



**Name Of Trail Loop:** Mazatzal Peak Loop

**Passage And Location:** Mazatzal Divide Passage 23; south and west of Rye on AZ87

**Length Of Loop Trail:** Approximately 14.7 miles although one source says 17 miles

**Loop Trail Description:** Take the Barnhardt Trail (43) heading up Barnhardt Canyon reaching the Arizona Trail/Mazatzal Divide Trail (23) in about 5.3 miles. It is possible to make a small loop around Chilson Camp/Spring back up to the AZ Trail/Divide Trail going past Brody Seep (64)—Brody Seep Trail can be very brushy. At the junction of Barnhardt and AZ Trail/Divide Trail, turn south/left. There may be a few seasonal seeps along the Divide Trail. After crossing a small saddle in about 2 miles, traverse around Mazatzal Peak, dropping some then climbing up to a junction with the Y Bar Basin Trail (44), sometimes called Shake Tree Trail. Turn southeast/left passing Windsor Spring in a few hundred yards. After coming close to Y Bar Tanks, the trail climbs northeast about a mile to a saddle, then drops over rocky trail back to the Barnhardt Trailhead after about 5.5 miles.

**Recommended Seasons Of Use:** All year. Snow can be present after winter storms.

**Elevation Start:** 4205'

**Elevation Gain/Loss:** 4251'

**Access Point:** From AZ87 at mile post 239.2, turn west onto Forest Road 419 leading to Barnhardt Trailhead. (FR419 is about 3 miles north of junction with AZ 188 or 15+ miles south of Payson on AZ87.) The trailhead is a little more than 5 miles on a dirt rocky road, which can be slippery when wet.

**Water:** Chilson Spring, about a mile west of the junction of Barnhardt and Divide trails, usually has water; Brody Seep and Windsor Spring have seasonal water; and there may be water in the Y Bar (cattle) Tanks. For up to date details on water sources please visit the Arizona Trail Water sources at <https://aztrail.org/explore/water-sources/> and even use the Arizona Trail App <https://aztrail.org/explore/maps/mobile-app/> which has user comments about the status of water sources.

**Notes/Warnings:** In addition to Chilson Camp, a small campsite is at the junction of the Arizona/Divide Trail and Y-Bar Basin Trail. Mountain bikes are not allowed in the wilderness. For specific turn by turn information on the Arizona Trail visit the Arizona Trail databook <https://aztrail.org/explore/databooks/> and even use the Arizona Trail App <https://aztrail.org/explore/maps/mobile-app/>

#### **Additional Sources:**

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