



# Spring 2025 Gila Trail Projects

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

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## CDT in near Rocky Canyon Campground

### Day Work or Car Camping Options

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**Date:** April 14-16 - Join for one, some, or all days

**Trail Work Description:** brushing, spot retreading, and trail markers

**Project Difficulty:** Moderate

**Map of Project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/NJ8B2VS>

**Hiking/Riding during the day:** up to 6 miles.

**Meeting time and place:** 8:30 am at the [Rocky Canyon Campground](#). See directions below.

**Project contact:** Melissa Green – [groundworktrails@gmail.com](mailto:groundworktrails@gmail.com)

#### **Food and Water:**

- **Food: For those staying overnight:** 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 breakfast and dinners if you prefer.
  - o Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.
- **Water:** Please bring your own drinking water for the day if you are day working – 4 quart minimum. If camping, please bring as much of your own water as possible. We will also have water for the camp cooking.

**What you will need to bring:** See packing list below for camping and for day working – last pages

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

**Phone service:** No cell service at the trailhead. Occasional cell along parts of the trail.



**Vehicle Requirement:** 2wd.

**Elevation:** 7300 – 8200 ft

**Nearest Town:** Mimbres. Silver City is the nearest town with a hospital.

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

**Why This Trail:** This section of the CDT has not been maintained in many years.

**Directions: From Silver City:** It is about 1.5 hour drive from Silver City. Take Highway 180 east to Highway 152 to Highway 35. Heading north, stay on hwy 35 until just past mile marker 15. Turn onto Forest Road # 150. Travel on this dirt road for 12 miles. Turn left into Rocky Canyon Campground.

**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.*

**Sunday, April 13th**

Optional camping at [Rocky Canyon Campground](#). Please bring your own food and water.

**Monday, April 14th**

8:30 am - Meet at the trailhead for introductions, work objectives, safety talk and turn a little gear into the horse packers  
8:30 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance  
12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch  
12:30 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance  
3:30 – return to trailhead

**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 7:30 am – Breakfast (for those camping)  
8:30 am - Meet at the trailhead for introductions, work objectives, safety talk and turn a little gear into the horse packers  
8:30 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance  
12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch  
12:30 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance  
3:30 – return to trailhead

**Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 7:30 am – Breakfast (for those camping)  
8:30 am - Meet at the trailhead for introductions, work objectives, safety talk and turn a little gear into the horse packers  
8:30 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance  
12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch  
12:30 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance  
3:30 – return to trailhead

## Overnight 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
- 4-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.

## Day packing list

- Closed-toed shoes,
- at least 4 quarts of water,
- food (more than you think you will need)
- long-sleeve shirt (for sun protection and protection from the brush),
- raincoat 🤔
- daypack (preferably one that can carry a lopper and hand saw safely),
- extra layer,
- long pants,
- sunscreen,
- heavy-duty work gloves,
- eye protection (can be sunglasses that cover eyes well)
- hand sanitizer