



Prescott National Forest

Bradshaw Ranger District
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Thumb Butte Loop Trail — TR 33 (fee area — \$2)



Distance: 2.0 mile loop trail for hikers only

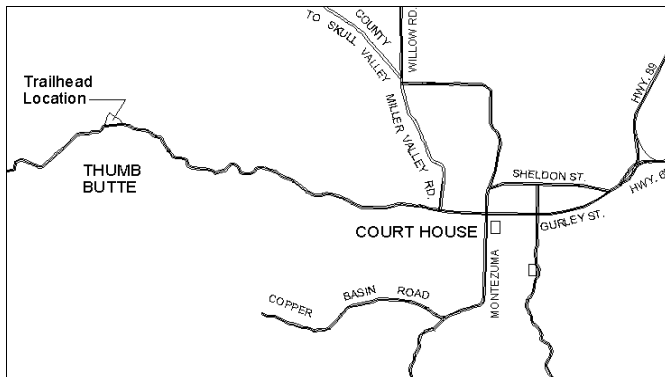
Considerations:

TR 33 is open to hikers only. The west side of trail to the top has steady grade of 9%, 3% cross slope, 4-foot minimum width of packed gravel punctuated by gravel water bars with dips. The east side has steady grade of 12-18%, 3% cross slope, 4-foot minimum width of asphalt, and occasional water bars. Hikers should be in good physical condition. Dogs on leashes; please clean up after your pets.

Directions:

From downtown Prescott, travel west on Gurley Street, which becomes Thumb Butte Road. Continue on to Thumb Butte Picnic Area (3 miles from courthouse). Trailhead is across road from parking area.

Map:



Facilities:

Paved parking, rest rooms, picnic tables, grills. Drinking water available seasonally at picnic area, but not on trail.

Trail Highlights:

The popular and heavily used hiking trail climbs steeply to a ridge just below the rocky crest of Thumb Butte. Groom Creek Vista offers spectacular panoramic views of the Prescott area, Bradshaw Mountains, Sierra Prieta Mountains, Granite Mountain, Mingus Mountain, and, on clear days, the San Francisco Peaks. Signs along the trail identify vegetation and special features. It's a well-maintained loop trail with benches along the route.

TR 314 (Thumb Butte Spur Trail)

leaves TR 33 about 0.7 mile up the west branch. This hikers-only trail is 0.5 miles (one way) with elevation change of less than 100 feet. Average trail width is 18", average cross slope is 6%, rough native soil surface.

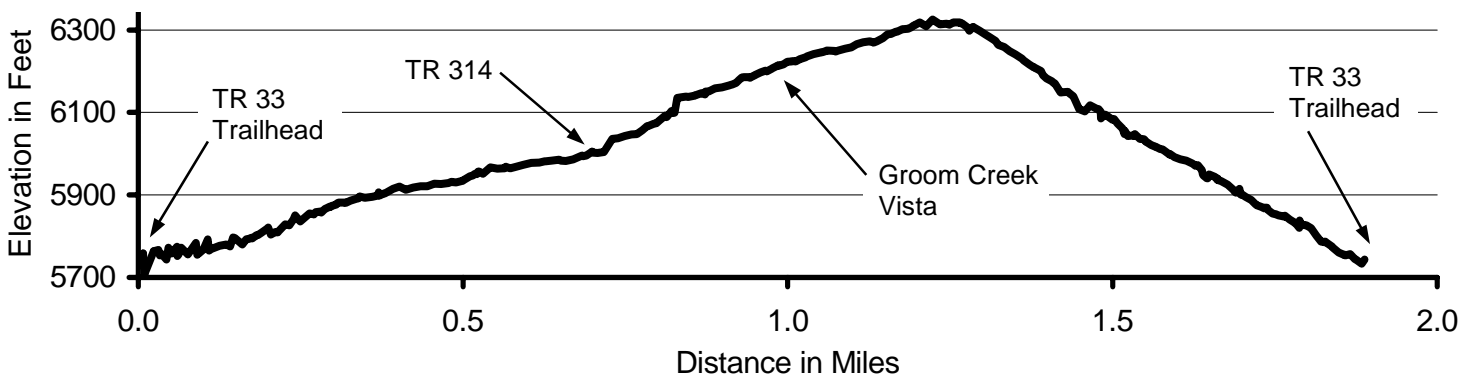
TR 314 connects TR 33 with TR 326, an old forest road converted to hiking and biking use. These three can be used as a loop trail that begins and ends in the parking area. TR 326 trail width is 12-18", very rocky, with sustained grades over 10%.

