



The Hotshots Trail is 2.85-miles through the Weaver Mountains. The trail includes a 1,200 ft. elevation gain with a 5-8% grade. As you make your way, you will encounter 200+ stairs that were carved from the surrounding rock.



At 600 foot intervals, 19 memorial granite plaques shares a story and photo of each Hotshot. On additional interpretive signage along the trail, you will learn about the history of wildland firefighting and the events of the Yarnell Hill Fire.



At 5,460 feet above sea level, the Hotshot Trail ends at the Observation Deck looking down to the Fatality Site. A Tribute Wall, bench and three interpretive signs, which continue the story of the Hotshots, are located here.



To reach the Fatality Site 400 ft below, continue on the .75-mile Journey Trail. The memorial consists of 19 gabions, which surround and protect the markers of the fallen Granite Mountain Hotshots.

### HIKING TIPS

Know your limitations and please stay on the designated trail at all times. This 4-hour+ round trip hike can be challenging, so please remember:

- Hiking only
- Leave No Trace
- Campfires
- Drink plenty of water
- Watch the weather
- Camping
- Dogs on Leash
- Dress right
- Off-Highway Vehicles

Visit [AZStateParks.com](http://AZStateParks.com) for additional information.

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

#### FROM PHOENIX:

Take I-17 north to Carefree Highway (74) (west)  
 Head west on US 60 to Wickenburg (north)  
 Take Highway 93 towards Congress (north)  
 Take Highway 89 (White Spar Hwy.) to Yarnell (north)  
 Turn left at Turn-around  
 Turn right at park entrance

#### FROM PRESCOTT:

Take Highway 89 (White Spar Hwy.) south to Yarnell  
 Turn right at park entrance

Temporary restrooms are available in the parking lot. Donations are being accepted at the trailhead to support future development & maintenance in the park.

# ARIZONA

## STATE PARKS & TRAILS

877-MYPARKS

[AZStateParks.com](http://AZStateParks.com)



# GRANITE MOUNTAIN HOTSHOTS

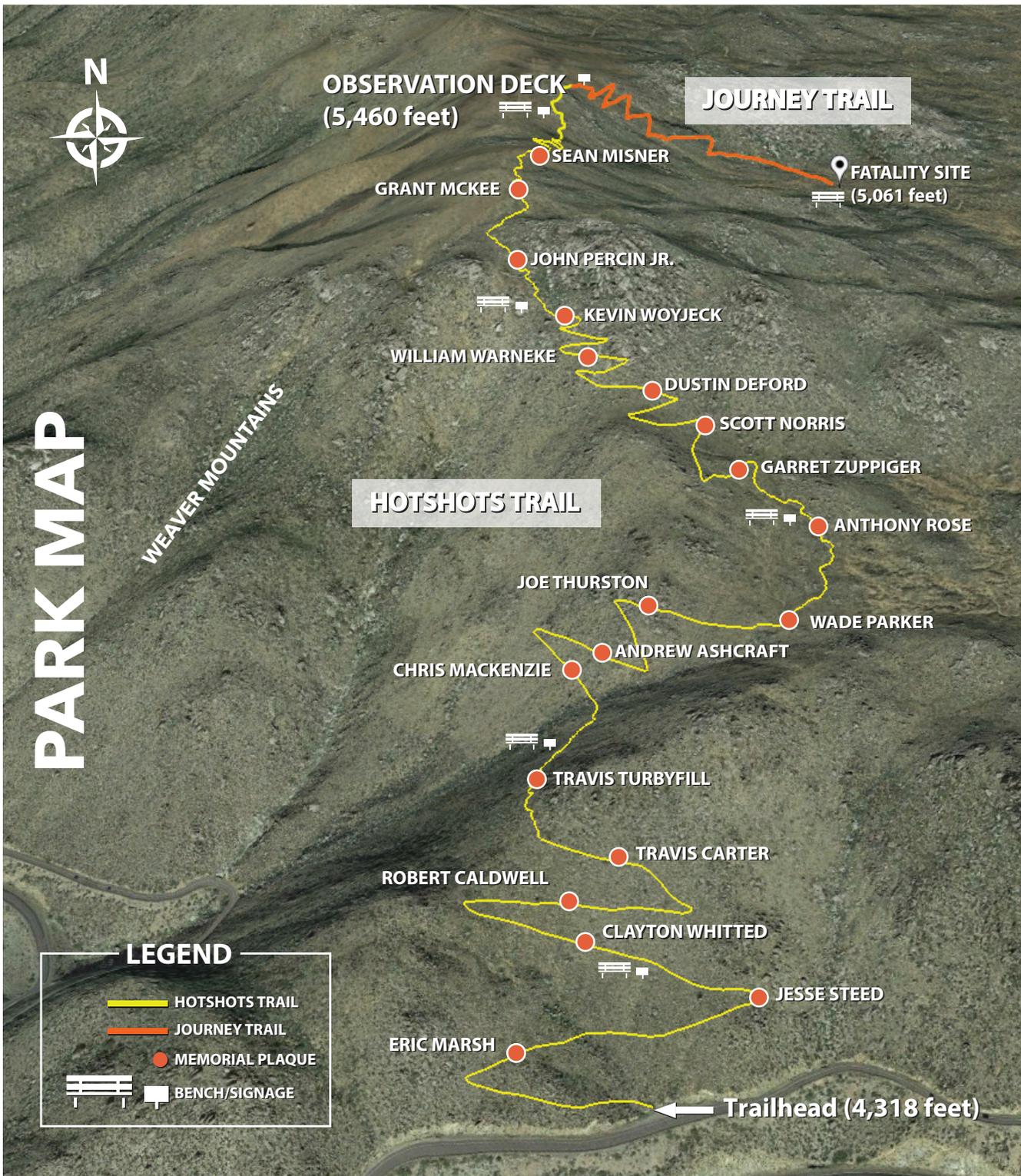
## MEMORIAL STATE PARK



Nineteen brave Hotshots gave their lives protecting their community. While we can never repay our debt to these heroes, we can honor them every day. Arizona is proud to offer a public space where we can pay tribute to them for generations to come.

# ARIZONA

## STATE PARKS & TRAILS



**HIKERS:** This is a “one-way” trail, not a loop. You must hike up and back to the parking area. The trail is seven miles round-trip. Plan for a 4+ hour round-trip. Please bring adequate food and water. There is no access to drinking water along the trail. Those making the seven-mile hike should begin before 12p.m. and carry a flashlight in the event hiking out after dark becomes necessary.

**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** From the trailhead, the Hotshots Trail is a 2.85 mile path up to the Observation Deck. Every 600 feet, 19 granite plaques set into rocks share a photo and a story of each fallen Hotshot. Additional interpretive signage provides information about wildland firefighting.

From the Observation Deck, you can see the Fatality Site 400 feet below and the Town of Yarnell to the east. Additional interpretive signage outlines the tragic events of the Yarnell Hill Fire. A Tribute Wall is available to leave stickers, patches and other mementos in honor of the sacrifice the Granite Mountain Hotshots made to protect our community.

The 3/4-mile Journey Trail allows you to follow the last steps of the Hotshots down to the Fatality Site where they made their last stand. Encircling the Fatality Site, 19 gabions, one for each Hotshot, are united by chains representing their eternal team. A path surrounds the gabions and a memorial flagpole. Please take a moment to pay your respects, but please remain outside of the gabion enclosure in respect for the Hotshots and their families.

After visiting the park, please be sure to explore Yarnell. Experience some of the wonderful restaurants, stores and galleries. Support local business!

**THANK YOU!**