

“High Priority” Forest Service Trails

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Arizona Cypress Trail	E	0.75	100 ft	B		
Baldwin Trail	E	1.6	150 ft	B		Part of trail in river bed.
Bear Sign Trail #59	M	3.25	650 ft		Rated “High Priority” by FS	Highly susceptible to equestrian damage.
Bell Trail #13	M	11.0	2,800 ft			
Big Park Trail	E	1.0	50 ft	B		
Boynton Canyon #47	E	2.5	450 ft			
Brins Mesa #119	M	3.0	600 ft		Rocky road to TH on Dry Crk Rd. Parking on west side best for trailers.	
Carroll Canyon Trail	M	1.8	100 ft	B		
Chimney Rock Pass	M	1.0	150 ft	B		some slick rock
Cibola Pass Trail	M	1.0	250 ft	B		some slick rock
Courthouse Loop Trail	M	4.2 L	250 ft	B		Use horse bypass from Bell Rock south.
Dawa Trail	E	2	0 ft	B		
Deadman's Pass	E	1.4	150 ft	B		
Devil's Bridge Trail #120	M	0.8	350 ft			Probably too short
Fay Canyon Trail #53	E	1.1	150 ft			Probably too short
Doe Mountain Trail #60	E	0.7 to top	400 ft			Probably too short
Dogie Trail #116	M / S	5.4	1,000 ft		Adequate space for trailer 1/2 mile before end of the road in Cabin Tank area. Big rigs park at Casner Mtn TH at 9.5 miles from 89A just before big power lines.	Long rough road. Get current conditions
✱Fossil Springs Trail	S	2.5	1,320 ft			
Girdner Trail #162	S	4.5	260 loss, 360 gain	B	Park at Sedona Cultural Park.	

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H.T. Trail	E	0.75	0 ft	B		Some slick rock
Huckaby Trail #161	M	2.6	170 ft			Advanced riders (I question this comment of Bill's)
Jim Thompson Trail #124	E	3	100 ft	B	TH at end of Jordon Rd. Trailer parking is behind gate at end of car parking. Lock combination 4119 is NOT for public dissemination..	
Jordan Trail	M	1.5	200 ft	B		Urban
Little Horse Trail #61	E	1.5	300 ft	B		Short
Long Canyon Trail #122	E	2.9	500 ft			
Loy Canyon Trail #5	M	5.0	1,700 ft		Adequate parking 1 mile east of trail on right side of FR 795.	First 4 miles good. Don't try ledge to rim. Last two miles strenuous.
Margs Draw Trail #163	E	2	100 ft			
Mooney Trail #12	S	4.2	1,000 ft			
Munds Wagon Trail #78	S	4.0	1,100 ft		Trailer parking 1 mile past Huckaby TH on left side. No. Park at large paved parking area.	At 1.5 miles use 100 yd. horse bypass to avoid slick rock.
North Urban Trail System - West	E / M	5	370 ft	B		
North Urban Trail System - East	E / M	6.5	460 ft	B		
OK Trail	E	0.5	100 ft	B		
Old Post Trail	M	2.7	100 ft	B		
Ridge Trail	E/M	2	200 ft	B		
Rupp Trail	E	2.8	200 ft	B		
Secret Canyon Trail #121	S	5.5	600 ft		Rated “High Priority” by FS	Highly susceptible to equestrian damage.
Secret Canyon/David Miller/Bear Sign/Dry Creek Trails Loop	S	6.2 L	800 ft		Rated “High Priority” by FS. Don't do David Miller Trail.	Highly susceptible to equestrian damage.

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Stagecoach Fence Line Check					Access fence line by roadside pullout at top of hill on Beaverhead Flat. Cross hill to fence.	This ride is to verify the wire fence has not been cut. Use GPS for marking fence cut locations.
Teacup Trail	M	2.0	200 ft	B	Go from Thunder Mountain	
Vultee Arch Trail #22	E	1.7	400 ft			Don't continue up to the pass.
West Clear Creek Trail #17	M	7.7	2,100 ft			Best part of trail for horses is the first 6 miles from Bull Pen to the Big Springs area. Expert equestrians only on climb out of canyon due to its steep and narrow trail.
Wier Trail #85	E	0.75	0 ft			To Weir Only
Wilson Mountain Trail #10 and North Wilson Trail #123	S	5.6 2.0	2,400 ft 1,450 ft			Wilson Mtn only. Not Wilson Canyon.
Woods Canyon Trail #93	E	4.25	400 ft			

