

## Trail Projects in the Gila - Adventures that makes a Difference

Gila Back Country Horsemen (Gila BCH) partners with other volunteer trail organizations to enhance the enjoyment and safety of both locals' and tourists' Gila experience. Here is a snapshot of what trail projects look like.

We all meet at the trailhead. For overnight trail projects, horses and mules pack in the back country kitchen, tools, and some of our gear. We backpack into our base camp where we set up camp for 3 days to a week.



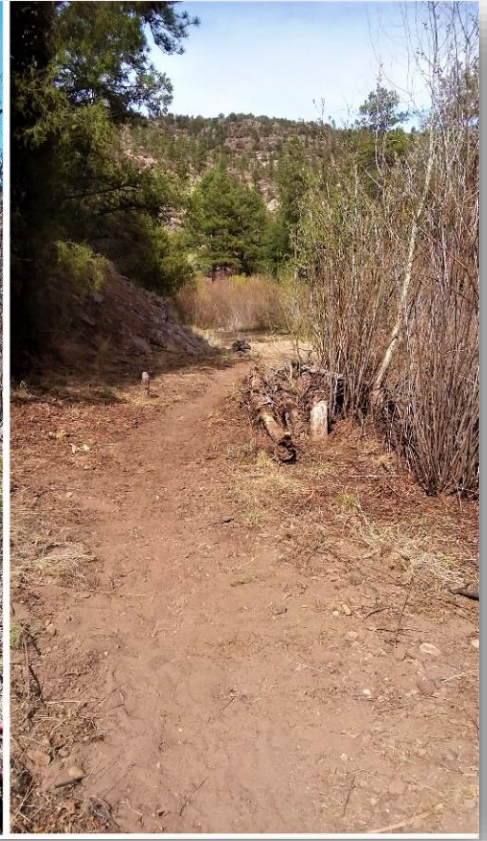
No previous trail work experience is needed to volunteer on a trail project. All the trail maintenance techniques, skills, and safety training happens while on the trail project. Volunteers work at their own pace and take breaks whenever needed.

Gila BCH is committed to protecting the access of equestrians to public lands and devoted equestrians who love to ride and explore new trails. We plan and lead trail maintenance and improvement projects, keeping trails clear for **all user groups**.

Each trail needs different improvements and below summarizes the variety of work we do.



Brushing so that the trail is visible and passable:



Logging:



Tread work:



Sign Installation and Trail Marking:



Crosscutting:



Working together to get thing done.



But there is more than just working hard on the trail.

You meet other like-minded people and expanding community:



Enjoying the views and being in nature. Seeing new places to explore another time.



And enjoy yummy food made by volunteer cooks.





### Current Trail work Accomplishments

[www.gilabch.org/highlighted-trail-work](http://www.gilabch.org/highlighted-trail-work)

Gila BCH trail work accomplishments in 2021:

- 130 miles of trails significantly improved,
- over 1700 logs removed,
- extensive brushing and tread work,
- over 7500 volunteer hours.

