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## SAND WASH TRAIL #527

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Sand Wash Trail #527 may be the most popular OHV trail on the Verde Ranger District. This trail begins in the Hayfield Draw OHV Recreation Area, where it is the main thoroughfare passing through the cross-country travel area and into the rolling hills that lie beyond it. The expansive russet and tan colored landscape is studded with bright creosote bush, dusky scrub oak, and other low elevation species. Visitors may see quail, rabbits, and other animals along the trail. TR 527 is rated easy for those comfortable operating their ATV or motorcycle in sand. The trail meets up with several others as it travels west towards FR 361. Take Aultman Trail #546 to Middle Sand Wash Trail #525 for an interesting loop back to the recreation area. Hayfield Draw offers approximately 80 acres of motorized trails and cross-country areas for all OHV ability levels. Visit the Prescott National Forest website for more information.

## CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers, horseback riders, mountain bicyclists, motorcycles and OHVs. Please be considerate or others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

**ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION:** From the Verde Ranger Station in Camp Verde, travel west on Hwy 260 for 9.1 miles to Hayfield Draw OHV Recreation Area, on the left. Parking is good. There is a \$5 parking fee.

To reach the west trailhead, drive west on Hwy 260 from the Verde Ranger Station for 6.3 miles to Cherry Creek Road (also CO 75). Turn left and travel 6.2 miles to FR 361. Turn right and go 1 mile to the trailhead on the right. Parking is poor.

TRAVEL TIME: 15 minutes from Camp Verde

ROAD CONDITIONS: Suitable for all vehicles

LENGTH: 4.3 miles DIFFICULTY: Easy USE: Heavy

**NOTES:** Hayfield Draw OHV Recreation Area is a day use area only, open to off-highway vehicles less than 50" wide. Always wear protective equipment. Operate vehicles in designated OHV areas only. For more information about this area, rules and safety tips, please visit the Prescott National Forest website. There is no drinking water available at the trailhead or along the trail. Portions of this trail may be overgrown with brush and/or washed out by large storms.

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

**MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES:** Prescott National Forest Map, east half; topographic 7.5' quads for Middle Verde and Cornville, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Sycamore Canyon Verde Valley.



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