



2024 Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome
No trail work experience necessary

Little Whitewater Trail #214 Phase 2

Date: Oct 9-14th, 2024

Who: Hikers only because of no water at basecamp for stock

Trail Work: Logging, brushing, trail marking & tread work.

Project Difficulty: moderate to difficult due to the elevation gain and hiking distances

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/N5M16>

Hike to basecamp: 5 miles - very steep climb

Riding to basecamp: 6 miles from the Glenwood Community Park.

Hiking during the day: up to 6.5 miles

Meeting time and place: 8:30 am at the Glenwood Community Park – to meet the packers. Then we will drive to the trailhead and start backpacking from there.

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 breakfast and dinners if you prefer.
 - o Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.
- **Water:** Please bring water for the backpack to basecamp. We will provide jugs of water at basecamp. There is no water on the trail where we will be working so bring 4-quart water capacity.

What you will need to bring: See packing list below – last page

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

Phone service: There is likely spots of cell service along the trail where we will be working and likely at camp.



Vehicle Requirement: 2wd to Glenwood Community Park.

Elevation: 5000 – 9000 ft

Nearest Town: Glenwood and Cliff have limited amenities. Silver City is the nearest town with a hospital.

Weather: Come prepared with layers. Mornings and evenings may be chilly. We will have the tent with the wood stove with us. Days will likely be warm and sunny.

Why This Trail: This trail is close to Glenwood making it nice for tourist and locals. Our work will tie into later Forest Service trail work, reopening more loops in the Glenwood District. Most of the repairs are from deferred maintenance and post Whitewater Baldy Fire in 2012. This is also a continuation of our trail work from last year.

Directions to Glenwood Park

From Silver City – 1.25-hour drive. At the junction of Highway 180 and Highway 90 in Silver City, take Highway 180 a little over 62 miles west. You will drive through Pleasanton and mostly through Glenwood. Just past the Glenwood Trading Post and gas station, turn right onto NM Highway #174 (also the turn off for the Catwalk). Stay on this highway for 0.9 miles and the turn right into the Glenwood Community Park (93 Cat Walk 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.

Tuesday, Oct 8th

Optional camping at a nearby campground the night before. Please bring your own food and water. Camping options include

- [Bighorn Campground](#) just off of 180 only a few minutes from the meeting place.
- [Cosmic Campground](#) north of Alma on 180. 20-minute drive to meeting place

Wednesday, Oct 9th

8:30 am – 9:00 am – Meet at Glenwood Community Park. Introductions, work objectives, safety talk, and gear check. Turn in food and some gear to horse packers.

9:00 - 9:30am – Drive to the trailhead

9:30 am - Begin 5-mile uphill backpack to basecamp

1:00am - 2:30 pm- Set up camp and lunch

2:30 - 4 pm – trail maintenance training and trail maintenance

Thursday, Oct 10th – Sunday Oct 13th

7:30 -8 am - Breakfast

8:30 – 9 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk

9 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 4:00 pm - Trail maintenance

4:00 – Return to camp

Monday, Oct 14th

7:30 -8 am - Breakfast

8:00 am - 9 am - Pack up camp and personal gear

9:00 am - Begin 5-mile hike to trailhead and shuttle back to Glenwood Community Park. For those who have gear on the horses, you may need to wait a short bit for the gear to arrive.

2 pm – Drive home

Packing List: last page

RSVP required - Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

Pack List for Little Whitewater Trail Project

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