

TONTO National Forest



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Guide

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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

PARK McFADDEN TRAIL 55

RANGER DISTRICT

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TRAILHEADS (TH)

Circle Ranch TH
McFadden Peak TH

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail use: Moderate
Trail difficulty: More difficult
Trail length: Approximately 5 miles
Season of Use: Spring - fall
USGS maps: McFadden Peak/Aztec Peak
Elevation:
Highest: 6900 feet
Lowest: 5200 feet

TRAIL NARRATIVE

From State Highway 288 (north of Reynolds Creek and south of the private property) turn left and take Forest Road (FR) 3781-¼ mile to Circle Ranch Trailhead. Note: The turn-off to FR 3781 is difficult to see from the highway. FR 3787 is also not appropriate for trailers.

The trail runs approximately one mile along private property, then climbs through pinyon/juniper woodlands, scores of ponderosa pine and intermittent streams to McFadden Peck Road/Forest Road (FR) 561. Continue uphill to the end of the road near the Lookout Tower where the parking area is located.

ATTRACTIONS

- Views of Park Creek Canyon and the Sierra Ancha Mountains
- Parts of the trail were old roads
- McFadden Peak Lookout Tower
- Wildlife includes: mountain lion, black bear, wild turkey, deer, elk, and smaller animals.
- Vegetation consists of ponderosa pine, pinyon, juniper, gambel oak, scrub oak, and manzanita.
- This is a very scenic trail

CONSIDERATIONS

- There is no water along this trail except during the wet season. Carry an adequate supply of drinking water with you.
- Respect the private property adjacent to the trail.
- Remember: **If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**

RELATED RESOURCES

- On your own in Southwestern Mountain*, USDA Forest Service
- Back Country Ethics*, USDA Forest Service

