



**Saturday
April 6, 2019**

**Little Granite Mountain Loop
Prescott, AZ**

Approximately 110 Miles and 2 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Rtg/Pts: 3/1	Elev. Change: 1,193	Length: 7.0 or GPS
Start Time: 0900	Duration: 5.0	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: mid 90's

Major Hike:

Cross-Country:

Exploratory:

Individual Effort:

Options:

Pass/Fees Rqd.:

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Required Equipment: 80 oz. Water, Trail Snack, Water Proof lugged Sturdy Shoes/Boots

Recommended Equipment: Trekking Poles, Wide Brim Hat, Sun Screen, Bug Repellent, Two-way radio tuned to Channel 6, Camera

Cautions and Special Preparations: Critters will be out,

Description: <https://hikearizona.com/decoder.php?ZTN=2264>
 Taken from Hike AZ

We began this hike at the Metate Trailhead in the Granite Basin Recreation Area. Begin on the *Granite Mountain Trail #261* across the street from the parking area by the trailhead driveway (N34 36.936 W112 33.078). Follow this for 0.2 miles to the junction with the *Balancing Rock Trail #349* (N34 37.048 W112 33.094). Turn left here and follow for 0.15 miles to the intersection with the Clark Springs Trail (#40) (N34 36.964 W112 33.201). Turn right here. The trail begins on a dirt road but quickly turns left off the road at N34 36.974 W112 33.217.

The trail begins a steady climb of 850 feet with few switchbacks to the saddle between [Little Granite Mountain](#) and [Two Rock Mountain](#). This is through shaded forest with mature pine and oak trees. The trail passes [Clark Spring](#) at about 1.2 miles from the beginning of trail #40, but we missed it on our hike as we weren't looking for it. The Clark Springs Trail ends at its intersection with the Little Granite Mountain Trail (#37) (N34 36.028 W112 34.472). You pass through a gate at this intersection. Turn right on the Little Granite Mountain trail (#37) and climb the last 100 feet to the highest point on the hike. Beginning here and for the next mile there are great views to the west. Over this distance you are going downhill, a pleasant break from the uphill on the prior trail. We found this trail somewhat eroded as there appears to have been heavy rains in the area prior to our hike (Sep '09). This area was mostly scrub.

At 1.6 miles on trail #37 you reach the junction with *Upper Pasture Trail #38* (N34 36.984 W112 34.920) to the left and *White Rock Spring Trail #39* to the right. Go right towards White Rock Spring Trail #39. Approximately 2.8 miles from the *Clark Spring Trail #40* there is heavy wooden gate. Go through the gate and turn right on the *Granite Mountain Trail #261* to return to the trailhead. It's about 1.7 miles back to your car from here through shaded forest with only minor ups and downs. When you reach the intersection with trail #349, you retrace your steps from the beginning of the hike to return to the trailhead.

Driving Directions: There are couple of ways to get the trailhead, dependent on the approach from Prescott or from Kirkland/Skull Valley. Directions from Hwy 69 towards Prescott: Instead of driving into Prescott, this route will bypass downtown. Turn right at Fain Road just north on Dewey, located prior to going up the hill into Prescott Valley. Take this loop bypass all the way to the end (you will be traveling north and then west to Willow Springs Rd). Turn left at Willow Springs Rd then right after the stop light at Iron Springs Rd. Drive west on Iron Springs Rd to the turn off (right) to Granite Basin Lake then about 5 miles to the Metate Trailhead.

If you're driving from the West Valley and going up via Wickenburg, travel north on Hwy 89, through Yarnell to Kirkland Junction. Turn left (northwest) on the Kirkland, Hillside/Bagdad County Hwy Rd #15 to Kirkland. In Kirkland turn right onto County Hwy 10 through Skull Valley. Proceed through Skull Valley in a northern direction. You are now headed in what I consider as the backway into Prescott. After you peak on the Iron Springs road, proceed downhill until you reach the Granite Basin Lake turnoff on your left. From here follow the directions outlined above.

Allow about 2-1/2 to 3 hours' drive time. There may be a Prescott National Forest User Fee for the area. If I'm not mistaken the parking lot uses the honor system for payment.