

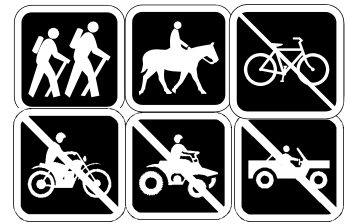


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## GRANITE MOUNTAIN TRAIL #261

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Granite Mountain Trail #261 provides a day trip from the Granite Basin Recreation Area up to Blair Pass and into the heart of Granite Mountain Wilderness. Designated by Congress in 1984, this wilderness area encompasses over 9,000 acres. Despite its proximity to the city of Prescott, visitors find opportunities for solitude and physical challenge in a remote setting. TR 261 is also the first leg of a 6-mile loop that travels counter-clockwise around Little Granite Mountain using Little Granite Mountain Trail #37 and Clark Spring Trail #40.

A short distance past the trailhead, TR 261 travels upward through open chaparral and boulders before climbing steeply into pinyon-juniper and ponderosa pine forest. There are a number of remarkable vistas along the trail that offer breathtaking views of the surrounding topography. Peregrine falcons nest on the south flank of Granite Mountain every year. Please stay on the trail during nesting season, from February 1st through July 31st, and obey all posted closures.

**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:** From its intersection with Willow Creek Road, travel northwest on Iron Springs Road for 3 miles. Turn right onto Granite Basin Road and proceed 3.5 miles to the Metate Parking Area on the left.

**TRAVEL TIME:** 20 minutes from Prescott

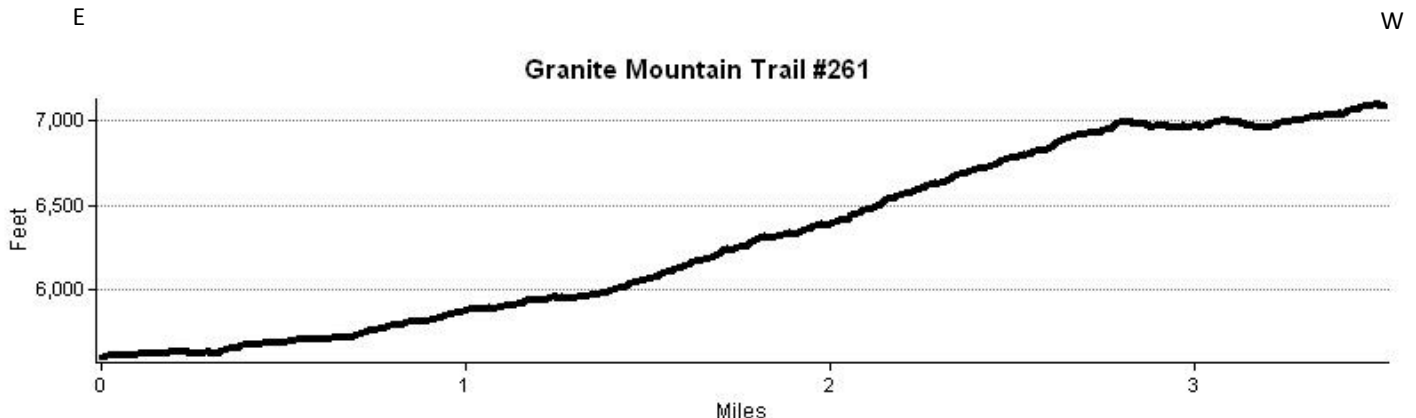
**ROAD CONDITIONS:** Paved

**HIKING TIME:** 2 hours, one-way **LENGTH:** 4.1 miles, one way **DIFFICULTY:** Difficult **USE:** Heavy

**NOTES:** The majority of this trail lies within the Granite 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. Rest rooms and drinking water are available at the trailhead. Dogs must be on leashes. Please clean up after your pets.

