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## Volunteer Opportunities

### Cuba Trail Support ( ↖ - ↗ )

**Saturday, September 12 through Sunday, September 13, 2009**

Leader: John Thomas, (505) 298-5234, [jt87111@comcast.net](mailto:jt87111@comcast.net)



This project is being sponsored by “Step into Cuba”, a health-oriented program of walkways, trails, and physical activity in the town of Cuba. On Saturday we will be building some Cuba municipal trails. On Sunday we will have a chance to preview a route for the Continental Divide Trail out of Cuba. The Sandoval County Fairgrounds will be our base and campground. It has an area for tents, flush toilets, potable water and a covered area for cooking. The fairgrounds are just off County Route 11, near the intersection with Rodeo Road. As you come into Cuba from Albuquerque, turn right onto County Road 11; go south about 1 ½ mi, and then turn right onto Rodeo Road at the Fairgrounds entrance. (The US Forest Service Cuba Ranger District office is on County Road 11.) It will be open by mid-afternoon on Friday, Sept 11. I will email

participants an entry code to gain access to the Fairgrounds. I will try to send out a list of attendees so that if anyone would like to carpool, he or she can contact other participants.

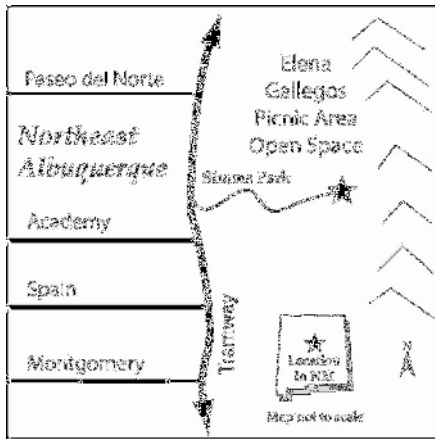
The NMVFO will provide all meals on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Breakfast will be around 7:00 AM. Bring work gear (long pants, long-sleeved shirt, work gloves, hat, boots, sunscreen, etc) and water bottles. For meals, please bring your own dish and eating utensils. The weather may be cool or rainy so I recommend that you have some shelter such as a tent or RV. In addition to your usual camping gear, please bring chairs for a Saturday night program. The land agency representative (or project manager) is Dick Kozoll, (575) 289-3594, and cell (505) 249-5733.

### Pino Trail ( ↖ )

**Saturday, September 19, 2009**

Leaders: Bill Velasquez and Charlie Robino, (505) 292-6030 (h), [bill@rabbit.org](mailto:bill@rabbit.org)

The blush of the prickly pear set against the darkening hue of the scrub oak acorns is unmistakably upon us. Autumn is rising to kiss the sky and lead out old man winter as he readies to steal the day. Summer’s fiery warmth is taking more time off with each passing day. You have labored hard this



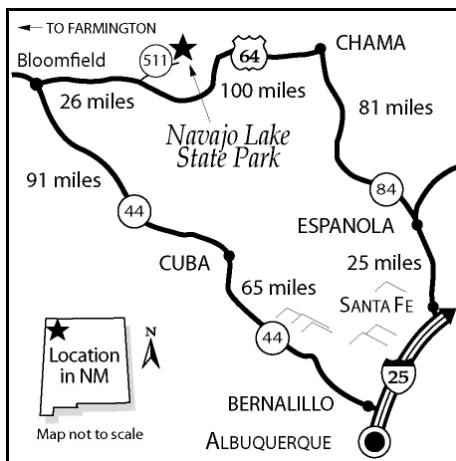
season in many remote places and honed your skills. Now it is time to release your experience on our adopted trail! Join us on this “backyard project” where you will have the liberty to put into practice everything you have learned. We will be concentrating on a turn reconstruction approximately two miles in from the trailhead. Along the way, there is plenty of general maintenance to be done; including lopping, trimming, water bar repair, check dam installation, and widening. We will meet at the Elena Gallegos Picnic area at 8:30 AM. We will split into two groups with the heavier work being done at the landing construction. The length of the hike in will vary depending on which group you work with, but will be no less than 4 miles. You are welcome to join us for all day or just the morning. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and your own

lunch. Dress in layers and bring rain gear. Project is limited to 15 volunteers. Volunteers should contact Bill Velasquez for more project specific information at 505-292-6030 or [bill@rabbit.org](mailto:bill@rabbit.org).

