



## Prescott National Forest

Bradshaw Ranger District

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### LYNX CREEK RUIN TRAIL #301

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** This is an excellent trail for families and casual hikers alike. Although it can be hot in summer, it is a pleasant walk through mixed pinion-oak-juniper woodland with only about 80 ft. elevation change. Four benches provide places for rest and contemplation. A self-guiding brochure is available to inform the hiker about the plant communities and the life of the early Native Americans who made their home here 800 years ago. The early inhabitants who built Lynx Creek Ruin eked out a living in a difficult land from about 1150 to 1300 AD. They hunted in the lush riparian creek bottom, and used prehistoric farming techniques to grow corn, beans, and possibly cotton. They built low "checkdams" out of rock, creating small terraces of rich soil for farming. The ruin itself, like many other ruins in the Prescott area, presents a commanding view of the surrounding countryside as well as the heavens above. The ruin originally comprised about 15 rooms roofed with poles and brush. This was home to about 25-35 early Americans known as the "Prescott Culture."

**CAUTION:** This trail is open only to hikers. Please be considerate of other hikers—  
know when to yield the trail

**ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION:** From the intersection of Hwy 69 and Walker Road in Prescott, travel 1.3 miles south on Walker Road. Turn right (east) on dirt road on Lynx Creek Ruin road (FR 9401T) toward the Lynx Creek Ruin parking lot. Travel 0.1 miles to the trailhead parking lot.

**TRAVEL TIME:** 15 minutes from Prescott

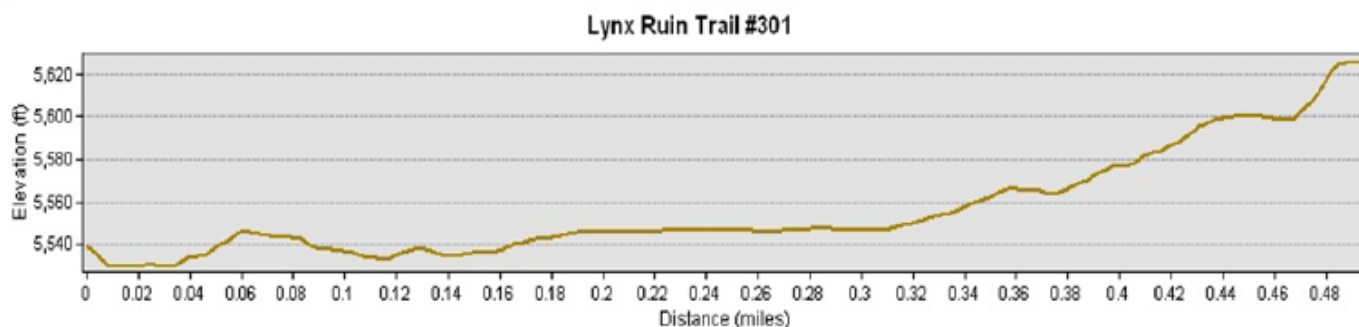
**ROAD CONDITIONS:** Suitable for all vehicles

**HIKING TIME:** 25 minutes, one-way **LENGTH:** .49 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Easy **USE:** Heavy

**NOTES:** The hiker comes to a trail junction for trails #305 and #301 just 30 yards from the trailhead. The trail ends at an observation deck for viewing the ruins and surrounding vistas.

**RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE:** Spring, summer, fall, winter

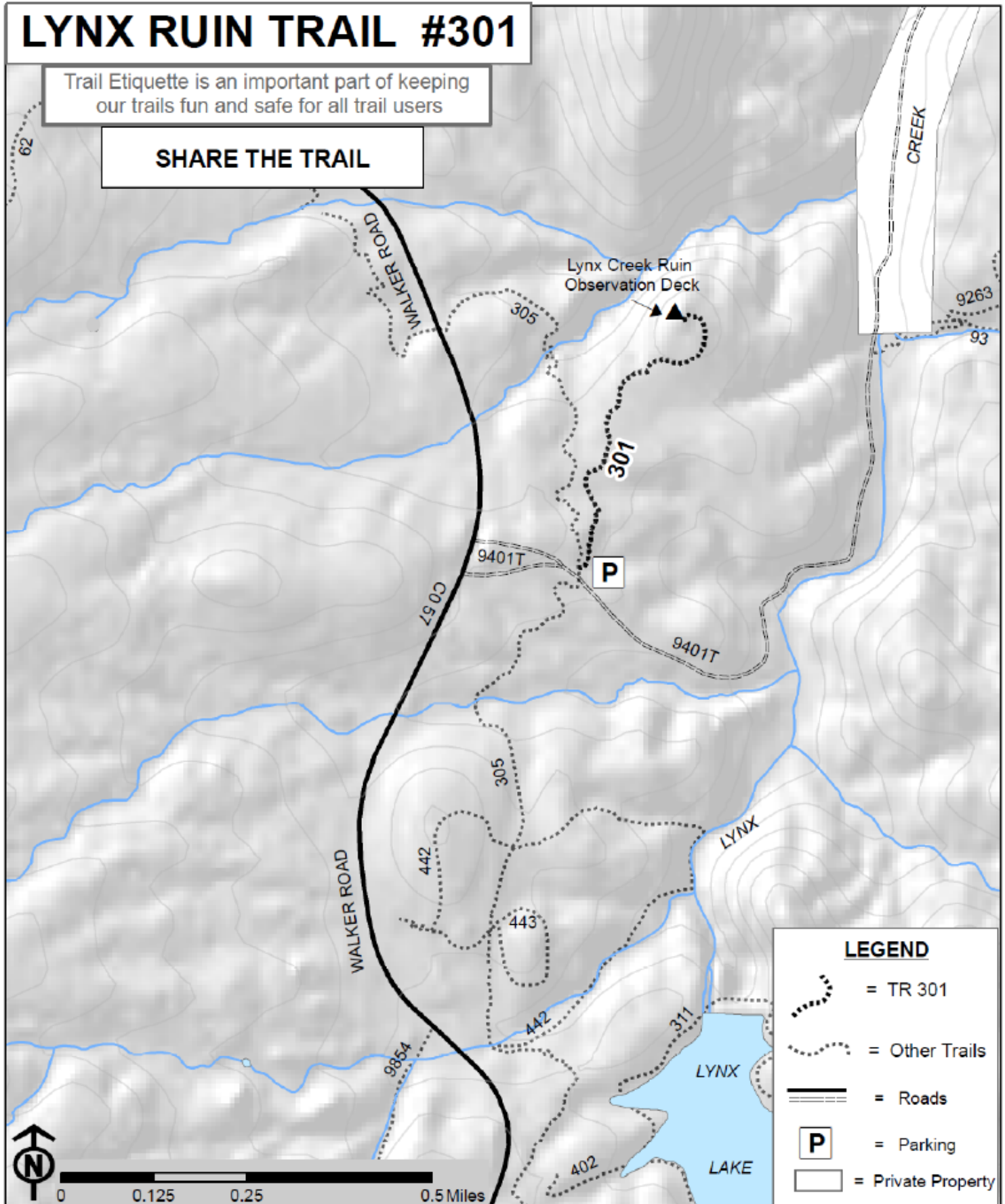
**MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES:** Prescott National Forest Map, west half, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Bradshaw Mountains, U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Iron Springs and Wilhoit, City of Prescott Trails and Outdoor Recreation Map.



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