

# TONTO National Forest



Recreation  
Opportunity  
Guide

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## DAN'S TRAIL 550

### RANGER DISTRICT

Pleasant Valley Ranger Station  
P.O. Box 450  
Young, Arizona 85554  
Phone (928) 462-4300 Fax (928) 462-4346

### TRAILHEAD (TH)

No developed trailheads

### TERMINI

**East end:** Take Forest Road (FR) 109 1½ miles east of west terminus

**West end:** Take Forest Road (FR) 109 2 ¼ miles southwest of Valentine Ridge Campground and ½ mile east of FR 512 (Young Highway).

### TRAIL INFORMATION

**Trail use:** Light

**Trail difficulty:** MOST Difficult

**Trail length:** 4.8 miles

**Season of Use:** Spring - fall

**USGS maps:** Parallel Canyon (Young NE)

**Elevation change:**

Highest: 7120 feet

Lowest: 6720 feet

### TRAIL NARRATIVE

From FR 109, Dan's Trail follows a ridge south for two miles with a descent of 400 feet elevation. It meets with FR 512 at an arroyo bottom then turns north to climb along another ridge. After 1 mile, it turns to the east and descends to another arroyo. It then follows north up a third ridge to return to FR 109 at point 1 ½ miles east of the start. Returning on FR 109 can make a loop.

### ATTRACTIONS

- Trail is surrounded by beautiful ponderosa pine and fir forest.
- Excellent opportunity for all-terrain biking
- Trail is located near Valentine Ridge campground

### CONSIDERATIONS

- Closed to motor vehicles
- This trail is an old logging road that connects with other roads. Pay attention to trail markers
- Visitors can hike or ride directly from Valentine Ridge Campground following FR 18 and Valentine Trail 551.
- Carry an adequate supply of drinking water. One gallon/per person/per day is recommended during hot periods.
- FR 188 and FR 109 each receive some motor vehicle travel, especially on weekends; caution is required when hiking or riding on these roads.
- If you **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- The Mountain Bike Association of Arizona has adopted this trail.

### RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

*All-Terrain Biking Recreation Opportunity Guide, Tonto National Forest*