Trail Profile:

gain = 600 feet

Topo Map:

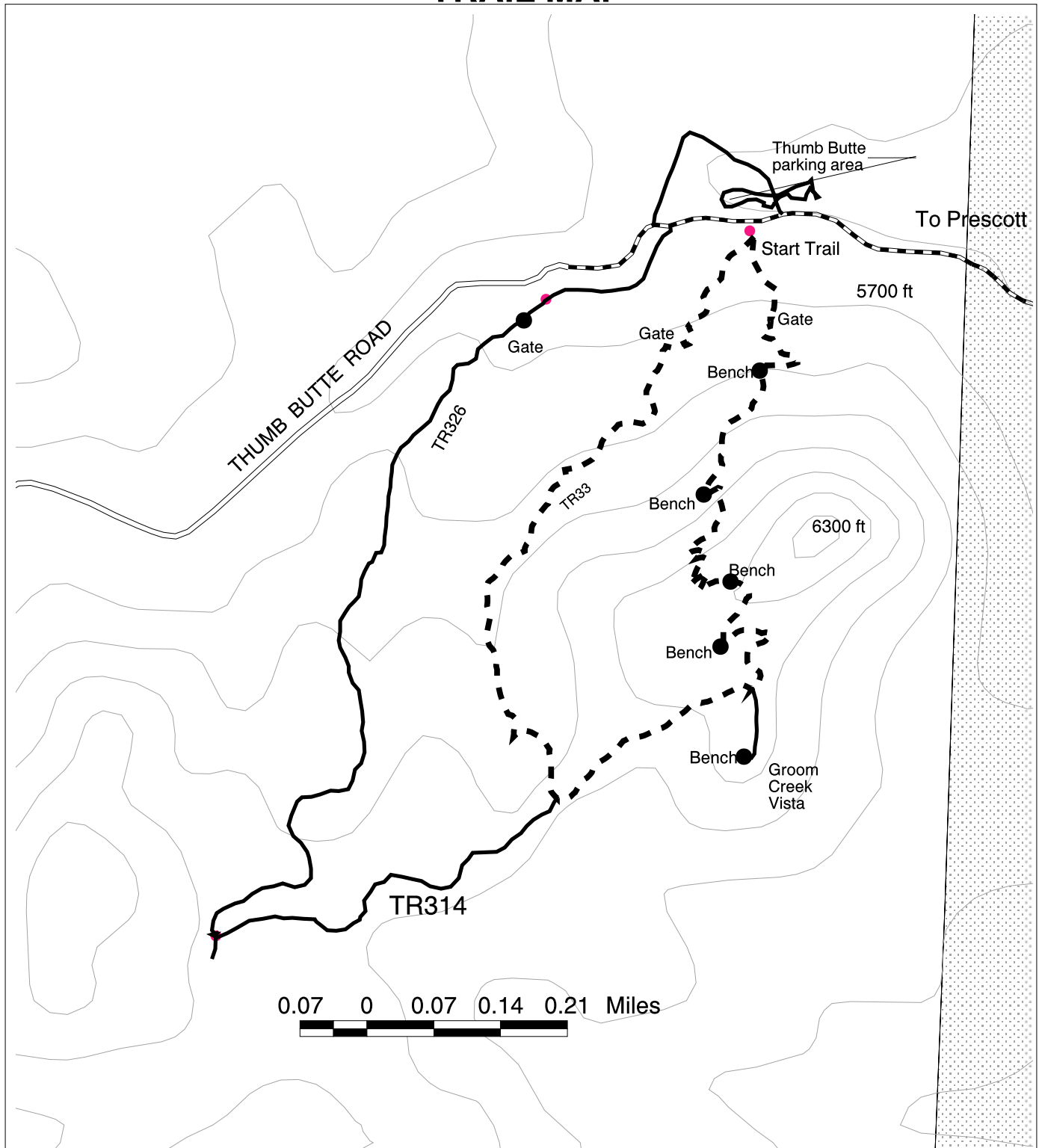
USGS topographic 7.5' quad for Iron Springs.



TRAIL MAP

RESPECT OTHERS RESPECT WILDLIFE LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE TRAVEL & CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE USE



LEGEND	
	TRAIL TR33
	OTHER TRAIL
	PAVED ROAD
	DIRT ROAD
	NATIONAL FOREST
	PRIVATE PROPERTY
	CONTOUR INTERVAL: 100 ft



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