

Gila Trail Project with:



Join Us!



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

CDT near Saddle Rock

Dates: Feb 27th to March 2nd, 2026

Trail Work: Brushing with some logging and building trail markers

Project Difficulty: easy to moderate

Map of Project: <https://caltopo.com/m/KVQC4HL>

Backpack to basecamp: 1 to 3 miles, depending on how the road is at the time (in terms of drivability in the sandy parts)

Hike during the day: up to 6.5 miles

Partner: [NMVFO](#)

Meeting time and place: 9 am on Feb 27th at the parking place - TBD

Project contact: Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com. RSVP required..

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 hike to base camp. Once at basecamp, we will pack in water for us to drink. There is no water along the trail, so bring a 3-quart water capacity.

What you will need to bring: See packing list – last page

We will provide: A tent with a wood stove or an outdoor propane heat source, tools, hard hats, trail and safety training, project supervision, and a first aid kit with Wilderness First Responder-trained personnel.

Phone service: There is no cell service at the trailhead. AT&T has cell at our basecamp. There may be occasional service along the high parts of the trail for AT&T and Verizon.

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd but this road is sandy so 4wd is preferable.

Elevation: 5000 ft up to 6300 feet

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

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

Why This Trail: This trail is a part of a nice loop that we want to reopen. The loop is the Gnarly Trail, CDT, and then back to Saddle Rock Canyon. We will also improve the CDT south of Saddle Rock.

Directions:

From Silver City: It is about a 20-minute drive. Take 180 12 miles west of Silver City to Saddle Rock Road. Turn left onto the Saddle Rock Road. Parking TBD

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

Thursday, Feb 26th

Optional: Camping in the Saddle Rock area the night. Please bring your own food and water.

Friday, Feb 27th

9– 10 am –Introductions, work objectives, safety talk, and gear check. Turn in food and some gear to the horse packers.

10:00 am - Begin backpacking to basecamp

11 – 12 – set up camp and eat lunch

12 - 4 pm – Trail maintenance

Saturday, Feb 28th - Sunday, March 1st

8 am - Breakfast

9 am – 12 pm – Trail maintenance

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 4 pm - Trail maintenance

4:00 – Return to camp

Monday, March 2nd

8 am - Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:30 am - Pack up camp and personal gear
9:30 am - Begin backpacking to the trailhead
12 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
- 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.