

# TONTO National Forest



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Guide

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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

## ABERT NATURE TRAIL 3

### RANGER DISTRICT

Payson Ranger Station  
1009 East Highway 260  
Payson, AZ 85541  
Phone: (928) 474-7900 Fax: (928) 474-7999

### LOCATION AND ACCESS

This site is 15 miles northeast of Payson on State Hwy. 260. Turn south into the Ponderosa Campground.

### BARRIER-FREE ACCESSIBILITY

Abert Trail is accessible with a compacted natural tread of less than ten percent slope. Drinking water is available at the campground.

### TRAIL INFORMATION

**Trail use:** Moderate  
**Trail difficulty:** Easiest  
**Trail length:** ¼ mile (estimated)  
**Hiking time:** ½ hour  
**Season of Use:** May through September

### TRAIL NARRATIVE

This loop trail follows the perimeter of the Ponderosa Campground.

### ATTRACTIONS

- The Abert Natural Trail was named after the Abert Squirrel that makes its home in the Ponderosa pines. This squirrel is also called a tassel-eared squirrel because their tassels are very distinct during the colder parts of the year -- but almost disappear during the summer months.
- This trail is a self-guided trail utilizing a brochure to explain the forest environment of this area. To obtain this brochure, contact the Campground Host at the Ponderosa Campground.

### NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

**Payson:** All services

### RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Arizona Mogollon Rim*, Arizona Highways
- Visitors Guide to Mogollon Rim*, Southwest Natural & Cultural Heritage

