



# Spring 2026 Gila Trail Projects

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

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## Red Canyon Trail # 198

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**Dates:** March 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Join us for 1, some, or all of the days.

**Trail Work:** Limbing junipers, tread and trail markers

**Project Difficulty:** easy to moderate

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

**Basecamp:** at Trailhead

**Hiking during the day:** up to 3.5 miles round trip

**Meeting time and place:** 9 am at Red Canyon Trailhead on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

**Plan for Trail work:** We will meet at the trailhead and camping area at 9 am. We will start working from the trailhead. We will end early to set up basecamp. On the 21st we will have a full day of trail work. On the 22nd we will do any additional trail work needed and then drive home in the afternoon.

### **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:** We will provide jugs of water at base camp or filter the water from the creek. Good water is not guaranteed where we will be working, so bring a 3-quart water capacity.

**What you will need to bring:** See packing list below – 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/basecamp. There may be occasional service along the high part of the trail. Cell service is intermittent along the drive to the trailhead.

**Vehicle Requirement:** 2wd medium clearance unless muddy. If the road is muddy, we will do a trail project elsewhere since the road has lots of slippery clay in critical areas.

**Elevation:** 6000 ft up to 6800 feet

**Nearest Town:** Alma and Glenwood are the nearest towns. Silver City is the closest 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 short but nice hike into Mineral Creek. It offers another option for accessing Mineral Creek.

**Directions:**

**From Silver City:** It takes about 2 hours. Take Highway 180 west 67.4 miles. You will pass by Alma just before turning on to Deep Creek Ranch Road (also may be labeled Claremont Road). Stay on this road for 4.1 miles. Then take a left to stay on this same road. Continue for 0.9 miles. Then turn right on Copper Creek Road and drive for 6.6 miles to the trailhead. I will send additional directions just before the trail project.

**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.*

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

9 am - 9:30 am - Introductions, paperwork, work objectives, safety talk. .  
9:30 am - 12 pm - Trail maintenance  
12:00 – 12:30 pm - lunch.  
12:30– 3 pm –Trail maintenance  
3 – 4 pm – Set up basecamp

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8 am - Breakfast  
9 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk  
9 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance  
12 – 12:30 pm – Lunch  
12:30 – 3:30 pm – trail work until we are done, and then pack up camp and drive home

## 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.