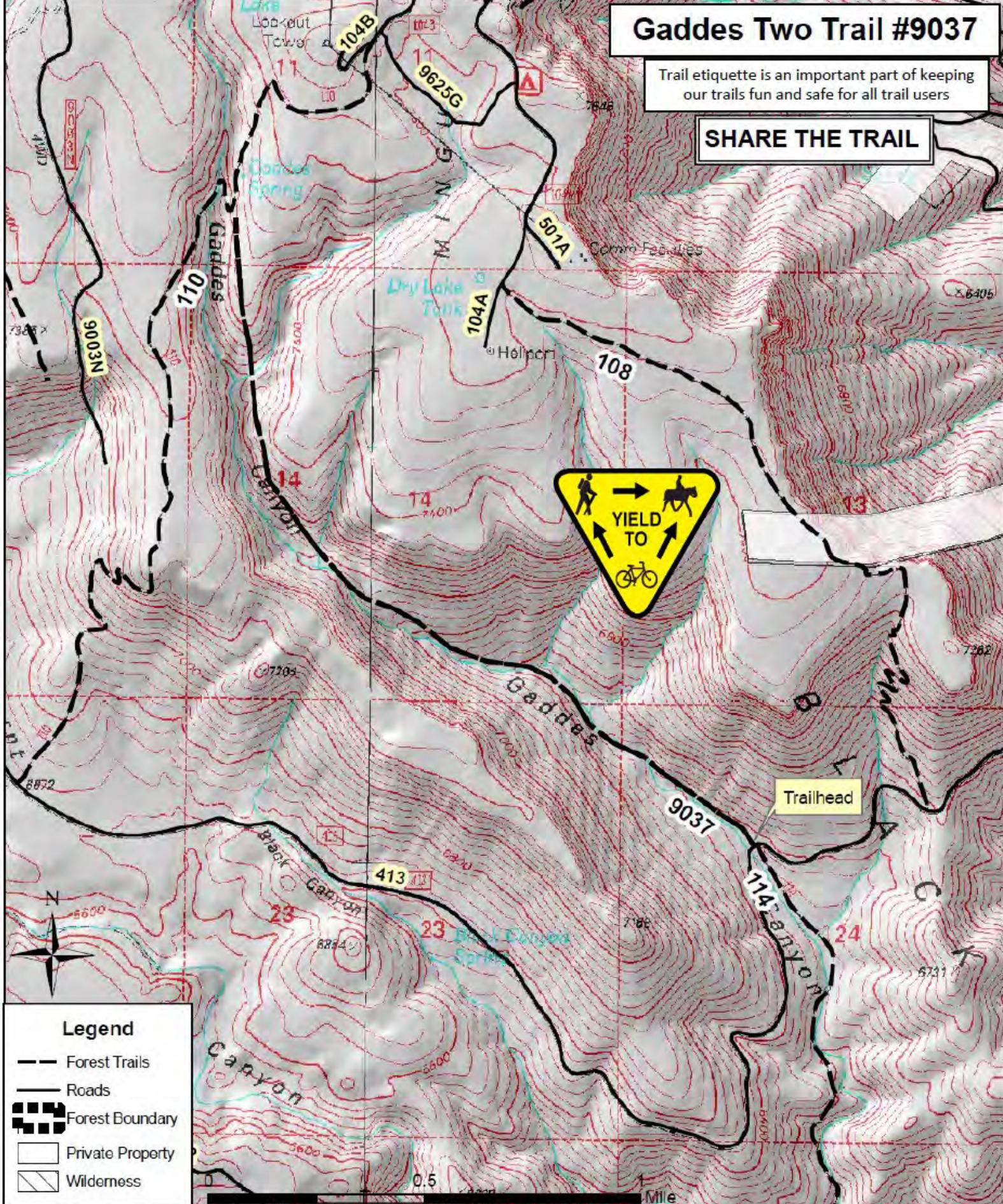
MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, east half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Cottonwood and Hickey Mountain, National geographic Trails Illustrated Map Sycamore Canyon Verde Valley



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