



2026 Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome
No trail work experience necessary

Upper Mogollon Creek Trail #177 & Nearby Trails

Date: October 3 - 9, 2026

Trail Work: Logging, brushing, tread work and trail marking.

Project Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/GR9246T>

Who: Invite only due to distance to basecamp and amount of pack support.

Hike/Ride to Base Camps: 16.25 miles to base camp 1 and
5.5 miles to base camp 2. See map.

Hiking during the day: up to 9 miles

Meeting time and place: Woody's Corral at 8:00 am on October 3rd. See directions below.

Plan for Trail work: We will have horse feed packed into Little Springs before the project starts.

- Day 1: Pack/hike into McKenna Springs (Basecamp 1).
- Day 2: Hikers do logging and spot tread to Turnbo (basecamp 2). The packers will pack the hikers gear to the Turnbo camp and then ride back to McKenna Spring where they will camp for the rest of the project.
- Day 3 – 5 – Hikers will clear Turnbo and Upper Mogollon Creek Trail upstream of Turnbo – connect with the work done this spring. During Day 3 or 4, packers go back to Little Spring to get more horse feed
- Day 6: Packers move hikers back to McKenna Springs while hikers do trail work in McKenna Park as the need is determined
- Day 7: Return to the Trailhead

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. There will be the option to filter water along the way. At basecamp, we will be filtering from the creek and spring.

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

We will provide: Tent with a wood stove, tools, hard hats, trail, and safety training, project supervision, pack support daily, 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 - 8400

Nearest Town: Silver City

Weather: Come prepared with layers. Rain is possible. Mornings and evenings will be chilly. We will have a tent with wood stove. Days will likely be warm.

Why This Trail: This trail creates a loop option. Most of the trails in the loop option and other day adventures in the area have already been improved. Upper Mogollon Creek trail has significantly deferred maintenance.

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.

Friday, October 2nd

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

Saturday, October 3rd

8 - 9 am - Introductions, work objectives, safety Talk, and gear check. Turn in food and gear for horse packers.

9:00 am - Begin a 16-mile hike to base camp.

4 pm - Set up camp.

Sunday, October 4th to Thursday October 8th

See the schedule listed under Trail Project Plan above.

Friday, October 9th

7 - Breakfast
7:30 am – 8:30 am - Pack up camp and personal gear
8:30 am - Begin a 16-mile hike to the trailhead.
5 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/water shoes ___ 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
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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.