

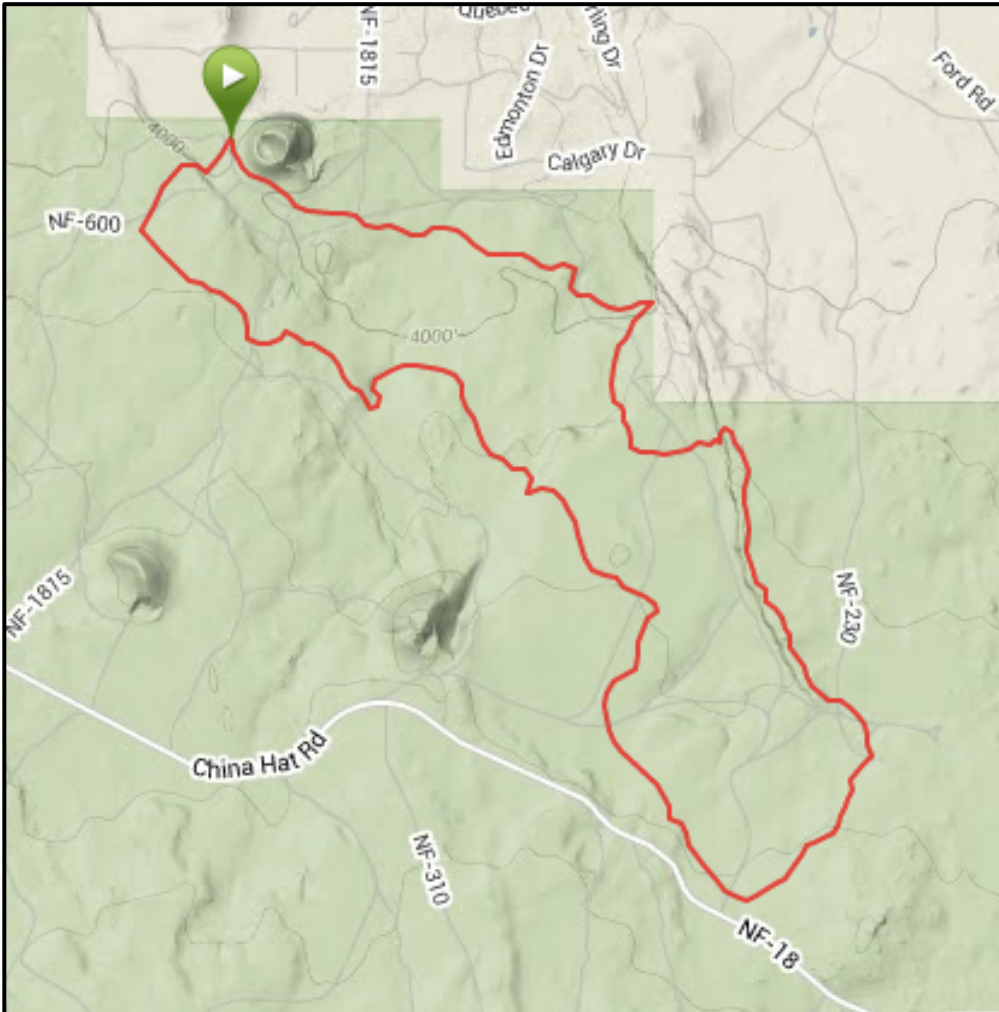
# Route: Horse Butte Loop

Distance: 10 miles

Difficulty: Easy - Good footing, minimum elevation gain

Surface: Mixed - 95% singletrack, 5% dirt road,

Uses: Bikes, Pedestrians.



## Route Directions:

Trailhead starts on the South Side of Horse Butte. Follow Horse Butte Rd to trail head signs.

From dirt parking lot at trailhead trail crosses Horse Butte Rd and continues east.

Follow trail approximately 4.3mi always staying on singletrack trail. Trail will cross several doubletrack roads.

At 4.3mi take a right turn to follow the Horse Butte Loop Trail.

Continue another 5mi. Trail will cross Horse Butte Rd.

Cross road and continue on Horse Butte Trail another .5 miles to intersection of Swamp Wells Trail.

Turn right to stay on Horse Butte Loop Trail and follow it toward Horse Butte.

In .2mi trail will exit onto a dirt road, turn right (east) on dirt road and follow .25mi to parking lot.

## Trail Description:

The Horse Butte Loop Trail is a popular winter route with minimal snow coverage in the colder months. This trail is also the course of the popular Horse Butte 10 Miler race in April. The trail is smooth buff singletrack with a few rocky sections. For the most part, the trail is easy but watching where you step is still important. You'll find wide open spaces of sage brush with pockets of Ponderosa Pine and good views of the Three Sisters. A quick side adventure will take you to the top of Horse Butte for an expansive view of the area. Multiple trails like the Arnold Ice Cave Trail and Swamp Wells Trail can be good additions for more mileage and more adventure.



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