



Gila Trail Project with:

Join Us!



All trail users welcome
No trail work experience necessary

Mimbres River Trail #77 Overnight

Date: March 20-24th 2025

Trail Work Description: brushing, spot tread, trail markers & some logging

Project Difficulty: Moderate

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/HPTL7RH>

Backpack to basecamp: 2.6 miles

Hike/Riding during the day: up to 6 miles

Meeting time and place: 8:30 at the Mimbres River Trailhead. See directions below

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.
 - o Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.
- **Water:** Please bring water for the backpack to basecamp. Once at basecamp, will filter water from the Mimbres River.

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: Spotty cell service at the trailhead. No cell service along the Mimbres River.

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd medium clearance unless the road is muddy

Elevation: 7000 - 7600

Nearest Town: Silver City- has a hospital. Mimbres/San Lorenzo is closer but only has a small urgent care with limited hours

Weather: Be prepared with layers. Rain is possible. Mornings and evenings may be chilly. Days will likely be warm.

Why These Trails: These trails were affected in the 2022 Black Fire. They can be a great way to access the Aldo Leopold Wilderness without having to drive on the narrow and bumpy FS 150 road.

Directions: From Silver City: Take 180 east about 7.5 miles to hwy 152. Take a left onto hwy 152 and travel about 14 miles to hwy 35. Take a left on to hwy 35. Stay on hwy 35 until just past mile marker 15. Turn on to forest road # 150. Travel on this dirt road for 7.8 miles. Turn right through a big parking area/pull off. There are 2 signs at this turn. One is a big brown forest service sign that Mimbres River and Continental Divide trail (turn right arrow). There is also a hiking sign with # 77 above. **Do NOT turn off on an earlier road that says Mimbres River.** Take the side road through the big pull-off parking area. Stay on this road .3 mile. This section is graveled. After this the road becomes worse and is not graveled. This is where you will need a medium-clearance vehicle. Continue on the road .5 mile to the trailhead and corrals. This is where we will be meeting. (the medium clearance part of the road is not very bad)

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, March 19th

Optional camping at the trailhead the night before. Please bring your own food and water.

Thursday, March 20th

8:30 am – 9:00 am – Introductions, work objectives, safety Talk, and gear check. Turn in food and some gear to horse packers.

9 am - Begin backpack to basecamp

10:30am - Set up camp and lunch

12:00 - 4 pm – trail maintenance training and trail maintenance

Friday, March 21st – Sunday, March 23rd

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

Monday, March 24th

7:30 -8 am - Breakfast

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

9:00 am – backpack back to the trailhead

1 pm – Drive home

Packing List: last page

Pack List for Mimbres River Trail Project

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/water shoes
- 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