



Prescott National Forest

Bradshaw Ranger District

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EAST FORT TRAIL #31

GENERAL INFORMATION: This short trail within the Castle Creek Wilderness weaves through 1.7-billion-year-old granite boulders. Manzanitas the size of small trees and gnarled scrub oak line the path. Ponderosa pines appear along the upper portion of the trail before it emerges onto an expansive granite outcrop. From here, rock cairns identify the route over and between large boulders as the trail makes its way to higher ground. Although portions of TR 31 are rocky and steep, the climb is short and well worth the effort. There are panoramic views of Black Canyon, Pine Mountain Wilderness, and the Mogollon Rim to the east. Please be aware that the last portion of the trail is not suitable for horses.

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

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: The best route from Prescott is by way of Mayer, especially in winter. From the Hwy 69/89 intersection, travel 15 miles on Hwy 69S to Hwy 169N. Continue on Hwy 69S 11.3 miles to Main Street, on the right. Turn onto Main Street and proceed to the junction with Antelope Creek Road (also CO 74). Turn left onto Antelope Creek Road and go approximately 7.2 miles to the community of Cordes. Continue straight as the road becomes FR 259. Continue on FR 259 for 20.4 miles, through Cleator, to Crown King. Travel another 0.6 miles to the junction with FR 52. Keep left and take FR 52 for 6 miles to the Horsethief Recreation Area. Continue 1.7 miles past Kentucky Campground to the trailhead on the left. Parking is poor. The trail heads downhill along an old road before crossing into Wilderness.

TRAVEL TIME: 2 hours from Prescott

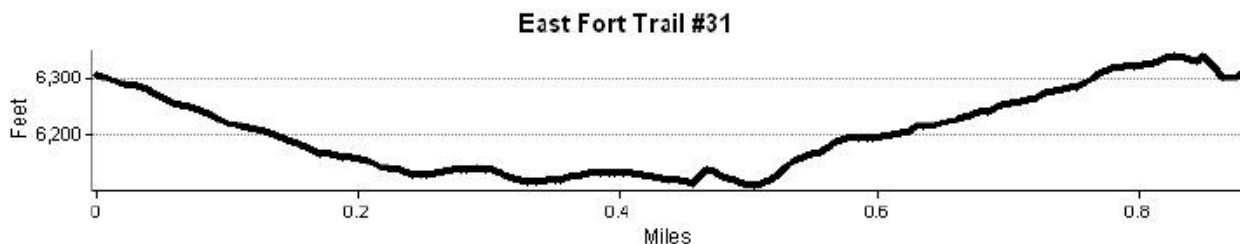
ROAD CONDITIONS: Dirt after leaving Hwy 69. A high-clearance vehicle is recommended for the final stretch of FR 52.

HIKING TIME: 30 minutes, one-way **LENGTH:** 1.1 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Moderate

NOTES: Most of this trail lies within the Castle Creek Wilderness. Motor vehicles and the use of any mechanized equipment, including bicycles, are prohibited. Wilderness is an important resource and national heritage—please, leave no trace.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

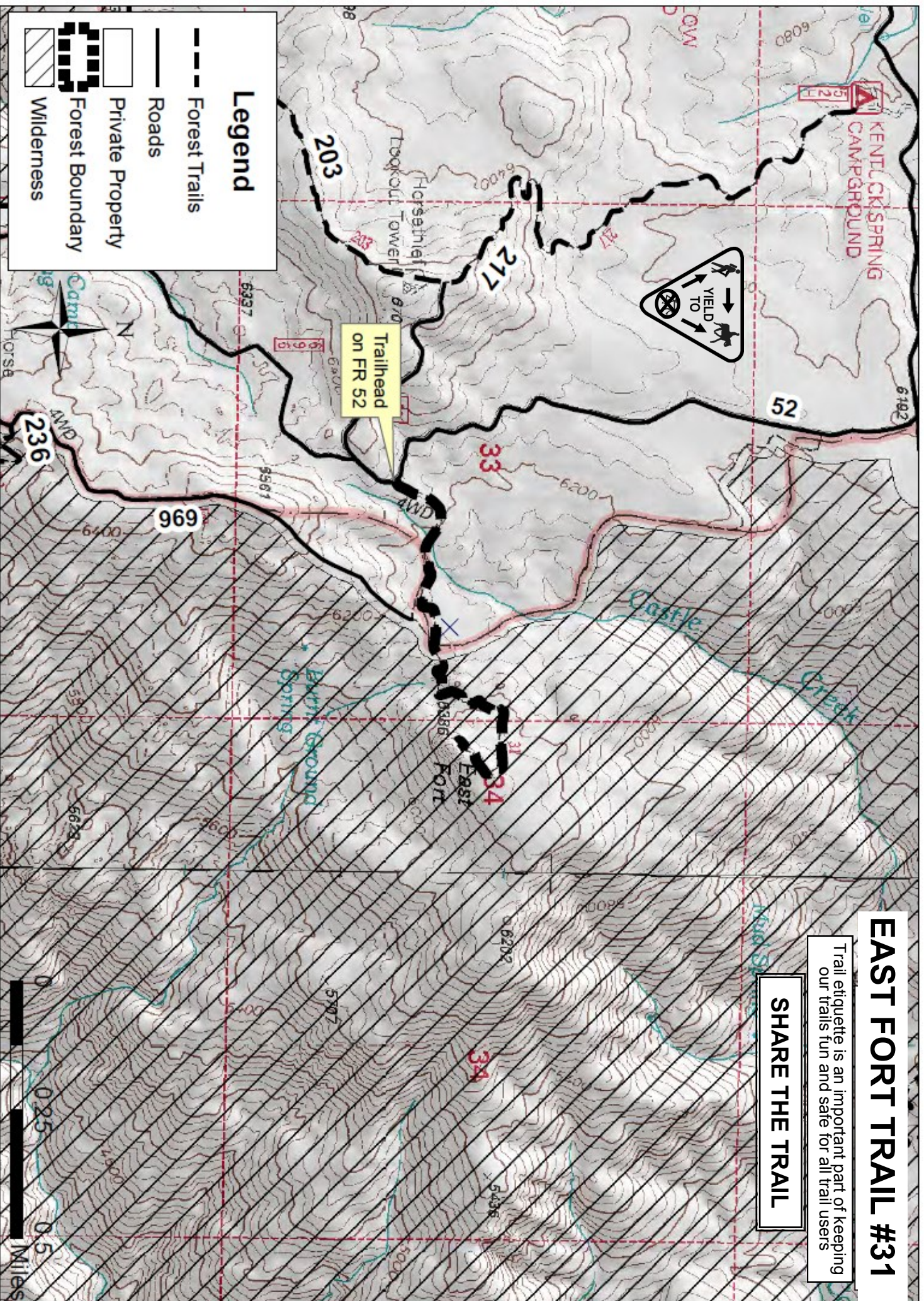
MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Crown King, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Bradshaw Mountains



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