



2023 Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome
No trail work experience necessary

Upper Mogollon Creek Trail #177



Date: October 27 – November 1, 2023

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

Project Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/6QS02>

Hike to Basecamp: 12 miles

Hiking during the day: up to 6 miles

Meeting time and place: Woody's Corral at 8:30 am on October 27th. See directions below.

Plan for Trail work: The hikers will move camps 2 times on this project to move closer to the work. The first day will only be getting to the first base camp.

- Day 1: Pack/backpack into Little Springs.
- Day 2: Hikers clear to White Pinnacle Saddle area – if minimal trees – packers take up the hiker stuff that afternoon (2.5 miles one way). The Packers will camp at Little Springs for the whole project.
- Day 3: Hikers work down Upper Mogollon Creek. Horse riders log over the diablos or towards Turkey Creek.
- Day 4: Hikers and horse riders work down Mogollon Creek.

- Day 5: Hikers work a partial day on Mogollon Creek and then hike back to Little Springs. Packers take hikers' gear back to Little Springs.
- Day 6: back to the trailhead.

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 breakfasts 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 base camp. There will be the option to filter water along the way. At basecamp, we will be filtering from the creek and spring.

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

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

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

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd

Elevation: 5500 - 8400

Nearest Town: Silver City

Weather: Come prepared with layers. Rain is possible. Mornings and evenings will be chilly. We will have multiple tents with wood stoves. Days will likely be warm.

Why This Trail: This trail creates a loop option and day options when base camped at Little Springs. Most of the trails in the loop option and other day adventures in the area have already been improved. This is the last trail that needs to be improved in this area. It has significantly deferred maintenance.

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

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.

Thursday, October 26th

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

Friday, October 27th

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

9:00 am - Begin a 12-mile hike to base camp.

3:30 pm - Set up camp.

Saturday, October 28th to Tuesday October 31st

See the schedule listed under Trail Project Plan above.

Wednesday, November 1st

7:30 -8 am - Breakfast

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

9:00 am - Begin a 12-mile hike to the trailhead.

4 pm – Drive home

RSVP required - Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

Pack List for Upper Mogollon Creek Trail Project

- Waterproofing for all gear (trash bags and ziplocks)
- Tent &/or tarp
- ground pad
- Sleeping pad
- personal toiletry items & TP
- long underwear top and bottom
- Warm hat
- warm gloves (for cold mornings)
- Warm Sleeping bag
- Knife / Leatherman
- Lighter
- durable Raincoat
- Sunscreen
- Headlamp
- Extra headlamp batteries
- Hand sanitizer
- Socks & underwear
- Rain pants
- A few short sleeve shirts
- Sleep clothes

- 2 pairs of work pants (must be long pants) (extra is in case other is wet or ripped)
- Sleep socks (always stay dry)

- Camp shoes/sandals
- sturdy work boots (preferably leather – no tennis shoes)
- personal drink cup/coffee mug
- Food (see project description above)
- Lunches and snacks
- 3-quart water capacity minimum
- heavy-duty work gloves
- Covid mask or neck gator

- eye protection/sunglasses

Optional

- Bowl and utensil
- Book
- Shorts (for camp)
- Chapstick

- ___ 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
- ___ Backpacking backpack

- ___ whistle
- ___ maps and GPS

- ___ 1st aid kit
- ___ Camera
- ___ Bandanas (for cleaning, headwear)
- ___ Alarm clock
- ___ Camp chair
- ___ Soap (Biodegradable)
- ___ Hiking Poles
- ___ Backpacking pillow

Please let us know if you need something on the list or ask questions if you are unsure what you have is adequate.