



Spring 2025 Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome

No trail work experience necessary

Gallinas # 129, Railroad # 128 & Crest # 79

Date: May 19 – 22, 2025

Trail Work Description: Brushing, logging and spot tread

Project Difficulty: Moderate

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/085JC1G>

Backpack to base camp: 4.25 miles

Hike during the day: up to 6 miles

Meeting Place /Time:

- 8:30 am at [Railroad Campground](#) for hikers
- 8:30 am at [Upper Gallinas Campground](#) for Equine riders

Plan for Trail work: Hikers and equine-riders will all meet the Upper Gallinas Campground. Hikers will pass off some of the gear to be packed in and then drive to the Railroad Trailhead to start backpacking in. The packers will ride from Gallinas Campground, packing in to the hiker basecamp. Once at basecamp, hikers will set up camp and work from there. Packers will ride back to Upper Gallinas Campground and basecamp there for the rest of the project, riding up each day to log. At the end of the project, the packers will pack out the hikers.

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Food and Water:

- **Food:** Gila BCH homemade vacuum-sealed meals (breakfasts and dinners) will be available for this project. We can accommodate meat eaters, vegetarians, and some gluten-free diets. But you can also bring your own breakfasts and dinners if you prefer.
 - Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.



- **Water:** Please bring water for the backpack to base camp. We will provide jugs of water at base camp. There is no water on the trail where we will work, so bring a 4-quart water capacity.

Camping Equine: [Upper Gallinas Campground](#). There are pit toilets but no potable water at the campground. The Campground is first come, first serve. Those with horses will ride from the campground. There is no potable water at the campgrounds. Please bring water jugs, if camping. Upper Gallinas campground has a creek next to it that is hopefully running. The water would need to be treated.

What you will need to bring: See packing list below

We will provide: Tools, hard hats, trail and safety training, project supervision, and first aid kit with Wilderness First Aid trained personnel.

Phone service: There is some cell reception at Emory Pass Overlook and may be some on the Crest Trail but not during the entire trail project.

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd - all the driving is on the highway.

Nearest Town: T or C and Silver City

Elevation: 7,000 to 9,660

Weather: Be prepared with layers. Rain is possible.

Why this Trail: This trail loop is easy access since it starts at the highway. It is located close to multiple towns and cities including Las Cruces, Silver City, T or C, Mimbres, Deming, and others. These trails can be used by hikers, backpackers, hunters, horse riders, fishermen, and more.

Directions: From Silver City: Take HWY 180 east. Turn left on Hwy 152. Stay on HWY 152 for about 26.8 miles to go to Upper Gallinas Campground which is on the left. For Railroad Campground go another .88 miles and then turn left at a curve in the road.

Schedule:

Schedules are flexible and dependent on the condition and energy level of the volunteers. Frequent breaks are encouraged. Gila BCH encourages volunteers to work within their limitations and take care of themselves during the project. Please check the weather in your project area prior to leaving for the project and pack accordingly.

Sunday, May 18th

Optional Camping before the project for Hikers: [Upper Gallinas](#), [Railroad](#) or [Iron Creek](#) Campground. There are pit toilets but no potable water at the campground. The Campground is first come, first serve.

Monday, May 19th

8:00 am - Meet at the Upper Gallinas campground for introductions, work objectives, safety talk and turn a little gear into the horse packers
8:30 am – 12:00 pm –Backpack to basecamp
12 -1:30 – Lunch and set up camp
1:30pm-4pm – Trail maintenance

Tuesday, May 20th to Wednesday, May 21st

7:00 – 7:30 am - Breakfast

8 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk
8 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance or move camp when we are ready
12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch
12:30 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance
3:30 – return to camp

Thursday, May 22nd

7:00 – 7:30 am - Breakfast
7:30 am – 8:30 am - Pack up camp and personal gear
8:30 am - Begin backpack to trailhead
1 pm – Drive home

Packing list: see last page....

Packing List

Camping

- Waterproofing for all gear (trash bags & ziplocks)
- Tent &/or tarp
- Ground cloth
- Sleeping pad
- Warm Sleeping bag
- Headlamp
- Extra headlamp batteries
- Backpacking Backpack

Clothing

- Long underwear top and bottom
- Warm hat or buff
- Warm gloves (for cool mornings)
- Socks & underwear
- Sleep socks (always stay dry)
- Short sleeve shirt
- 2 pairs work pants (must be long pants) (extra is in case other is wet or ripped)
- 2 Long sleeve work shirts (for thick brush, sun protection & sudden temperature drops)
- Warm top and bottom layers – **No Cotton** – Wool or synthetic only
- Warm Jacket
- Camp shoes/sandals
- Durable Raincoat
- Rain pants
- Sleep clothes (especially if we are working in poison ivy)

Personal

- Personal toiletry items & TP
- Knife / Leatherman
- Lighter
- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer
- Personal drink cup/coffee mug
- Lunches and snacks
- Food (see project description above)

Work

- Sturdy boots or trail work appropriate shoes
- 4-quart water capacity minimum
- Heavy-duty work gloves
- Eye protection/sunglasses

Optional

- Bowl and utensil
- Book
- Shorts (for camp)
- Chapstick
- Whistle
- Maps and GPS
- 1st aid kit
- Bandana
- Alarm clock
- Camp chair
- Soap (Biodegradable)
- Hiking Poles
- Backpacking pillow

Please let us know if you don't have something on the list or ask questions if you are unsure what you have is adequate.