

TONTO National Forest



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Guide

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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

SYCAMORE TRAIL 68

RANGER DISTRICT

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East End: Forest Road (FR) 421: From Punkin Center, drive south 4.5 miles on State Highway 188 to FR 421. Turn right (west) and drive 2.4 miles to the trail terminus on the north side of the road (4-wheel-drive vehicles are recommended).

West End: Forest Road (FR) 422A: From the Four Peaks Road/FR 143, drive north 10 miles on FR 422 (4-wheel-drive vehicles only). The trail begins from the right (east) side of the road in Edwards Park.

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail use: Light
Trail difficulty: More difficult
Trail length: 5.8 miles
Season of Use: Spring - fall
USGS maps: Tonto Basin
Elevation: Highest: 5700 feet, Lowest: 2800 feet

TRAIL NARRATIVE

From FR 421, the trail climbs steadily through lower Sonoran Desert and riparian vegetation up the arroyo formed by Sycamore Creek. It turns northward and continues to climb along a tributary, passing through chaparral, semi-desert grassland and juniper woodland. The trail tops out on the El Oso Divide and then descends to its end at Edwards Park in a stand of large Ponderosa Pines.

CONNECTING TRAILS

None; however, Park Trail 66 is approximately 1 mile north on FR 422. The Arizona Trail is approximately one mile away southwest. Denton Trail 69 is approximately 0.1 mile away, accessible by FR 421.

ATTRACTIONS

- Nice vistas of Tonto Basin and the surrounding mountains.
- At the upper elevations, the trail passes through a beautiful stand of Ponderosa pine forest.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Closed to motor vehicles wider than 40 inches.
- Carry an adequate supply of drinking water. One gallon/per person/per day is recommended during hot periods.
- At the lower elevations, temperatures can exceed 110°F in summer. At the higher elevations, snow occurs during the winter.
- Help keep your trails clean: **If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Portions of trail are quite rugged, overgrown, and difficult to follow. Travel with caution.

