



Prescott National Forest

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THUMB BUTTE BYPASS TRAIL #326

GENERAL INFORMATION: Thumb Butte Bypass Trail #326 is part of a network of trails serving the Thumb Butte area. This trail begins in well-shaded pine forest and briefly meanders along the southern bank of Miller Creek before turning sharply and continuing uphill. As TR 326 climbs into higher country, it enters more open terrain where there are some lovely views of the surrounding hills and valleys. At its far end, TR 326 meets up with Potts Creek Trail #327.

TR 326 connects with several other trails that can be combined in different ways to create a variety of loops. One popular route, open to hikers only, is to travel on TR 326 to its junction with Thumb Butte Spur Trail #314, and then take TR 314 to the top of Thumb Butte Trail #33. The views from here are spectacular. Hikers can return to the parking area on either leg of TR 33. This loop is approximately 2.7 miles long. Another route, available to all non-motorized users, is to take TR 326 to Garden Grove Trail #392. TR 392 winds downhill to Miller Creek Trail #367, which provides a truly beautiful passage back along Miller Creek to the lower portion of TR 326. This loop covers roughly 3.7 miles.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers, and mountain bicyclists. Please be considerate of others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: From downtown Prescott, travel west on Gurley Street (becomes Thumb Butte Road) for 3.4 miles to the Thumb Butte Picnic Area, on the right. The trail begins across the road from the picnic area, just west of TR 33. Please note that there is no horse trailer parking in the recreation area.

TRAVEL TIME: 10 minutes from Prescott

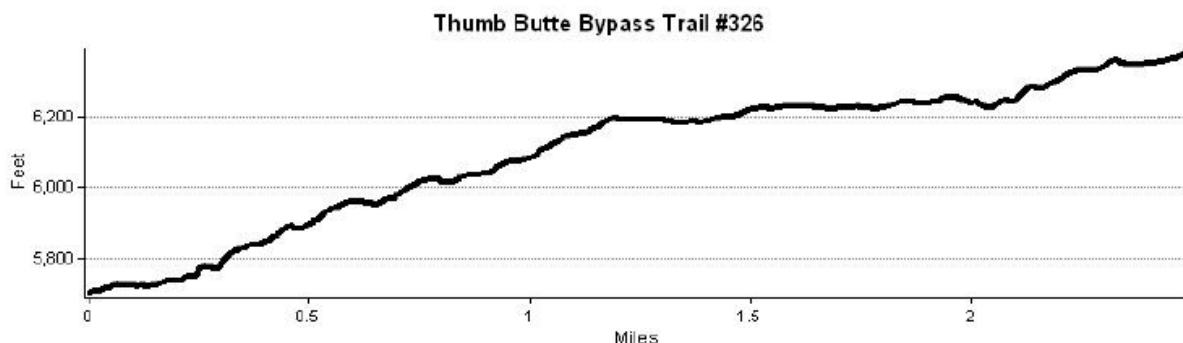
ROAD CONDITIONS: Paved

HIKING TIME: 1 hour, one-way **LENGTH:** 2.5 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Heavy

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RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Iron Springs, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map, Bradshaw Mountains, City of Prescott Trails and Outdoor Recreation Map



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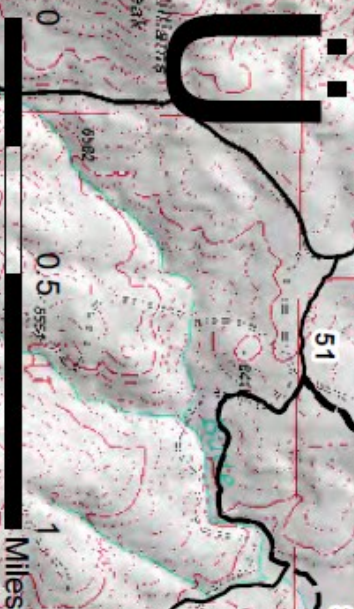
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Trailhead
(Across from Parking Area)

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