



Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome
No trail work experience necessary

Tadpole Ridge Trail #232



Date: Oct 11 – 14, 2023

Trail Work Description: mainly brushing, with some tread and trail marking

Project Difficulty: moderate

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/6QNRL>

Hike to Basecamp: 2.25 miles

Hiking during the day: up to 5 miles

Plan for Trail work: We will meet at the Snow Creek Trailhead and give the packers any gear. Due to the narrow road, the Packers will ride from the Snow Creek Trailhead. The hikers will drive (carpool if needed) to the Sheep Corral Trailhead. We will backpack from here 2.25 miles to camp. Note that while the distance to camp is short, there is an elevation gain of 1200 ft. After we have set up camp, we will do some trail work near camp. The 12th and 13th will be trail work days, and then we will backpack out on the 14th.

Meeting time and place: 8:30 am at Snow Creek Trailhead. See directions below.

Project contact: Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

Food and Water:

- **Water:** There is no water at the trailhead. Please bring water for the hike to basecamp. At basecamp, we will drink out of water containers packed in by the packers. There will be no water when we work on the trail, so be sure to bring at least a 3-quart capacity.
- **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.
 - o Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.

What you will need to bring for day work: See the packing list below – last page.

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

Phone service: None at the Sheep Corral Trailhead but most of the time where we will be doing trail work and at basecamp.

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd to Snow Creek Trailhead unless the road is muddy. Medium Clearance is recommended for driving past the Snow Creek Trailhead to Sheep Corral Trailhead. Carpooling is an option between Snow Creek Trailhead and Sheep Corral Trailhead.

Elevation: 7100 – 8350 ft

Nearest Town: Silver City

Weather: Come prepared with layers. Mornings and evenings may be cool. Days will likely be warm. We will have our Seek Outside Hot Tent with us.

Why This Trail: This is a popular trail near Silver City. It was damaged in the Tadpole Ridge fire in 2020.

Directions: From Silver City: Drive north on HWY 15 to Sheep Corral Rd. There is a green sign for Sheep Corral at the turn. Turn left on Sheep Corral Rd and drive until you see a hiker sign in about 3.75 miles. The Snow Creek trailhead is on your right. We will meet there and then proceed another 2.75 miles to the Sheep Corral Trailhead. Due to the narrow road, the Packers will ride from the Snow Creek Trailhead.

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 care for themselves during the project. Please check the weather in your project area before leaving for the project and pack accordingly.

Wednesday, Oct 11th

8:30 - 9 am – Meet at the snow creek trailhead. Introductions, work objectives, safety talk, and gear to packers.
9:00 – 9:30 am – Drive to Sheep Corral Trailhead
9:30 – 11:30 am – Backpack to basecamp
11:30 am - 1 pm– set up camp and lunch
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm - trail maintenance

Thursday, Oct 12 – Friday, Oct 13th

7:30 – 8:00 am - Breakfast
8:00 – 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
3:30 – return to camp

Saturday, Oct 14th

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

RSVP required - Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

Pack List for Tadpole Ridge Trail # 232

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Waterproofing for all gear (trash bags and ziplocks)<input type="checkbox"/> Tent &/or tarp<input type="checkbox"/> ground pad<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping pad<input type="checkbox"/> personal toiletry items & TP<input type="checkbox"/> long underwear top and bottom<input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat<input type="checkbox"/> warm gloves (for cool mornings)<input type="checkbox"/> Warm Sleeping bag<input type="checkbox"/> Knife / Leatherman<input type="checkbox"/> Lighter<input type="checkbox"/> durable Raincoat<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen<input type="checkbox"/> Headlamp<input type="checkbox"/> Extra headlamp batteries<input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer<input type="checkbox"/> Socks & underwear<input type="checkbox"/> Rain pants<input type="checkbox"/> A few short sleeve shirts<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep clothes <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Long sleeve work shirts (for thick brush, sun protection & sudden temperature drops)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of work pants (must be long pants) (extra is in case other is wet or ripped)<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep socks (always stay dry) <input type="checkbox"/> Camp shoes/sandals<input type="checkbox"/> sturdy work boots (preferably leather – no tennis shoes)<input type="checkbox"/> personal drink cup/coffee mug<input type="checkbox"/> Food (see project description above)<input type="checkbox"/> Lunches and snacks<input type="checkbox"/> 3-quart water capacity minimum<input type="checkbox"/> heavy-duty work gloves <input type="checkbox"/> eye protection/sunglasses <u>Optional</u><input type="checkbox"/> Bowl and utensil<input type="checkbox"/> Book<input type="checkbox"/> Shorts (for camp)<input type="checkbox"/> Chapstick <input type="checkbox"/> whistle<input type="checkbox"/> maps and GPS
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___ Warm top and bottom layers – **No**
Cotton – Wool or synthetic only

___ Warm Jacket

___ Backpacking Backpack

___ 1st aid kit

___ Camera

___ Bandanas (for cleaning, headwear)

___ 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.