

PATS – Boulders & Cypress Trails



Boulders Loop Trail 2.4 miles. Level of Difficulty - Moderate



The Boulders Loop

Trailhead is located 3.8 miles down Granite Dells Road, which initially is paved and then becomes USFS road # 435. The Trailhead begins at the end of the road. The road has been closed due to erosion. You may park off the road and walk approximately 1/4 miles to the trailhead. An existing USFS Trailhead sign provides general trail information. A future PATS Trailhead sign will also give trail-users more specific information about the trail and its connections.

This is a PATS/USFS trail that currently is not designated a motorized route (USFS road), although occasional motorized tracks may be seen. The Boulders is extremely popular with mountain bikers due to challenging hills, rocks and washes and gets its name because of the spectacular boulders that are scattered around the hills. Rock-climbing is also a popular activity.

Cypress Trail (2 miles from Trail Access off of Granite Dells Road to Boulders Loop).

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The Boulders Loop Trail can also be accessed from the Cypress Trail, which has an established Trail Access approximately 2.0 miles down Granite Dells Road from the Highway 260 intersection. There is no established parking area, so parking opportunities are limited. The trail will head south for 1.1 miles, intersecting with another small access point from Phoenix Street and the future Boulder Creek subdivision, then veer to the east for 0.9 miles until it intersects the Boulders Loop trail.

Driving Directions

From 87 N (Beeline Highway) to Boulders Trailhead

- From the Highway 87 & Highway 260 intersection in Payson, turn right (east) to the intersection of Granite Dells Road and Highway 260 right after Safeway.
- Granite Dells Road will be paved for 1.3 miles, then becomes USFS Road #435 for the next 2.5 miles until the Boulders Loop Trailhead.
- Trailhead sign will be visible on the right as soon as you reach the turn-around area.

From 87 N (Beeline Highway) to Cypress Trail Access

- From Highway 87 & Highway 260 intersection in Payson, turn right (east) and go 0.3 miles to the intersection of Granite Dells Road and Highway 260, right after Safeway.
- Turn right and head east on Granite Dells Road 2.0 miles.
- A USFS "TRAIL" sign will be visible on your right, and slightly further will be the Cypress Trail sign on your right (west side of Granite Dells Road).