



Prescott National Forest

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WILLOW SPRINGS TRAIL #12

GENERAL INFORMATION: Willow Springs Trail #12 is part of a loop that provides access to the Pine Mountain Wilderness, Pine Mountain itself, and the Verde Rim. The vegetation throughout the area is mainly ponderosa pine. However, as TR 12 approaches the Verde Rim it climbs through an attractive riparian bottom with small stands of aspen and maple, as well as evergreen and deciduous oaks. At the top of the trail there are magnificent panoramic views of the upper Verde Basin, the red rock cliffs above Sedona, and the Mazatzal Mountains east of Phoenix. This remote region, protected under the Wilderness Act since 1972, boasts a diversity of animal inhabitants. It is not unusual to encounter white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, and javelina. Though seldom seen, black bear are also common in this area. TR 12 connects with Nelson Trail #159 and Verde Rim Trail #161, which together with Pine Mountain Trail #14, provide a round-trip hike or ride in the Pine Mountain area.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers and horseback riders

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

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: TR 12 is an internal trail accessed by way of TR 159. Beginning at I-17, take Dugas Exit #268. Turn right onto Dugas Road (also FR 68) and travel 6.7 miles to the Dugas homestead. Continue on FR 68 for another 2.3 miles to a fork in the road. Bear right to remain on FR 68 and go 1.8 miles to the junction with FR 68G. Turn right to remain on FR 68 and continue 6.9 miles to Salt Flat Campground and the trailhead for TR 71 and TR 159. There is parking for 5-10 vehicles.

TRAVEL TIME: 1 hour from I-17

ROAD CONDITIONS: FR 68 is graded dirt. A high clearance vehicle is recommended. As of May 2011, FR 68 was recently maintained and in good condition. 4WD may be necessary when the road is wet.

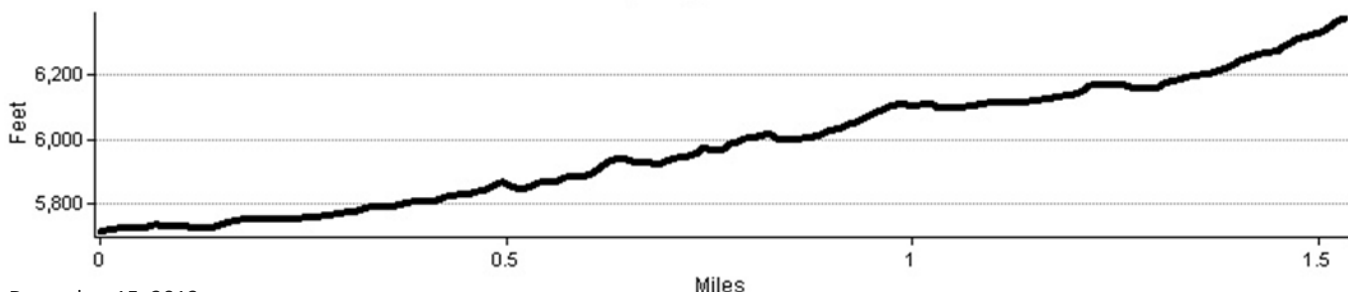
HIKING TIME: 30 minutes, one-way **LENGTH:** 1.6 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Difficult **USE:** Moderate

NOTES: This trail lies within the Pine Mountain Wilderness. Motor vehicles and the use of any mechanized equipment, including bicycles, are prohibited. Wilderness is an important resource and national heritage—please, leave no trace. Although there may be water present along the trail, it has not been tested for quality.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, east half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quad for Tule Mesa, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Sycamore Canyon Verde Valley.

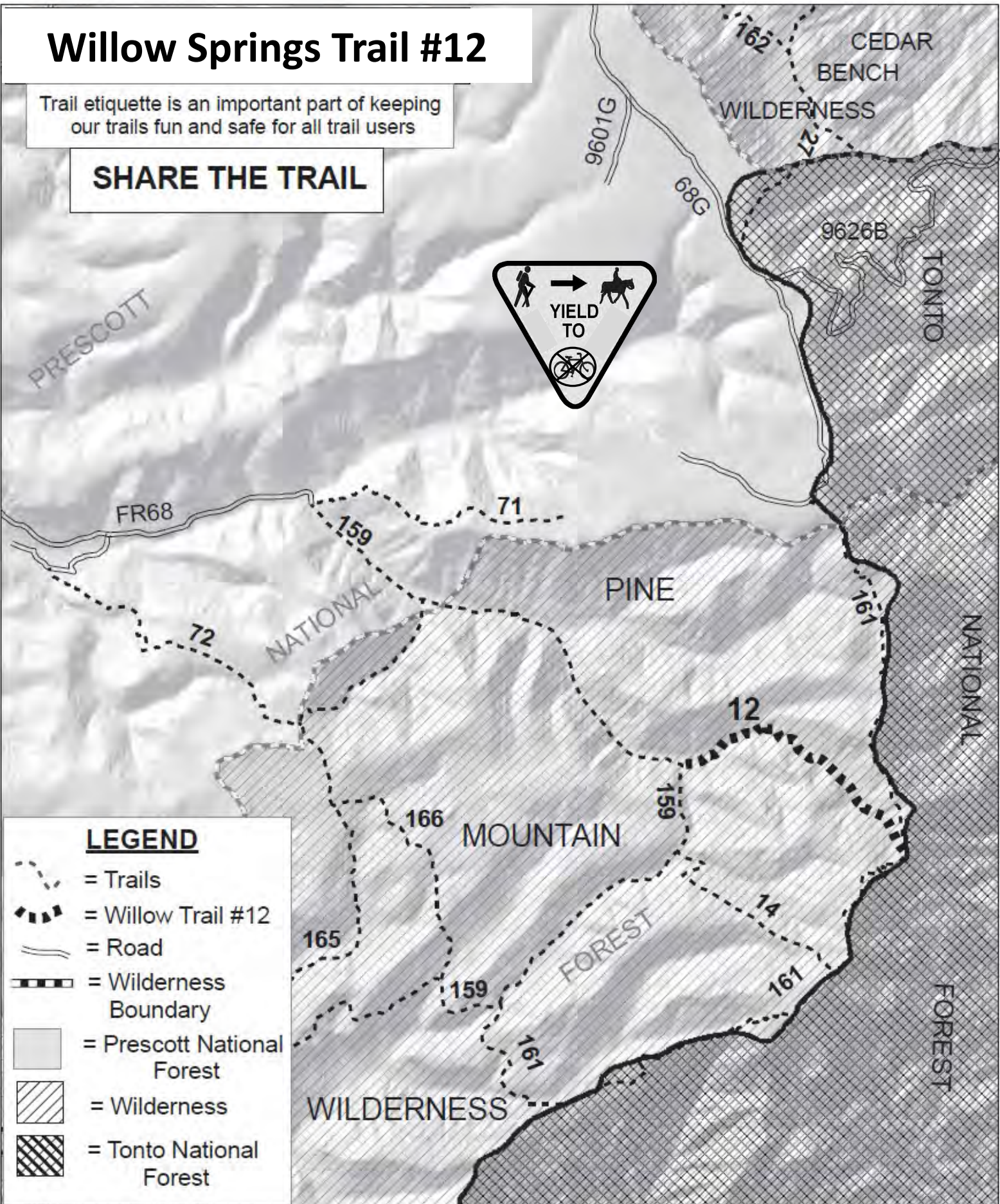
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