2025 Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome
No trail work experience necessary

Brushing the Lilley Park Trail #164 near Little Bear

Day Project

Date: Wednesday, Sept 3rd, 2025

Trail Work Description: Brushing

Project Difficulty: Moderate

Map of project: https://caltopo.com/m/QTP5BCA

Hiking during the Day: up to 7 miles.

Meeting time and place: 9 am at TJ Corral. See direction below

Project contact: Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

What you will need to bring: What to bring:

- - sturdy boots or trail work appropriate shoes,
- - at least 3 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

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

Water: There is drinking water and equine water available at Woody's Corral Trailhead.

Phone service: No cell service at the trailhead or during the trail project.

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd

Elevation: 5600 – 6300 ft

Nearest Town: Silver City

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

Why These Trails: These trails are near to the trailhead and near the Cliff Dwellings, so they are frequently used by multiple trail users. Some of the trails offer expansive views of both the Gila and Aldo Leopold Wilderness.

Directions:

From Silver City, take NM-15 N/Pinos Altos Rd for 42 miles (roughly 1.5 hours). Turn left at Gila Cliff Dwellings sign. Proceed 0.7 mile to TJ's Corral Trailhead. You cross the bridge just before the trailhead. If you see the Scorpion Campgrounds, you have gone too far.

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

Monday, November 18th

Camp at Woody's Corral the night before is optional

Tuesday, November 19th

9 am - Meet at Woody's Corral Trailhead
9 am - 9:30 am - Introductions, safety briefing and work objectives
9:30 – Begin hike to trail work
12 pm - Lunch
12:30 pm-3:30pm – Trail work
4pm – Drive home

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