



2024 Gila Trail Projects

**All trail users welcome
No trail work experience necessary**

(Lower) Turkey Creek Trail # 155



Date: October 21st -26th 2024

Trail Work Description: Brushing, logging, spot tread, and trail marking

Project Difficulty: moderate

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/K112M5T>

Backpack to the basecamp 1: 2 miles

Backpack to the basecamp 2: 5 miles

Hiking during the day: up to 6.5 miles

Meeting time and place: 9:00 am at Turkey Creek Trailhead along the Gila River. See the directions below. If anyone has a vehicle that can not make it to the trailhead, we will make accommodations accordingly.

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 basecamp. Water will be filtered from the creek at basecamp or jugs of water if part of Turkey Creek are dry.

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.

Other things to know:

- We will need to cross the Gila River a few times before arriving at Turkey Creek
- We will need to cross the creek when working along the Turkey Creek. Your work boots will get wet.
- There is poison ivy along Turkey Creek

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

Vehicle Requirement: Medium clearance all wheel drive is preferred. We will do our best to accommodate anyone who does not have this minimum clearance vehicle. Contact me directly.

Elevation: 4700 – 6000 ft

Nearest Town: Silver City (Gila and Cliff do not have many amenities)

Weather: Come prepared with layers. Mornings and evenings may be chilly. Days will be pleasant to warm.

Why These Trails: Turkey Creek trail is used by many trail users, including pack rafters, equine riders, and backpackers. It offers a traverse through the wilderness. This project continues trail work completed in the past few years.

Directions: From Silver City: Drive 20 miles west on hwy 180 to milepost 89. Turn right on NM 211 heading towards Gila. Drive 4 miles to the town of Gila and then continue another 4 miles on NM 153. When the pavement ends the road turns into FR155 or Turkey Creek Road. We will figure out a place for low clearance vehicles to park in this area. If you have the appropriate vehicle, continue on this road for the next 6 miles. The road ends on the east bank of the Gila. We will be meeting here. There is a parking area for vehicles that are 2wd or long bed trucks about a half mile from the meeting place. We will coordinate rides from there as needed. See map.

Schedule:

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

Monday, October 21st

9 am - Meet at the trailhead for introductions, work objectives, safety talk.

9:30 am – 11:00 pm – Hike to basecamp

11 -12:30 – Lunch and set up camp

12:30pm-4pm –trail maintenance

Tuesday, October 22nd

7:30 – 8:00 am - Breakfast

8:30 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk

8:30 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance

4:00 – return to camp

Wednesday, October 23rd

7:30 – 8:00 am - Breakfast

8:30 am - 12 – Pack up camp and move to camp 2

12 - 1:30 pm – Lunch and set up camp

1:30 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance

4:00 – return to camp

Thursday October 24nd to Friday October 25th

7:30 – 8:00 am - Breakfast

8:30 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk

8:30 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance

4:00 – return to camp

Saturday October 26th

7:30 – 8:00 am - Breakfast

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

8:30 am - Begin backpack to trailhead

3 pm – Drive home

RSVP required - Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

See the pack list on the last page...

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
- ___ 3-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.