

TONTO National Forest



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Guide

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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

DEL SHAY TRAIL 41

RANGER DISTRICT

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North end: 2760 feet elevation. Just south of Seventy-Six Ranch (private property) at Forest Road (FR) 894

South end: 4800 feet elevation. At Del Shay Cabin (private property) and FR 894 that is a 4-wheel-drive road

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail use: Light

Trail difficulty: More difficult

Trail length: 6 miles

Season of Use: All year

USGS maps: Gisela, Picture Mt. and Sheep Basin

Elevation: Highest: 4800 feet, Lowest: 2760 feet

TRAIL NARRATIVE

From the northwest terminus, cross Tonto Creek and begin climbing the west slopes of Felton Mountain to an elevation of 3800 feet. The trail then quickly descends to Gun Creek at 3320 feet elevation. The trail climbs once again to 4800 feet at the southeast terminus.

ATTRACTIONS

Trail users who seek a solitude experience will enjoy this trail.

LOCATION AND ACCESS

Access is from State Highway 87 at Rye, Arizona. Take the turn-off to the Gisela Road/FR 417 and go ¼ mile. Turn right on FR 184 and continue for 4½ miles to FR 387, then turn left. Travel a little over a mile to Seventy Six Ranch property line and the junction with FR 894, and turn left. Proceed approximately 1/8 mile below the ranch property line to the northwest trail terminus.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Closed to all motor vehicles
- This remote trail is seldom used and receives very little maintenance.
- Carry an adequate supply of drinking water. One gallon/per person/per day is recommended during hot periods.
- Both termini are near private property and permission for entry onto that property is necessary prior to entry.
- Help keep your trails clean: **If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Portions of the trail are rough in places and should be traveled using extreme caution.
- Do not drink untreated water. Giardia, a protozoan, is in many water impoundments and streams.

