



2026 Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome

No trail work experience necessary

Scenic Trail # 796

***Day Project ***

Date: Nov 10th, 2026

Trail Work: Tread with some brushing

Project Difficulty: moderate

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/HG5V6A4#>

Hiking during the day: 4.5 miles

Project Description: We will meet at Emory Pass

Overlook. We will work from there downhill

towards the other trailhead. There will be vehicles already parked at the bottom to shuttle us back up to Emory Pass.



Meeting Time and Place: 9 am on Nov 10th at Emory Pass. See directions below. Emory Pass is about 1 hour from Silver City and 1.5 hours from Las Cruces.

Project contact: Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

What you will need to bring:

- sturdy boots/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 and sunhat,
- 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 a first aid kit with Wilderness First Responder-trained personnel.

Phone service: There is some cell reception at Emory Pass Overlook, but service is intermittent during our trail project.

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd

Elevation: 6300 to 8200

Weather: Mornings will be cool, while daytime may be warm. Emory Pass is always extra windy, but once we are on the trail, the wind should be a lot less.

Nearest Town: Silver City, NM, and T or C are equal drive times from Emory Pass.

Camping optional: Iron Creek Campground. You must bring all your camping gear, food, and water.

Why This Trail: It offers expansive views.

Directions from Silver City: Take Hwy 180 East. Turn right on Hwy152. Stay on hwy 152 for about 30 miles until you arrive at Emory Pass

Schedule:

Schedules are flexible and dependent on the condition and energy level of the volunteers. Frequent breaks are encouraged. We encourage volunteers to work within their limitations and take care of themselves during the project. Please check the weather in your project area before leaving for the project and pack accordingly.

Tuesday, Nov 10th

9 am Meet at Emory Pass

9 – 9:30 am Introductions, Job Hazard Analysis, Volunteer Agreements

9:30 Begin trail work.

4 pm. Be back at the Emory Pass Trailhead