



Spring 2026 Gila Trail Projects

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

Ring Canyon Trail #162 Between # 163 and #789

Date: March 9th – 13th, 2026

Trail Work: Brushing

Project Difficulty: Moderate

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/61ME10P>

Hike to Basecamp: 5 miles

Hiking during the day: up to 5 miles

Meeting time and place: Woody's Corral at 9:30 am on March 9th. Note that the Daylight Saving time change is the day before. 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 breakfasts and dinners if you prefer.
 - o Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.
- **Water:** Please bring your own water for the hike to base camp. We will have water packed in for us to drink during the project. There is no water along the trail, 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 alternative heat source, tools, hard hats, trail, safety training, project supervision, and a first aid kit with Wilderness First Responder-trained personnel.

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

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd



Elevation: 5500 - 7200

Nearest Town: Silver City

Weather: Come prepared with layers. Mornings and evenings will be chilly. We will have a tent with a wood stove or an alternative heat source. Days will likely be warm – perfect trail work weather.

Why This Trail: This trail is a great loop option when combined with Little Creek. It also provides access to multiple areas in the Gila Wilderness, including Little Springs and McKenna Park. We worked on this trail in 2019, and it needs some touch-up brushing to keep it easily passable.

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 0.5 miles to Woody's Corral Trailhead. You have gone too far if you cross the bridge and see the Scorpion Campgrounds.

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

Sunday March 8th

Optional camping at Woody's Corral Trailhead. Please bring your own food. There is water available at the trailhead.

Monday, March 9th

9:30 am - 10 am - Introductions, work objectives, safety Talk, and gear check. Turn in food and gear for horse packers.
10:00 am - Begin a 5-mile backpack to base camp.
1:00 pm - Set up camp and eat lunch.
2:30 pm - Trail Maintenance
4 pm – return to camp

Tuesday, March 10th – Thursday, March 12th

8 am - Breakfast
8:30 – 12 pm – Trail maintenance
12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch
12:30 - 4 pm - Trail maintenance
4:00 – Return to camp

Friday, March 13th

8 am - Breakfast
8:30 am – 9:30 am - Pack up camp and personal gear
9:30 am - Begin backpacking to the trailhead
1:30 pm – Drive home

Packing List: last page

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Pack List

<p>Camping</p> <p>___ Waterproofing for all gear (trash bags & ziplocks)</p> <p>___ Tent &/or tarp</p> <p>___ Ground cloth</p> <p>___ Sleeping pad</p> <p>___ Warm Sleeping bag</p> <p>___ Headlamp</p> <p>___ Extra headlamp batteries</p> <p>___ Backpacking Backpack</p> <p>Clothing</p> <p>___ Long underwear top and bottom</p> <p>___ Warm hat or buff</p> <p>___ Warm gloves (for cool mornings)</p> <p>___ Socks & underwear</p> <p>___ Sleep socks (always stay dry)</p> <p>___ Short sleeve shirt</p> <p>___ 2 pairs work pants (must be long pants) (extra is in case other is wet or ripped)</p> <p>___ 2 Long sleeve work shirts (for thick brush, sun protection & sudden temperature drops)</p> <p>___ Warm top and bottom layers – No Cotton – Wool or synthetic only</p> <p>___ Warm Jacket</p> <p>___ Camp shoes/sandals/water shoes</p> <p>___ Durable Raincoat</p> <p>___ Rain pants</p> <p>___ Sleep clothes (especially if we are working in poison ivy)</p>	<p>Personal</p> <p>___ Personal toiletry items & TP</p> <p>___ Knife / Leatherman</p> <p>___ Lighter</p> <p>___ Sunscreen</p> <p>___ Hand sanitizer</p> <p>___ Personal drink cup/coffee mug</p> <p>___ Lunches and snacks</p> <p>___ Food (see project description above)</p> <p>Work</p> <p>___ Sturdy boots or trail work appropriate shoes</p> <p>___ 3-quart water capacity minimum</p> <p>___ Heavy-duty work gloves</p> <p>___ Eye protection/sunglasses</p> <p>Optional</p> <p>___ Bowl and utensil</p> <p>___ Book</p> <p>___ Shorts (for camp)</p> <p>___ Chapstick</p> <p>___ Whistle</p> <p>___ Maps and GPS</p> <p>___ 1st aid kit</p> <p>___ Bandana</p> <p>___ Alarm clock</p> <p>___ Camp chair</p> <p>___ Soap (Biodegradable)</p> <p>___ Hiking Poles</p> <p>___ Backpacking pillow</p>
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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.