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

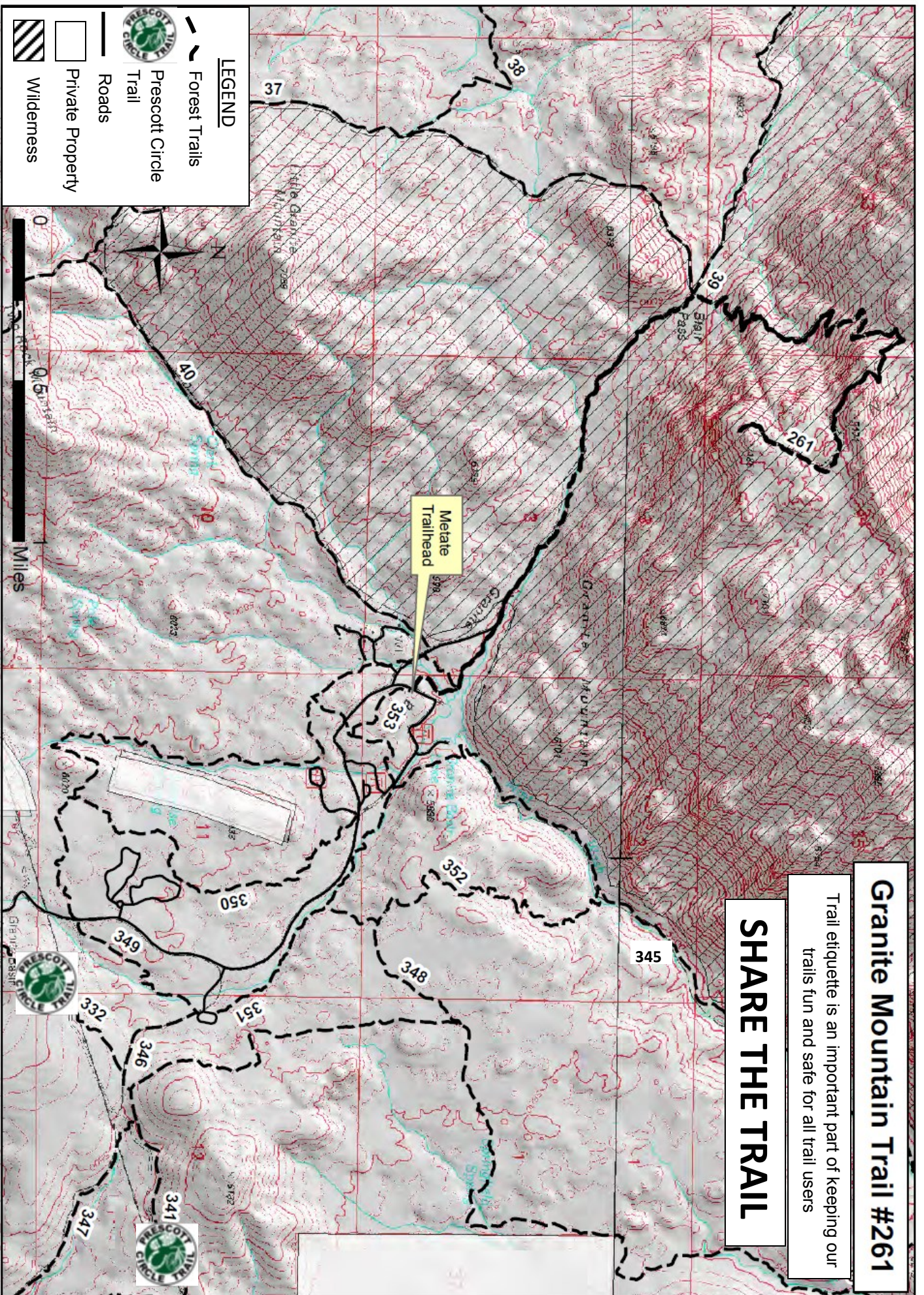
**MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES:** Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Iron Springs, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map, Bradshaw Mountains, City of Prescott Trails and Outdoor Recreation Map



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