



2026 Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome

No trail work experience necessary

Gallinas # 129, Railroad # 128, Crest # 79 & Hillsboro Bypass Trail

Date: Sept 10 -13, 2026

Trail Work Description: Brushing, hedge trimmer and logging

Project Difficulty: Moderate

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/085JC1G>

Backpack to base camp: 4.25 miles

Hike during the day: up to 7 miles

Meeting Place /Time: 8:30 am at [Upper Gallinas Campground](#)

Plan for Trail work: Hikers and equine-riders will all meet the Upper Gallinas Campground. Hikers will pass off 40 lbs or less of personal gear to be packed in and then drive to the Railroad Trailhead to start hiking in. The packers will ride from Gallinas Campground, packing into the hiker basecamp. The hikers will start hiking in with tools and once they are past the East Railroad Trail junction, the hikers will start brushing and hedge trimming the trail. Once at basecamp, hikers will set up camp and work from there – clearing towards Hillsboro Peak Via the Crest Trail. Packers will ride back to Upper Gallinas Campground and basecamp there for the rest of the project, riding up each day to log. On day 2 &3, hikers will continue working towards Hillsboro Peak and work on the Hillsboro Bypass Trail. On the last day, Day 4. the hikers will clear and hike out via the Crest and Gallinas Trail. The packers will pack out the hikers backpacking gear to the trailhead.

RSVP: Melissa Green at 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 water for the first day - working to base camp. We will provide jugs of water at base camp. There is no water on the trail where we will work, so bring 4-quarts water capacity.

Equine Camping: [Upper Gallinas Campground](#): There are pit toilets but no potable water at the campground. The Campground is first come, first serve. Those with horses will ride from the campground. There is no potable water at the campgrounds. Please bring water jugs, if camping. Upper Gallinas campground has a creek next to it that is hopefully running. The water would need to be treated.

What you will need to bring: See packing list below

We will provide: Tools, hard hats, trail and safety training, project supervision, and first aid kit with Wilderness First Aid trained personnel.

Phone service: There is some cell reception at along the Crest Trail and Hillsboro Bypass trail. There is little to no service along the other trails.

Vehicle Requirement: 2wd - all the driving is on the highway.

Nearest Town: T or C and Silver City

Elevation: 7,000 to 9,660

Weather: Be prepared with layers. Rain is possible.

Why this Trail: These trails and trail loops are easy access since it starts at the highway. It is located close to multiple towns and cities including Las Cruces, Silver City, T or C, Mimbres, Deming, and others. These trails can be used by hikers, backpackers, hunters, horse riders, fishermen, and more. This is a continuation of our trail work over the past few years

Directions: From Silver City: Take HWY 180 east. Turn left on Hwy 152. Stay on HWY 152 for about 26.8 miles to go to Upper Gallinas Campground which is on the left. For Railroad Campground go another .88 miles and then turn left at a curve in the road.

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

Wednesday, Sept 9th

Optional Camping before the project for Hikers: [Upper Gallinas](#), or [Railroad](#) or [Iron Creek](#) Campground. There are pit toilets but no potable water at the campground. The Campground is first come, first serve.

Thursday, Sept 10th

8:30 am - Meet at the Upper Gallinas campground for introductions, work objectives, safety talk and turn in gear to horse packers
9:30 am – 12:00 pm – Drive to Railroad Trailhead. Then start hiking and working up the trail.
12 -12:30 – Lunch
1:30pm-4pm – Trail maintenance and set up camp

Friday, Sept 11th to Saturday Sept 12th

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 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance
4 – return to camp

Sunday, Sept 13th

7:30 – 8 am - Breakfast
7:30 am – 8:30 am - Pack up camp and personal gear
8:30 am - Trail maintenance as we work our way back to the trailhead via the Crest and Gallinas Trails
4 pm – Drive home

Packing list: see last page....

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Packing 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
- ___ 4-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.