



Prescott National Forest

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COLEMAN TRAIL #108

GENERAL INFORMATION: Coleman Trail #108 begins in an open park-like forest where ponderosa pine and alligator juniper provide deep pockets of shade. Spring brings wildflowers—creamy sego lilies and flame-colored Indian paintbrush—while fall comes dressed in yellow and gold as the Gambel oak change colors with the cooling weather. Typical of this high-elevation area, there are good views of the Verde Valley, Cottonwood, and the red rock country above Sedona. From the trailhead, TR 108 descends gradually to the southeast, staying above Mingus rim for 1.3 miles. Then the trail turns sharply to the south and begins a steep, twisting descent to its end on Forest Road 413. Gaddes Two Trail #9037 lies less than half a mile to the west. This trail, which passes through a portion of lush, green Gaddes Canyon, climbs back up to FR 104A. Travel southwest along this road for a short distance to reconnect with the trailhead for TR 108. This loop is approximately 6 miles long.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bicyclists.

Please be considerate or others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: From its intersection with Interstate 17, travel 12.2 miles on Hwy 260 to the junction with Hwy 89A. Turn left and go 17.1 miles, through Jerome, to the Mingus Summit and Forest Road 104. Turn left and go 2.6 miles to the Mingus Mountain Campground. From the campground, travel 0.5 miles on FR 104A (the right fork) to the trailhead near the radio facilities.

From the junction of Hwy 89/89A in Chino Valley, travel 18.8 miles on Hwy 89A to the Mingus Summit. Turn right onto FR 104 and follow the directions above.

TRAVEL TIME: 45 minutes from I-17 and Chino Valley

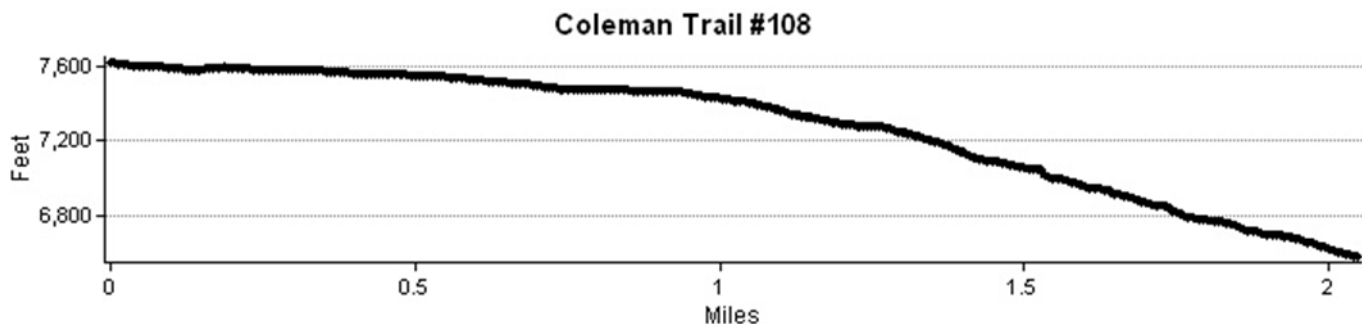
ROAD CONDITIONS: Suitable for all vehicles

HIKING TIME: 1 hour, one-way **LENGTH:** 2.3 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Difficult **USE:** Moderate

NOTES: The steep portions of this trail below the rim may be badly eroded and horseback riders need to be especially cautious. As of August 2010, the lower portion of the trail is very brushy and may be difficult to find or follow.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, east half; USGS topographic 7.5' quad for Cottonwood; USFS Mingus Mountain Area brochure; National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map—Sycamore Canyon/Verde Valley

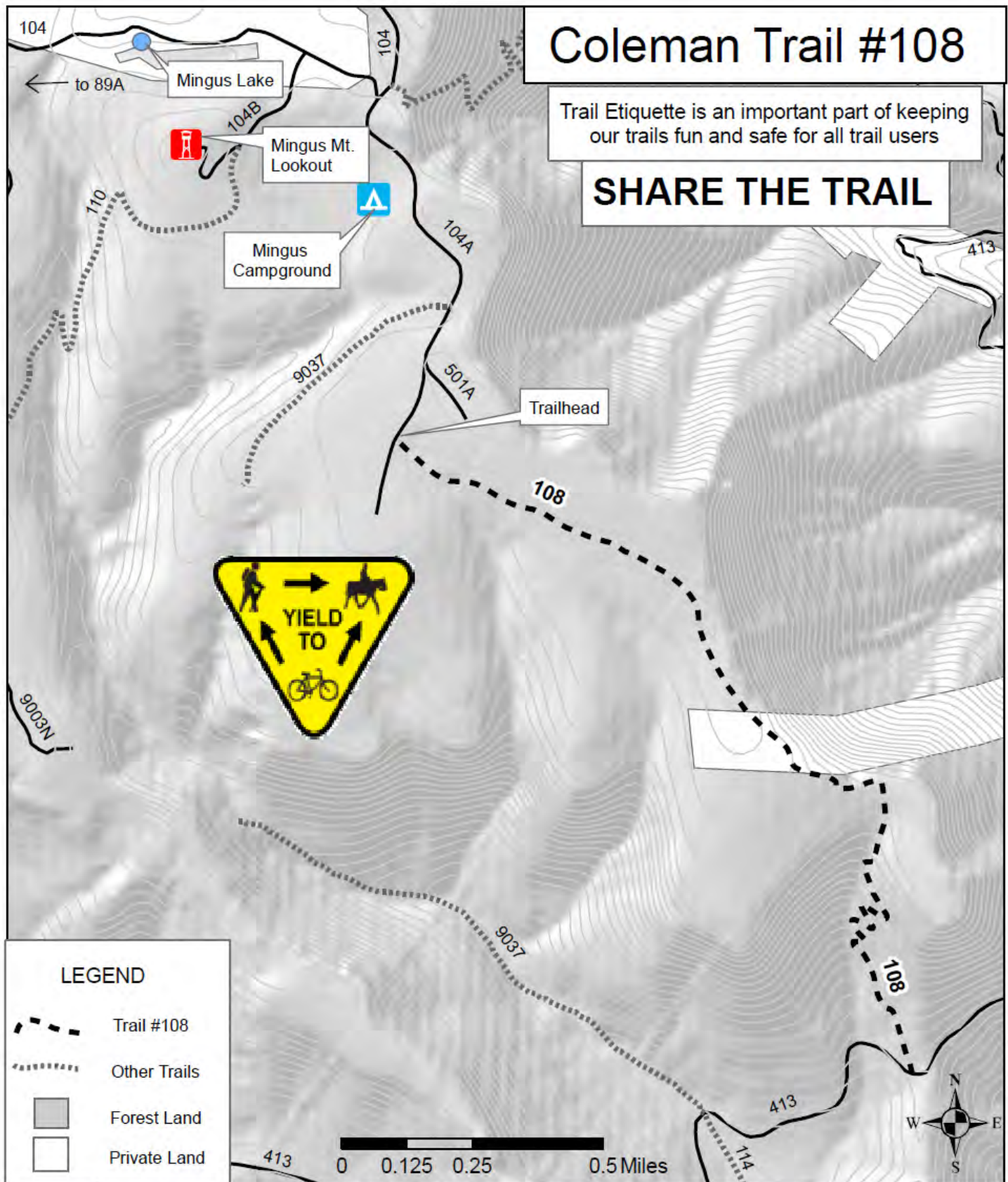


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