



2025 Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome
No trail work experience necessary

(Lower) Turkey Creek Trail # 155

Date: Nov 2 – 7, 2025

Trail Work Description: Brushing, logging, spot tread, and trail marking

Project Difficulty: moderate

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/2AAA1HD>

Backpack to the basecamp: First basecamp will be at the trailhead and the second basecamp will be 3.25 miles

Hiking during the day: up to 6.5 miles

Meeting time and place: 9 am at the trailhead for Turkey Creek. See directions below.

Project Plan: On the morning of the 1st we will meet at the trailhead for the Turkey Creek Trail. We will work on the Turkey Creek trail for 2 days – doing basic clearing to make sure equine can get us up to basecamp 2. On Day 3, the packers will pack our things up to basecamp 2 and we will work from there the rest of the project.

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.

- Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.

Water: Please bring your own water for the hike to basecamp. Water will be filtered from the creek at basecamp. Please bring a 3 quart capacity for trail work during the day since we will not always be working on the water.

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.

Other things to know:

- We will need to cross the Gila River a few times before arriving at Turkey Creek
- We will need to cross the creek when working along the Turkey Creek. Your work boots will get wet.
- There is poison ivy along Turkey Creek

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

Vehicle Requirement: Medium clearance all wheel drive is preferred. We will do our best to accommodate anyone who does not have this minimum clearance vehicle. Contact me directly if you have a low clearance vehicle.

Elevation: 4700 – 6000 ft

Nearest Town: Silver City (Gila and Cliff do not have many amenities)

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

Why These Trails: Turkey Creek trail is used by many trail users, including pack rafters, equine riders, and backpackers. It offers a traverse through the wilderness. This project continues trail work completed in the past few years.

Directions from Silver City: Drive 20 miles west on Hwy 180 to milepost 89. Turn right on NM 211 heading towards Gila. Drive 4 miles to the town of Gila and then continue another 4 miles on NM 153. When the pavement ends, continue another 1.3 miles on NM 153. Turn right on to FR155 or Turkey Creek Road and stay on this road for about 6.6 miles. [Google Maps Version](#)

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 before leaving for the project and pack accordingly.

Sunday, Nov 2nd

9 am - Meet at Turkey Creek Trailhead
9 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk
9:30 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance
12 - 12:30 pm – Lunch
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm –trail maintenance
3:30 pm- return to trailhead and set up camp

Monday, Nov 3rd

7:30 – 8 am - Breakfast
8:30 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk
9 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance
12 - 12:30 pm – Lunch
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm –trail maintenance

Tuesday, Nov 4th

7:30 – 8 am - Breakfast

8:30 am – Pack up camp and meet the packers
9 am – 11 pm – Backpack to basecamp 2
11 - 12 pm – Set up camp and lunch
12 pm - 3:30 pm –trail maintenance

Wednesday, Nov 5th to Thursday, Nov 6th

7:30 – 8 am - Breakfast
8:30 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk
8:30 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance
12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch
12:30 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance
4 pm – return to camp

Friday, Nov 7th

7:30 – 8 am – Breakfast
8 am – 9 am - Pack up camp and personal gear
9 am - Begin backpack to trailhead
2 pm – Drive home

RSVP required - Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

See the pack list on the last page...

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.