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Gateway Trails
(Photos Courtesy of: Chris Hosking)

Prescott's Trails Systems Continue to Expand Next up - Gateway Park

The City of Prescott continues to add new trails to its ever expanding system, many of which connect to one another. The overall design is intended to give users as many options as possible. Although the more remote trails have access by connecting to other trail systems, such as Peavine National Recreation Trail, it often requires a trek of a couple of miles to arrive at these more remote trailheads. The City intends to solve this problem by providing new parking areas closer to remote areas.

The new Granite Dells Gateway Park is such an area. Conveniently located just east of State Highway 89, it will provide expanded parking giving easy access to the heart of Granite Dells, one of Prescott's most scenic areas. It will also unite some Prescott Valley and City of Prescott trails. Completion date is to be determined as it relies on the funding for the project. (Contributor: Nancy Nesbit with Chris Hosking)

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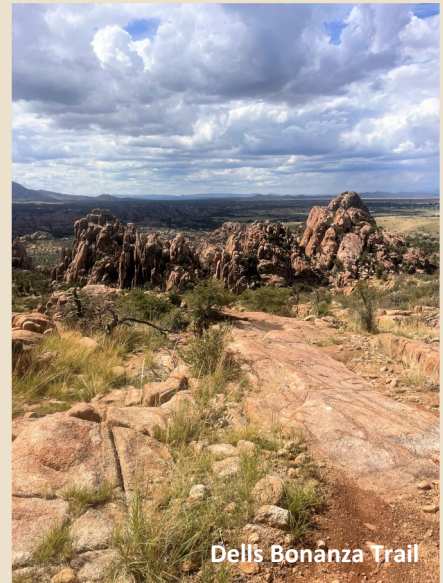


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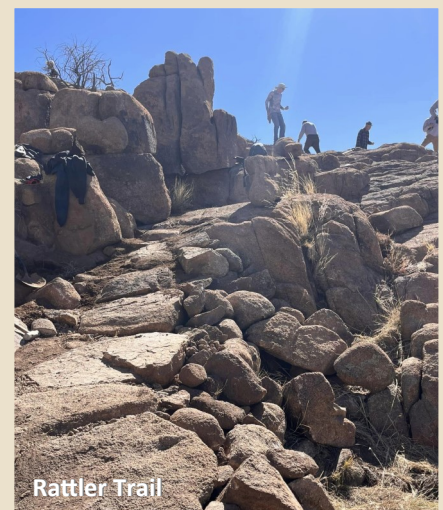
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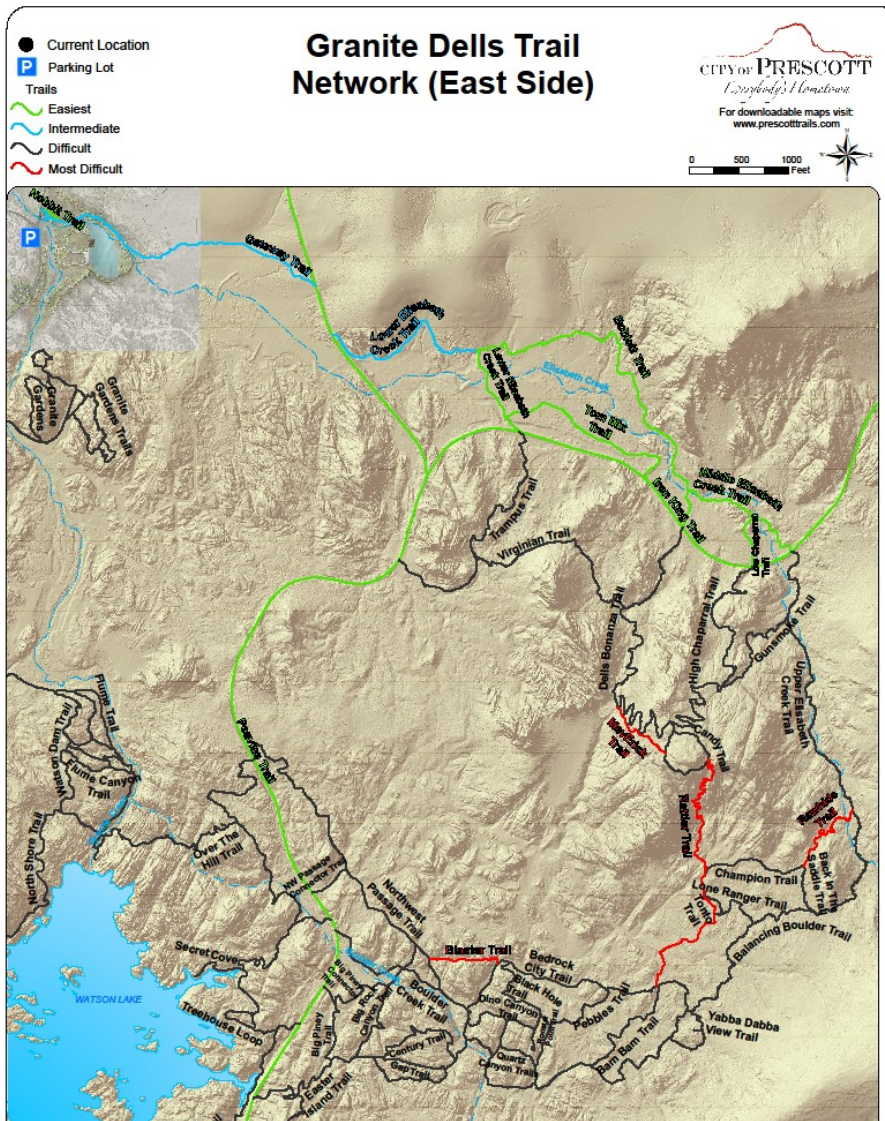
High Chaparral Trail



