



Spring 2025 Gila Trail Projects

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

Brushy Mountain Trail # 403

Date: April 2nd – 7th, 2025

Trail Work: Tread work, brushing, trail marking, and some logging.

Project Difficulty: Moderate: trail work
Difficult: elevation gain and loss to get to basecamp

Map of Project: <https://caltopo.com/m/1URKPJB>

Backpack to Base camp: 4.6 miles

Hiking during the day: up to 6.5 miles

Meeting time and place: 9 am at the Alum Camp
Trailhead. See directions below.

Project contact: Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com – RSVP required.

Food and Water:

- **Food:** Gila BCH's 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.
- **Water:** Please bring your own water for the backpack to base camp. We will be packing in water for basecamp.

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

We will provide: Tools, hard hats, trail and safety training, project supervision, pack support daily, and 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 - 8100

Nearest Town: Silver City

Weather: Come prepared with layers. Mornings and evenings will be chilly. We will have the Seek Outside hot tent with us. Days will likely be warm and sunny.

Why These Trails: These trails have deferred maintenance and are confusing in places. Once they are improved, they will not need maintenance for many more years. This area has great views and is a unique part of the wilderness. Opening these trails will provide additional loop options.

Directions: From Silver City: Take NM-15 N/Pinos Altos Rd for 35.75 miles (roughly 1.25 hours). Alum Camp trailhead is a large pull-off midway down mountain between Copperas Overlook and Gila Hot Springs.

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.

Wednesday, April 2nd

Optional camping at Woody's Corral Trailhead. Please bring your own food. There is water available at the trailhead. Or you can camp at the Alum Camp Trailhead but there is no water and it is right next to highway 15.

Thursday, April 3rd

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

9:30 am - 12 - Backpack to basecamp

12 - 1:30 pm – Lunch and set up camp

1:30 - 4 pm – Trail maintenance

Friday, April 4th – Monday, April 7th

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

Tuesday, April 8th

7:30 -8 am - Breakfast

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

9:00 am - Begin backpack to trailhead

12 pm – Drive home

Packing List – Last page

Pack List for Brushy Mountain Trail #403

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.