TRAILHEADS
HELL'S GATE WILDERNESS

Not uncommonly one of the more challenging parts of a backcountry trip is attempting to find the trailhead itself. To assist you in reaching the jumping-off place, we have developed the following directions to the trailhead named below:

Bear Flat TH: Follow State Highway 260 east from Payson for 11.4 miles Turn onto Forest Road 405A for 2.7 miles to the junction with Forest Road 405. Continue straight ahead on FR 405 for 3.2 miles to the trailhead just south of the private land. This road is very steep, and not recommended for two-wheel drive vehicles pulling horse trailers. The Bear Flat Trail 178 begins across the creek near the private land.

Be sure to secure your vehicle, and don't leave valuables in sight while you're gone. Also be sure someone knows where you are going.

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