

# TONTO National Forest



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Guide

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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

## THOMPSON TRAIL 121

### RANGER DISTRICT

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### TERMINI

**West End: (State Highway 188):** From Roosevelt Dam, take State Highway 188 for ½ mile east to the trail connection. There is no parking here.

**Midway: (Cemetery):** From Roosevelt Dam, take State Highway 188 for 1½ miles east to the Lakeview Park. Turn into the park entrance road for about 75 feet; the trailhead is just off to the right. Take Cemetery Trail 255 up the hill and then continue beyond the cemetery on a short spur trail to the connection with Thompson Trail.

**East End: Forest Road #341:** Drive through Lakeview Park until you reach a gate at the south end of the park. Forest Road (FR) 341 begins at this point. After closing the gate, proceed uphill for approximately ¾ mile. There is no parking.

### TRAIL INFORMATION

**Trail use:** Moderate  
**Trail difficulty:** Easiest  
**Trail length:** 1.2 miles  
**Season of Use:** All year  
**USGS maps:** Theodore Roosevelt Dam  
**Elevation:** Highest: 2600 feet, Lowest: 2240 feet

### TRAIL NARRATIVE

From State Highway 188, the trail quickly climbs along an arroyo and then follows the contour of the ridges above the highway and Roosevelt Lake. After 1½ mile, at the junction with the Cemetery Trail 255, the trail turns south and gradually ascends a broad ridge to the junction with FR 341.

This trail is named after Jerone Thompson who served as the district ranger, 1956-1965, for the then-named Roosevelt Ranger District.

### ATTRACTIONS

- Outstanding views of Tonto Basin and Roosevelt Lake
- Provides easy access to an area of Upper Sonoran Desert vegetation.
- Passes near the historic Roosevelt Cemetery.
- The trail is a part of the Arizona Trail.

### CONSIDERATIONS

- Closed to motor vehicles
- 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 degree in summer.
- Help keep your trails clean: **If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**