Dells Bonanza Trail



Rattler Trail



North Storm Trails

Boblett Trail - 0.79 miles
Candy Trail - 0.27 miles
Dells Bonanza Trail - 0.66 miles
Elizabeth Trail - 0.38 miles
Gunsmoke Trail - 0.26 miles
High Chaparral Trail - 0.78 miles
Optional Loop - 4.27 miles
(Using Peavine/Iron King/Storm Trails)
Rattler Trail - 0.71
Tom Mix Trail - 0.4 miles
Trampus Trail - 0.38 miles
Virginia Trail - 0.43 miles

Maps for City trails and the Prescott Circle Trail are downloadable at:
prescott-az.gov/recreation-area/trails/ or
prescotttrails.com

Granite Dells - North Storm Trails

Storm Ranch in the Granite Dells, just east of Peavine National Recreation Trail has been an ongoing project. The original Storm Ranch property was acquired in January 2018. The City subsequently acquired adjacent property, North Storm Ranch, in July 2022. The purchase of this private property included agreements with developers, and the purchase of State Trust Land in 2023, requiring collaboration between the cities of Prescott Valley and Prescott, as well as Yavapai County, with the intention of creating a Granite Dells/Glassford Hill Regional Park.

The City of Prescott began construction of trails in North Storm Ranch in 2021. Designed by Chris Hosking, City of Prescott Trails and Natural Parklands Coordinator, it showcases the views of the Dells. With the help of the Over the Hill Gang (*shown hard at work in the photos of Chaparral Trail and Rattler Trail on page two, as well as Virginia Trail below*) the major part of this trail system has been completed, although just over five additional miles have been added. The majority of trails are technical in nature, but some easy trails were added. With the addition of these trails, the total of City managed trails has risen to about 140 miles of trail. 120 miles of the trails have been built in just the last 15 years.

There is also access to additional connecting trails in the Granite Dells subdivision just north of North Storm Ranch. Close to the City and neighborhoods, this very scenic area gives residents and visitors a natural wilderness experience seldom available and so easily accessible. The City of Prescott's goal is to make this experience readily available whether by foot, bicycle or even a horse.

(Contributors: Nancy Nesbit with Chris Hosking/All photos, Chris Hosking)



Boblett Trail



Virginia Trail



Elizabeth Trail

Prescott 2024 Summer Special Events

Date	Event	Location	Website
July 1-7	Worlds Oldest Rodeo	Prescott Rodeo Grounds	https://worldsoldestrodeo.com
July 4-6	Rodeo Dance	Depot Marketplace	https://worldsoldestrodeo.com
July 4	Prescott 4th of July Fireworks Event	Watson Lake	https://www.jardevents.com/prescotts4th
July 5	Kiwanis Kiddie Parade	Cortez Street	https://prescottkiwanis.com
July 5-7	Prescott Rodeo Days Fine Arts & Crafts	Courthouse Plaza	https://prescottdowntown.com
July 6	Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Parade	Prescott Rodeo Grounds	https://worldsoldestrodeo.com
July 6	Prescott Whiskey Row Boot Race	Whiskey Row	
July 7	Prescott Fire Dept. Hose Cart Races	Cortez Street	
Aug. 3-4	Mountain Artist Guild Summer Fine Arts Fest	Courthouse Plaza	https://mountainartistguild.org
Aug. 3-4	Prescott Antique Auto Club Car Show	Watson Lake	http://paacaz.com
Aug. 17	Tac O' the Town	Mile High Middle School	https://prescott.events
Aug. 30- Sep. 2	Faire on the Square Arts & Crafts	Courthouse Plaza	https://www.prescott.org
Sep. 14	Hopefest AZ	Courthouse Plaza	https://www.hopefestaz.com
Sep. 20-22	Prescott Pow-Wow	Watson Lake	http://prescottpowwow.org
Sep. 27-28	Prescott All-Corvette Car Show	Downtown	https://prescottvettesette.com
Sep. 22-24	Prescott Highland Games	Watson Lake	https://prescottareacelticsociety.com
Sep. 29	Saddles 100 Trail Run	Cortez Street	https://ultrasignup.com

Upcoming for Fall 2024 - Bean Peaks

Another major trails project for 2024 was Bean Peaks (photo right). This exciting new trail system, in the Prescott National Forest, opened in June 2024 and will be covered in our next issue.



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Bean Peaks
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