



Spring 2025 Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome
No trail work experience necessary

Red Canyon Trail # 198

Dates: March 7th to 9th, 2025

Trail Work: Limbing junipers, tread and trail markers

Project Difficulty: easy to moderate

Map of Project: <https://caltopo.com/m/REV039B>

Basecamp at Trailhead

Hiking during the day: up to 3.5 miles round trip

Meeting time and place: 9 am at Red Canyon Trailhead

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

Plan for Trail work: We will meet at the trailhead and camping area at 9 am. We will start working from the trailhead. We will end early to set up basecamp. On the 8th we will have a full day of trail work. On the 9th we will do any additional trail work needed and then drive home in the later afternoon.

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.
 - o Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.
- **Water:** We will provide jugs of water at base camp or filter the water from the creek. Good water is not guaranteed where we will be working, so bring a 3-quart water capacity.

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.



Phone service: There is no cell service at the trailhead/basecamp. There may be occasional service along the high part of the trail. There is occasional cell service along the drive in to the trailhead.

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd medium clearance unless muddy. If the road is muddy, we will do a trail project elsewhere since the road has lots of slippery clay on critical areas.

Elevation: 6000 ft up to 6800 feet

Nearest Town: Alma and Glenwood are the nearest towns. Silver City is the nearest town with a hospital

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

Why This Trail: This trail is a short but nice hike into Mineral Creek. It offers another option for accessing Mineral Creek both for adventures and future trail work.

Directions:

From Silver City: It takes about 2 hours. Take Highway 180 west 67.4 miles. You will pass by Alma just before turning on to Deep Creek Ranch Road (also may be labeled Claremont Road). Stay on this road for 4.1 miles. Then take a left to stay on this same road. Continue for 0.9 miles. Then turn right on Copper Creek Road and drive for 6.6 miles to the trailhead. I will send additional directions just before the trail project.

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 take care of themselves during the project. Please check the weather in your project area prior to leaving for the project and pack accordingly.

Friday, March 7th

9:30 am – 10 am - Introductions, paperwork, work objectives, safety talk. .
10 - 12 - Trail maintenance
12:00 – 12:30 pm - lunch.
12:30– 3 pm –Trail maintenance
3 – 4 pm – Set up basecamp

Saturday, March 8th

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- 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance
4 PM - Return to camp

Sunday, March 9th

7:30 -8 am - Breakfast
8:30 - 9 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk
9 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance
12 - 1 pm – Lunch and pack up camp
1 – 3:30 pm – trail work until we are done and then drive home

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.