



Prescott National Forest

Bradshaw Ranger District

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SOUTH THUMB BUTTE TRAILS

GENERAL INFORMATION: Several trails around and south of Thumb Butte offer trail users a variety of adventures and trail loops. Only trails that are featured in their entirety on the map (reverse page) are described.

TRAIL	USES ALLOWED	LENGTH (miles)	HIKING TIME (one-way)	DESCRIPTION
Thumb Butte #33		2.1	1 hour	Thumb Butte TR #33 is one of the most popular and heavily used hiking trails on the Prescott National Forest. Trail is mostly paved.
Thumb Butte Spur #314		0.5	20 minutes	Provides a connection to TR's 33 and 326. No bikes on TR 33!
Circle Connection #322 		0.5	20 minutes	Part of the 50 mile Prescott Circle Trail. Provides a loop opportunity when used with TR's 326, 322 and 321.
Butte Connection #323		0.6	20 minutes	Starts in the pines and goes along the southern bank of Miller Creek before turning sharply and continuing uphill.
Thumb Butte Bypass #326		2.5	1 hour	This trail begins in ponderosa pine forest and parallels Miller Creek.
Miller Creek #367		0.6	20 minutes	Gentle trail goes along Miller Creek. Good for families.
Garden Grove #392 		1.5	45 minutes	Part of the 50 mile Prescott Circle Trail. This trail begins in well-shaded pine forest and crosses a number of drainages that carry water in spring. TR 392 begins to switchback up a ridge about three-quarters of a mile from the trailhead.

CAUTION: Most of these trails are 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 downtown Prescott, travel west on Gurley Street (becomes Thumb Butte Road) for 3.4 miles to the Thumb Butte Recreation Area parking area. Please note that there is no horse trailer parking in the recreation area. Another parking area is available for all trail users if you go west another 1 mile (approx.) between Thumb Butte Road and FR 9401B, on the right. TR 318 TH starts on the east side of FR9401B. These trails are accessible by TR 318 (see map). Parking off Thumb Butte Road is very limited so these designated parking areas are recommended. A parking fee of \$5 is required at Thumb Butte Recreation Area. Wednesdays are free.

TRAVEL TIME: 12—20 minutes from Prescott

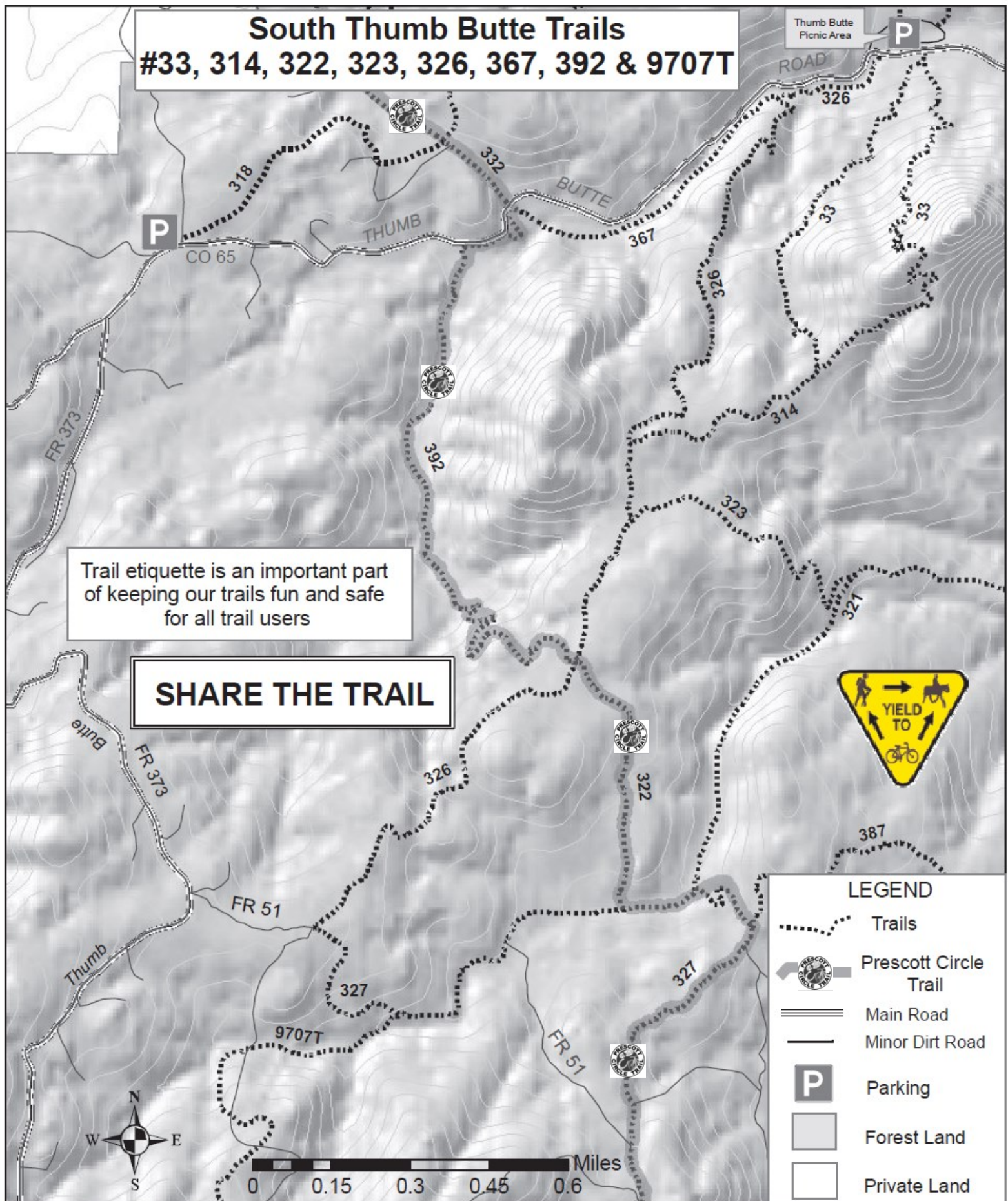
ROAD CONDITIONS: Both access points are suitable for passenger cars. Thumb Butte Road turns to dirt about 0.5 miles west of Thumb Butte Recreation Area parking.

HIKING TIME: Varies **LENGTH:** Varies **DIFFICULTY:** Easy to Moderate **USE:** Moderate to Heavy

NOTES: Drinking water, restrooms, picnic tables and grills are available seasonally at the Thumb Butte Picnic Area. Dogs must be on leashes. Please clean up after your pet.

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, Prescott National Forest Thumb Butte Recreation Area brochure, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map- Bradshaw Mountains, City of Prescott Trails and Outdoor Recreation Map, Yavapai Trails Association online version of the Prescott Circle Trail Guide at: http://yavapai-trails.org/Resources/prescott_circle_trail.html



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