DAY TRIP TO JEROME JUNCTION

From Chino Valley · Yavapai County, Arizona

RUINS · PUBLIC TRAIL

Foundations and rail-yard remains along a town-owned rail trail. Land off the trail may be private.

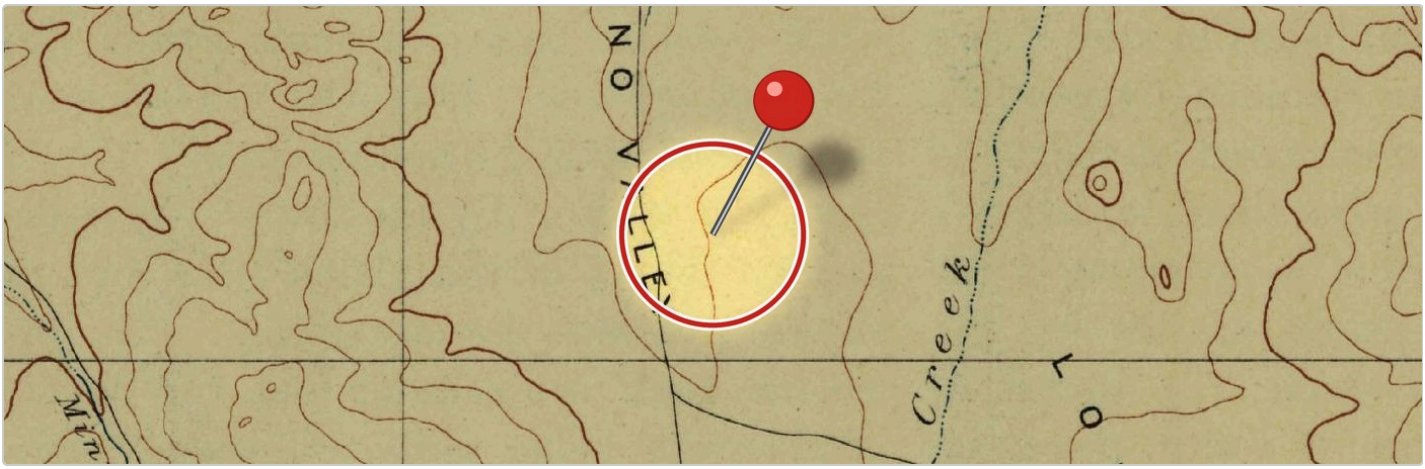
Jerome Junction is a short outing from Chino Valley: park at the Peavine Trail lot at Perkinsville Road and Jerome Junction Road, then walk north along the old grade past the yard's foundations. There's nothing to buy at the site, so bring what you need from town.

A SAMPLE DAY

☐ Morning	Drive north from downtown Chino Valley on AZ 89 and Perkinsville Road to the trail parking.
☐ Late morning	Walk north along the grade and look for the yard's foundations beside the trail.
☐ Midday	Return to the car the same way, or keep walking the grade for a longer outing.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The grade.** The straight old railbed running across open grassland makes the best wide shot.
- **Foundations.** Low concrete footings beside the trail. Photograph them where they lie and leave them in place.
- **Drones.** None of the listings mention drones. The neighboring land is private, so keep any flight over the trail.



USGS topographic map, 1892 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	2 mi, about 5 min each way from downtown Chino Valley. From Phoenix: 111 mi, about 2 h 09 min.
OPEN	The Peavine Trail is a public, town-owned rail trail. We found no posted hours.
ADMISSION	No fee stated. MTB Project says parking at the trailheads is free.
TRAIL	About 5.6 to 5.8 miles of dirt, gravel and cinder grade, sources differ. Open to walkers, cyclists and horses.
PARKING	TrailLink lists two lots at the north end: Perkinsville Road at Jerome Junction Road, and where the trail crosses East Road 2 North.
RESTROOMS	None. MTB Project says there's no water or bathroom at the trailheads.
FOOD AND WATER	None at the site or the trailheads. Carry water.
OFF THE TRAIL	The land around the trail appears to be private, and the engine-house site was fenced in 2010. Stay on the trail.

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 34.77400, −112.42850 · 34°46′26″N 112°25′43″W

Directions Google Maps

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/arizona/jerome-junction/

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.