



Fall 2025 Gila Trail Projects

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

Big Timber Trail # 95

Date: August 25 -28, 2025

Trail Work Description: logging, spot retreading, removing rocks from the trail, trail markers and a little brushing

Project Difficulty: Moderate

Map of Project: <https://caltopo.com/m/Q10P0BG>

Backpack/Ride to Basecamp: 4.5 miles

Hiking/Riding during the day: up to 6.4 miles.

Meeting time and place: 8:30 am at the [Rocky Canyon Campground](#). 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 breakfast and dinners if you prefer.
 - o Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.
- **Water:** Please bring your own drinking water of the backpack to basecamp. At basecamp, we will filter water from the spring. If the spring is dry, we will have water packed in. There is no water available on the section of the trail where we are working, so be prepared to carry all your water for the trail work days – 4 quart minimum.

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: No cell service at the trailhead . Occasional cell along parts of the trail but not along parts of the trail where we are working or camping.

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd.

Elevation: 6700 – 7650 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. We may still be in monsoon season.

Why This Trail: This is a continuation of the work we have already done in this area.

Directions: From Silver City: It is about 1.5 a 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, August 24th

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

Monday, August 25th

8:30 am – Meet at the trailhead for introductions, work objectives, safety talk and turn a little gear into the horse packers

9:00 am – 11:00 pm – Backpack to basecamp

11 -12:30 – Lunch and set up camp

12:30pm-4pm – Trail maintenance

Tuesday, August 26th to Wednesday, August 27th

7:00 – 7:30 am - Breakfast

8 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk

8 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance

3:30 – return to camp

Thursday, August 28th

7:00 – 7:30 am - Breakfast

7:30 am – 8:30 am - Pack up camp and personal gear

8:30 am - Begin backpack to trailhead

2 pm – Drive home

Packing List – Last page

RSVP required - Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

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