



Turret Peak (1873)

The Battle of Turret Peak in south central Arizona was one of the pivotal fights that broke the backs of the Apaches and Yavapais in their efforts to resist white encroachment into their lands. Fought on March 27, 1873, the battle of Turret Peak formed part of General George Crook's Tonto Basin campaign to force the Apaches and Yavapais to submit to reservations. Captain George Randall, leading a small force, which included Apache scouts, surprised a rancheria ensconced near the crest of Turret Peak. The battle at Turret Peak proved to the Indians that there was no sanctuary from the soldiers. Two weeks later, most of the Apaches and Yavapais surrendered to General George Crook at Camp Verde, Arizona. The site is within the jurisdiction of the National Forest Service.

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