



2024 Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome
No trail work experience necessary

Mckenna Park & Rawmeat Canyon Clearing remote trails in the Gila Wilderness

Date: Sept 23-28, 2024

Trail Work Description: Logging with some tread and trail marking

Project Difficulty: Moderate: trail work
Difficult: length of backpacking during the trail project

Map of Project: <https://caltopo.com/m/FHNUH>

Backpack/Ride to Base Camp: 2 base camps: 13 miles to the first base camp. 7.5 miles to the second base camp. See map.

Hiking/Riding during the day: up to 7 miles

Plan for Trail work: We will travel to camp 1 on the first day. On the second day, we will clear over the Diablos ahead of the equine packers. Then we will proceed to camp 2. From there we will log the trails in Mckenna Park for a few days and then work on the trail in Rawmeat Canyon. On the 5th day, we will move our camp back to camp 1 and travel all the way out on the 6th day.

Meeting time and place: Woody's Corral at 8:30 am on Sept 23rd. See direction below

Project contact: Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

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. Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.
- **Water:** Please bring your own water for the hike to the first base camp. We can filter water at a few locations as we travel to basecamp 1. After that, we will be filtering from the springs/creeks near camp. Please bring 4 quart water capacity since some days we will not be near water.



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

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

Phone service: No cell service at trailhead or during the trail project.

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd

Elevation: 5500 - 8600

Nearest Town: Silver City

Weather: Come prepared with layers. Rain is possible. Mornings and evenings may be cool. Days will likely be warm to hot.

Why These Trails: This is part of the Forest Service's Gila Centennial and will be a continuation of our previous work in Mckenna Park.

Directions: From Silver City: Take NM-15 N/Pinos Altos Rd for 42 miles (roughly 1.5 hours). Turn left at the Gila Cliff Dwellings sign. Proceed 0.5 mile to Woody's Corral Trailhead. If you cross the bridge and see the scorpion campgrounds, you have gone too far.

Schedule:

Schedules are flexible and dependent on the volunteers' condition and energy level. Frequent breaks are encouraged. GBCH 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, Sept 22nd

Optional camping at Woody's Corral Trailhead. Please bring your own food. There is water available at the trailhead.

Monday, Sept 23rd

8:30 am – 9 am - Introductions, work objectives, safety Talk, and gear check. Turn in food and some gear to horse packers.

9:00 am - Begin backpack to camp 1

3:00 - 4 pm – Set up camp

Tuesday, Sept 24th

7:30 -8 am - Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 am – pack up camp

9:30 am – 12 pm – Trail work over the diablos

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 3:30 pm – Travel to camp 2

3:30 – Set up camp

Wednesday, Sept 25th

7:30 -8 am - Breakfast

8:30 - 12 pm – Trail maintenance

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 4 pm - Trail maintenance

4:00 – Return to camp

Thursday, Sept 26th

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

Friday, Sept 27th

7:30 -8 am - Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 am – pack up camp

9:30 am – 2:30 pm – Backpack to camp 1 with some potential trail maintenance in Mckenna Park

2:30 - 4:00 pm – Set up camp

Saturday, Sept 28th

7:30 -8 am - Breakfast

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

9:00 am - Begin backpack to trailhead

4 pm – Drive home

Packing List: last page

RSVP required - Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

Pack 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.