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The map is updated once a year to stay current with the rapidly expanding trail network in the region. The map data can be found on the legend on the front side of the map.

Each edition of the map features the newest trail segments on this side with close-up views of areas recently opened within the trail network.

All photos by Chris Hosking



Storm trails area with Watson Lake behind

Two types of trails are highlighted on this side of the map:

~ City of Prescott Trails ~

The City Trails range from the easy, ample path of the Peavine Trail along side Watson Lake to traversing the rocky ridges and outcrops in the Dells Scenic trails. Some City trailheads charge a parking fee (or get your annual parking pass at Parks and Rec 928-777-1122).

All City Trails have detailed trail maps available on the City website at [www.prescotttrails.com](http://www.prescotttrails.com)

~ Prescott National Forest Trails ~

There are many options for trail-based recreation in the Prescott National Forest. For additional information on Prescott National Forest hiking, riding, and bicycling opportunities, please visit the downtown office at 344 S. Cortez or call (928) 443-8000. Note: Wednesdays are free parking day at Forest Service Trailheads.

The Forest Service has detailed trail maps available for Lynx Lake area, Thumb Butte Area, and Granite Basin Area.



Storm trails area with Watson Lake behind

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This group of volunteers works hard on building new trails in the Prescott area in conjunction with the City staff, US Forest Service, and PMBA.  
Want to volunteer? Go to [www.prescotttrails.com](http://www.prescotttrails.com)

**SHARE THE TRAIL**

Trail etiquette is an important part of keeping our trails fun and safe for all trail users.

- ~ Respect other users, expect other users
- ~ Be friendly and courteous
- ~ Share the trail. Ride, walk or run on the right, pass on the left
- ~ Do not use headphones on trails.
- ~ Bicyclists yield to runners, hikers, and horses. Bicyclists should stop to allow horses to pass safely.
- ~ Allow downhill traffic yield to uphill traffic. When in doubt, yield.
- ~ Use unpaved trails only when they are dry, not muddy or wet, to avoid leaving ruts or prints.
- ~ Warn people when you are planning to pass
- ~ Bicyclists anticipate other trail users around corners and control your speed through blind spots
- ~ Equestrians clean up after your animal in developed sites
- ~ Ride within your ability at all times

**Prescott Circle Trail**

The Circle Trail is a 54 mile non-motorized trail system that encompasses the City of Prescott. Currently 52 miles have been completed.

**DISCLAIMER** This map was prepared only as a convenience to trail and route users. It does not in any way warrant the safety of the streets and trail facilities indicated on this map for use by the public. There is no guarantee of the accuracy of the information contained within. Route and trail users should use these routes only if he or she has the adequate skill level to do so, and that determination is to be made by the user. Trail and route users assume the risk to their own safety when using this map.

**Spence Basin Area Trails**

**Legend Spence Basin**

- Easiest Trails** Good trail surface with few obstacles and minimal elevation change
- Intermediate Trails** Irregular trail surface with some obstacles and elevation change
- Difficult Trails** Technical and rocky trail surface with obstacles and substantial elevation change
- Equestrians not recommended** Yellow Dashes over trail indicate trails not as well suited to horse travel.
- Paved Bike Routes** Bicyclists share the travel lane with motorists on these streets.

Please do not ride (bikes and horses) on trails when wet! Trail damage will occur and ruts and potholes are very difficult to repair.

Get Avenza Maps App first, then scan QR code above to get the free Spence Basin map also available at [prescotttrails.com](http://prescotttrails.com)

**Storm Trails Area**

distance: many options available  
access: multiple trailheads - see below  
parking: Peavine Trailhead S3 (free on Wednesdays)

The 160 acres containing the Storm Trails was purchased by the City of Prescott in January 2018, in February 2018 trail design and construction started. The trails showcase balanced rocks, boulder fields and impressive view of the Dells, Glassford Hill, Watson Lake and Granite Mountain. The Easter Island Trail, pictured below, is named after the striking rock formations. The first entrance is about 1 1/3 miles down the Peavine from the trailhead on Sundog Ranch Rd.

Yabba Dabba View Trail on far east side of the Storm Trails network

Panoramic view from Captain's Trail with Watson Lake in the background

Easter Island Trail

**Downtown Map**

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The Dells Granite Rock Trails are not recommended for horses. (The Peavine is well suited for equestrian use)

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View from Storm Trails Across Watson Lake Towards Granite Mountain

West Side Story Trail traverses the western ridge of the Spence Basin trail network

Tunnel Vision trail under old railroad grade

Tatanka Trail winds its way through granite boulders

The Spence Basin Trails offer a network of many varied difficulty trails that cover what was once the Spence family homestead. These newly developed trails were constructed by Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance, Over the Hill Gang, and US Forest Service. The old Santa Fe Prescott & Phoenix Railway crossed the area as it approached Prescott from the west, and the rail-bed serves as an easy cruising connector within the network. The dense network is best explored by getting the detailed Spence Basin map on your mobile device. It is available through the Avenza Maps app for free. Trails are best suited for hiking and biking- expect heavy bike traffic in the area.