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Apache Maid #15	S	9.5	2,500 ft		Do not take trailer up road to lookout.	
Casner Mountain Trail #8	S	7.0	2150 ft	B, A		
Cockscomb Trail	E / S	2.5 to 16+	160 ft	B		
Hot Loop Trail #94	M / S	9 one way	2,000 ft			
Jacks Canyon Trail #55	M / S	6.5	2,000 ft		TH great for trailer parking.	Tough. Need a wrangler to verify this. Good for horses except near pass west of Munds saddle at 6 mile pt.
Lime Kiln Trail #82	M / S	16 one way	1,300 ft	B		
HS Canyon Trail #50	M	2.5	800 ft			Probably too short
Lower Chimney Rock Trail	E	1.0	100 ft	B		
✳️Mail Trail #84	S	10.0	1,600 ft			
✳️Schnebly Hill #158	S	1.7	400 ft	B		
Sugarloaf Loop/ Summit	E / M	.5 ea	50 ft/250 ft	B		
Templeton Trail	E	3.5	250 ft	B		Slick rock
Thunder Mountain Trail	E	1.0	50 ft	B	Use Thunder Mountain TH	
Towel Creek Trail #67	M	6.4	1,500 ft			Best to go as far as the Shack at the 5 mile pt. Trail is obscure after that.
Turkey Creek Trail #92	M	3.0	600 ft	B		
Walker Basin Trail #81	M	8.0	2,000 ft			
Winter Cabin Trail #70						Peaks RD (See Sycamore Canyon Trails)

“Low Priority” Forest Service Trails

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Blodgett Basin Trail #31	M	2.5	1,600 ft	H		Poorly maintained
Casner Canyon Trail #11	M / S	2.0	1,800 ft	H		Poorly maintained
*Munds Mtn Trail #77	S	2.8	400 ft	H, B		Hard to follow on flat
White Mesa Trail #86	M	1.0	850 ft	H		Too rocky for horses from Bell Trail. Steep

Trails NOT Recommended by Forest Service

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*A.B. Young #100	S	2.4	2,000 ft		
Airport Loop/Table Top Trails #211/212, includes Bandit/Brewer	E	4.3	220 ft	B	
Allen's Bend Trail	E	0.5	0 ft	B	
Bear Mountain #54	S	2.5	1800 ft		
Bell Rock Pathway	E / M	3.7	50 ft	B	
Broken Arrow Trail #125	E	1.5	300 ft		unsafe
Cathedral Rock Trail #170	M	0.7	600 ft		
*Cookstove Trail #143	M / S	0.7	800 ft		No trailer parking. Steep
David Miller Trail	S	1.0	800 ft	B	No horses per FS
*Harding Springs Trail #51	M / S	0.7	700 ft		No trailer parking
Herkenham Trail	E	1.1	100 ft	B	
*Long Canyon Trail #63	S	9.5	1,500 ft		steep hazardous to Rim
Soldier Pass Trail #66	M	2.4	450 ft	B	No Trailers parking.
Sterling Pass Trail #46	S	2.4	1,100 ft		Steep and dangerous

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*Taylor Cabin Trail #35	VS	2.3	1,800 ft		dangerous
*Telephone Trail #72	M	1.2	1,000 ft		
*Thomas Point Trail #142	M	1.0	850 ft		
*West Fork Oak Creek #108	E	3.0	150 ft		
Wilson Canyon Trail #49	E	1.5	500 ft		

