



## **BUG HOLLOW TRAIL #548**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Bug Hollow Trail #548 follows an old road across the forested terrain of Mingus Mountain. Evidence of the area's rich mining history, as well as spectacular views of Woodchute Wilderness and the surrounding mountains inspire curiosity and awe. Compared to much of the adjacent country, this area is lush. Well established hillsides of ponderosa pine and Gamble's oak create deep pockets of shade and provide habitat for a diversity of birds, deer, elk, and bear. The spring months are a time of dazzling color, when wildflowers growing up from dark volcanic soil bloom in shades of purple, pink, yellow, and red. The trail junctions with Mescal Trail #547 and Upper Mescal Trail #550 1.2 miles from the trailhead in a rocky drainage where large walnut trees join the predominate vegetation. From here the trail continues another 0.7 miles, just past the junction with Powerline Trail #549, to an open meadow where an impressive solitary juniper provides an attractive spot to rest.

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 near Camp Verde, travel 12.2 miles on Hwy 260 to the junction with Hwy 89A. Turn left and go 16.2 miles, through Jerome, to the trailhead on the left. If you reach the Mingus Summit, you have gone 0.9 miles too far. Parking is good.

From the junction of Hwy 89/89A near Chino Valley, travel 18.8 miles on Hwy 89A to the Mingus Summit. Continue on Hwy 89A for another 0.9 miles to the trailhead on the right.

TRAVEL TIME: 1 hour from I-17; 30 minutes from Chino Valley

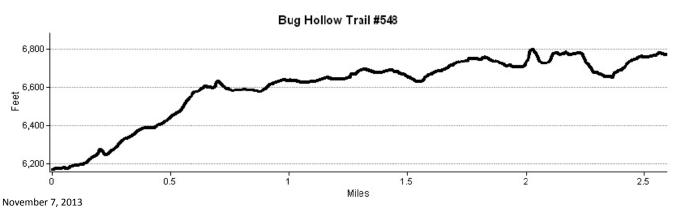
**ROAD CONDITIONS: Paved** 

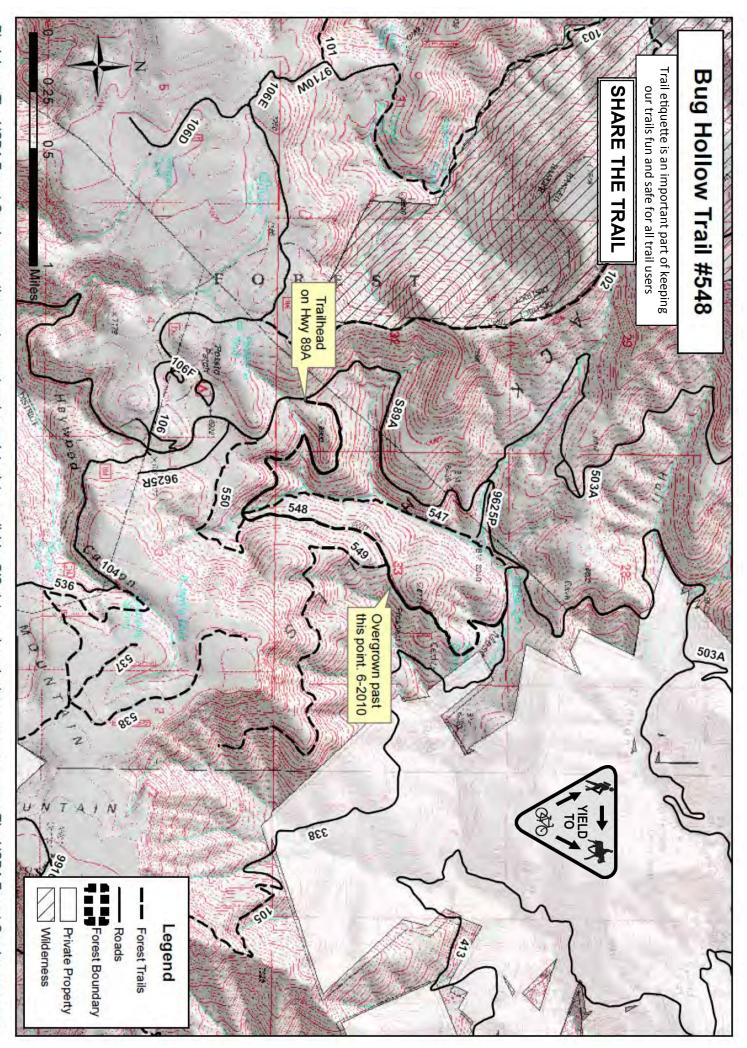
HIKING TIME: 1.5 hours, one-way LENGTH: 2.6 miles DIFFICULTY: Easy USE: Moderate

**NOTES:** The lower section of TR 548 has grown over and as of June 2010 the trail ends just past its junction with TR 549. There are plans to restore the original trail so that it once again joins FR 338 sometime in the future.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

**MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES:** Prescott National Forest Map, east half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Hickey Mountain, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map, Sycamore Canyon Verde Valley





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