### Navajo Lake State Park (↖ ↗)

**Saturday, September 26 through Sunday, September 27, 2009**

Leader: Kevin Balciar, (505) 293-1477, [kevin@soleilwest.com](mailto:kevin@soleilwest.com)



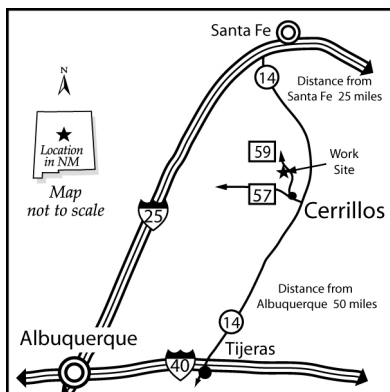
The cottonwood trees along the San Juan River will be in full color when this project starts and there will be no better time to be at Navajo Lake State Park. We begin work at 8:00 AM on Saturday and work through Sunday morning. We will do routine trail maintenance on the river trails and place signage throughout the park. The work will be light duty although some hiking distance will be required.

Dinner will be provided by the NMVFO Saturday evening and a light breakfast will also be provided Sunday morning. Bring sunscreen, day packs, water bottles and your lunch on Saturday. Please contact the project leader by September 20 if you plan on attending. [Kevin@soleilwest.com](mailto:Kevin@soleilwest.com) or 505-293-1477.

### Cerrillos Hills (↖ ↗)

**Saturday, October 3, 2009**

Leader: Pat Collins, (505) 473-1544, [collinspat47@comcast.net](mailto:collinspat47@comcast.net)



Come join us at Cerrillos Hills State Park for a one-day project. We have a few possibilities in mind. The Escalante trail entrance leading up from the road has some major drainage problems that will require lots of earthmoving and rockwork. Two sections of trail need to be closed properly so they don't look like trails anymore. If we can get the clearances, there is a section of the Elkins trail to re-route. The Hills are in pinyon-juniper country, with shallow rocky soils, and very little shade, so bring a big hat. Also your lunch, gloves, plenty of water and a sense of humor - the park manager likes to have fun.

Directions: From State Road 14, turn into the village of Cerrillos. At the first stop sign, turn right. The road will wind north through the village until it turns to dirt at the cattle guard. Bear left here to continue up County Road 57. About 1/4 mile up, there is a large parking lot on the left where we will meet at 8:00 AM. VFO signs will be there. The park's phone number is 474-0196.

## Share your Photos

Photographs taken of your project can be shared via a slide show in the Projects Page of our website. Select a dozen of your most interesting shots, write captions for each, and send them to Lowell Hioki ([Lhioki@msn.com](mailto:Lhioki@msn.com)). To see the slide shows, go to the Projects Page, and click on "Click Here for the NMVFO 2009 Projects and Slide Shows". Clicking on a project will bring up the details for the project and a link for a slide show if one exists. Many thanks to the project leaders and/or photographers who have submitted photos to share!

## Reminders for Project Volunteers

Volunteers should bring their own eating gear: plate, cup and utensils. After meals, volunteers should help with cleanup, both your own as well as the cooking gear. *Remember, just like you, our cooks are all volunteers and a thank you for a meal well done helps keep them cooking for us.* Volunteers should also bring a camp chair.

## Need Camping Equipment?

VFO has a dome tent, a 0° sleeping bag and foam mattress pad available on a first-come, first-served basis; check with the project leader if you want to borrow them. Another source is REI, in Albuquerque near I-25 and Montano and in Santa Fe at the Railyard; they have a wealth of camping (and other) equipment for rent, including tents, sleeping bags, and sleeping pads.



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May we send you our newsletter by email? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate what information above we may include in our posting of your name in the Members-Only section of our website.

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