Not Rated

Patrol Information	
Apron Tank / Mud Tanks Draw Access	Take Hwy 260 from Camp Verde to Mud Tanks Mesa approximately 19 miles to this access point located on the east end of FR 142H at Mud Tanks Draw. Take a left and drive down the hill through the cattle guard and park near the General Crook Trail (it is marked with rock/wire cairns). This offers good access both east and west but can get muddy during we weather. Adequate turn around space can be found during dry conditions.
Black Tank Trailhead	Black Tank is a great staging area for equestrian access to the Red Rock Secret Mountain Wilderness and the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness. It is located 7.5 miles from 89A on FR 525c. There is adequate room for equestrian rigs. The Black Tank Trailhead provides access to the Mooney (4.2 miles) and an excellent loop up the Mooney Trail and down the Casner Mountain Trail (6.8 miles) or using is a base for trips using the Dogie and Sycamore Basin Trails.
Dead Horse Ranch Trails and Trailhead	These trails are accessible from Dead Horse Ranch State Park in Cottonwood. Admission to the Park is \$5 per day. Begin at the equestrian trailhead, which is the first road to the left after you enter the State Park. For a clockwise loop ride, you can take the Raptor Hill Trail (2.85 miles), which starts on State land and continues onto National Forest. Continue the loop by taking the Thumper Trail (2.25 miles) to the Lime Kiln Trail (2.1 miles) back through the park to the equestrian trailhead. There are several one-way spurs off of the Raptor/Thumper/Lime Kiln loop. At the junction of the Raptor/Thumper trails, you can turn left and follow the signs to the Bones Trail (2.5 miles). This trail takes you down to Tavasci Marsh. Another one-way trail is the Bill Ensign Trail (1.4 miles). It is accessed from the Lime Kiln Trail and dead-ends at a scenic overlook that offers views of the Verde River and the town of Cottonwood.
Deer Pass Trailhead / Kachina Trail System	For best equestrian access take Hwy. 89A south of Sedona to the Deer Pass Ranch Road (FR 89b) located 6 miles south of the Sedona City Limits. Go .25 miles up the Deer Pass Ranch Road and you will see a newly constructed trailhead on the right side of the road, where there is parking for up to eight trucks with large trailers. From this trailhead, follow the rock cairns east which will take you up the road .25 miles and through a horse-gate near a larger, locked green gate. This provides access to the historic Lime Kiln Trail (keep following the basketed rock cairns) as well as the Kachina Trails System.
General Crook Trail and Trailheads	This description is for the portions of the General Crook Trail on the Red Rock District. For the lower parts of the trail, take Hwy 260 east of Camp Verde 5 miles to the Clear Creek Campground. Go past the campground to the trailhead located one mile in on the road (FR 626). Park at the day use area with the toilet where there is adequate room to turn around. Follow the trail .5 miles east to where the trail markers to the right meet the road. Here you will find the creek crossing. The trail goes up the south side of West Clear Creek then continues to follow the rock/wire cairns to the trail which parallels General Crook Hwy 260.

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Patrol Information	
Red Tank Draw	This is not a developed trailhead but it provides excellent access to the White Mesa Trail, the Blue Grade Road, Purgatory Tank, Split Tank and the 645A road. To reach the trailhead go to the junction of I-17 and Hwy 179 and go east on Forest Road 618. At the junction of FR 618 and the Montezuma Well Rd (1/2 mile from I-17 go north or left on FR 645A slightly over 1 mile) and go right (east) at the second right then travel another .75 miles to the old red rock pit. There is one gully crossing before the pit which could cause low slung vehicles a problem. If that's a problem park at the junction. Park there and ride up the road to the north from the pit where you will find a crossing of Red Tank Draw and a jeep road that climbs to the east up White Mesa. From the top of White Mesa you can access White Mesa Tank and make the Ruin Tank, Purgatory Tank and Rays Tank loop and come back down the same way you came up. You will find this lightly used area an excellent equestrian opportunity.
Sawlog Tank Access to Gen. Crook Trail	Take Hwy 260 about 16 miles east of Camp Verde. Turn left on the first road just before you top-out on the rim. Go .25 miles north to the junction with the first road where there is room to park and turn around at the road junction with FR 142H. This location offers good access to some of the most intact portions of the General Crook Trail by going either east or west. Going west toward Camp Verde offers opportunities to take the historic "Wagon Route" of the General Crook Trail towards Thirteen Mile Rock. Then take the "Mule Route" (the steeper route) back. This would allow an 8 mile round-trip. You can also use this as a base to go east over the Tanque Aloma Pass and down to Apron Tank. The route west is dry but the route east offers water at Road, Apron and Kewitt Tanks.
Schuerman Mtn Trail #56	Easy 1 mile with 350 foot gain. Bikes allowed.
Stoneman Lake Area	There is limited big rig parking in this area but one good bet is to try the road to the north of Stoneman Lake FR 665. From I-17 take the Stoneman Lake Road (FR 213) 8 miles to the road that leads to Stoneman Lake (FR 213A) go .5 miles and park on the left just past the cattle guard. There is adequate room to turn around at that location. There are great rides available from this location. Go down FR 665 just over 1 mile and take the road thru the gate to the east and make the loop to Elk and Trap Tank on the edge of Rattlesnake Canyon or ride one of the many roads to the east towards Bill Back Spring and to FR 765 towards Fain Mountain.
Sycamore Pass / Dogie Trailheads	The Sycamore Pass Trailhead provides access to the Dogie Trail and the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness. It is located 16 miles northwest of Sedona. Take 89A to FR 525 (Red Canyon Ranch Road) 2.5 miles to FR 525c then follow the signs 8 miles to the trailhead. There is adequate space for a couple truck/trailer rigs 1/2 mile before the end of the road in the Cabin Tank area- watch for the "No Trailers Past This Point" signs. The best place for big rigs to park is at the Casner Mountain Trailhead at 9.5 miles from 89A just before you get to the big power lines.