



Prescott National Forest

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ASPEN CREEK TRAIL #48

GENERAL INFORMATION: Aspen Creek Trail #48 climbs from its trailhead on Copper Basin Road to a ridge below Mt. Francis. After this initial climb the trail covers gentler, rolling terrain as it travels south towards East Copper Trail #260. TR 48 is very scenic and offers fantastic views of the Prescott area. At various points along the route it is possible to see Spruce Mountain, Mount Union, and the Wilhoit area. Upper portions of TR 48 pass through ponderosa pine forest and Gambel oak where the shade is deep all day long. Although there are no aspens along the trail, there is a large stand of these white-barked trees a short distance up Copper Basin Road from the trailhead.

CAUTION: This trail is 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 its intersection with White Spar Road, travel west on Copper Basin Road for 3 miles to where the pavement ends. Continue another 1.6 miles to the trailhead on the right. There is parking for 6—10 vehicles. TR 48 begins directly across the road.

TRAVEL TIME: 20 minutes from downtown Prescott

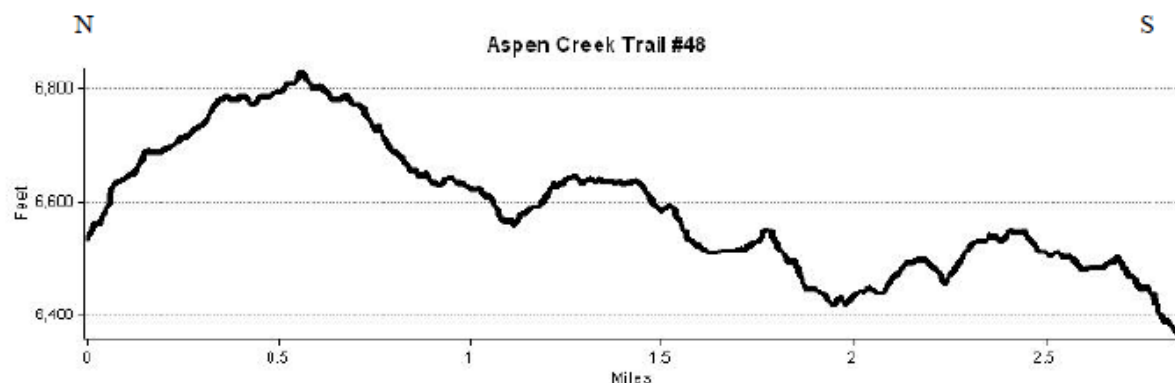
ROAD CONDITIONS: Suitable for all vehicles

HIKING TIME: 1.5 hours (one-way) **LENGTH:** 3.4 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Heavy

NOTES: There are no restrooms or water at the trailhead. Refrain from using horses and bikes when the trail is wet. The first part of this trail (almost 1 mile) is a section of the Prescott Circle Trail until it meets up to TR 9415. The Prescott Circle Trail continues north east on TR 9415. Trail 48 continues to the south west.

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

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. Topographic 7.5' quad for Wilhoit, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Bradshaw Mountains, City of Prescott Trail 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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Legend

-  Trail #48
-  Prescott Circle Trail
-  Other trails
-  Road
-  Private Property

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