

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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## New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors

### NMVFO 2009 Project Season

Revised: 2/24/2009

#### Piedra Lisa South



Saturday, March 7, 2009

Leader: Bill Velasquez & Kaisa Lappalainen (505) 881-0555(W)  
bvelasquez@gardnerzemke.com

Kick off the season in the Sandia Wilderness. We will be doing tread work and maintaining a protected species closure.

#### NMVFO Spring Kick-off Party

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Leader: Kevin Balciar (505) 293-1477  
kevin@soleilwest.com

Join us for three hours of socializing & previewing NMVFO's 2009 project season. Food & refreshments will be served.

#### Manzanos Waterer



Saturday, April 11, 2009

Leader: Barbara Hoehne (505) 227-1673  
nymphaea123@msn.com

Install a 3,500 gallon inverted umbrella tank & drinker for bighorn sheep and deer in the Manzano Mountains.

#### Mt. Taylor Continental Divide Trail (CDT)



Saturday, April 18 through Sunday, April 19, 2009

Leader: Jason Koschmeder & Heather Gordon (505) 265-4358, 842-7851  
thekosh@netzero.com

Help us build a new section of the CDT at Mt. Taylor, which will connect several miles of recently constructed segment.

#### Introduction to Volunteer Trail Maintenance

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Leader: Bill Velasquez (505) 881-0555(W) 292-6030(H)  
bvelasquez@gardnerzemke.com

New to trail maintenance? Join us for a classroom portion of trail maintenance workshop at REI in Santa Fe and learn the basics.

#### Introduction to Volunteer Trail Maintenance

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Leader: Bill Velasquez (505) 881-0555(W) 292-6030(H)  
bvelasquez@gardnerzemke.com

New to trail maintenance? Join us for a classroom portion of trail maintenance workshop at REI in Albuquerque and learn the basics.

#### Pines Trail



Saturday, April 25, 2009

Leader: Heather Gordon (505) 842-7851  
heather.c.gordon@saic.com

This trail has not had any comprehensive trail work for many years. We will work from the East and towards the West.

#### Trail Maintenance Workshop: Trail Work Day



Saturday, May 2, 2009

Leader: Bill Velasquez; Sign up by contacting REI (505) 247-1191  
nmvfo@live.com

Help with general maintenance in the Sandia mountains & foothills. Attendance at the classroom portion is NOT required for this project.

#### Jemez State Monument



Saturday, May 9 through Sunday, May 10, 2009

Leader: Ruth Hartswick (505) 294-3551  
lhartswick@earthlink.net

Improve the trail along Church Creek from the Monument into Church Canyon.

#### Crest Trail Backpack in Gila National Forest



Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25, 2009

Leader: Bill Velasquez (505) 881-0555 (W) (505) 292-6030 (H)  
bvelasquez@gardnerzemke.com

An unsupported backpack on the Crest Trail in the Gila NF; we will continue the dead fall removal we started last year!

#### Gila River Backpack



Sunday, May 24 through Saturday, May 30, 2009

Leader: Ray Peale (505) 473-9670  
trpeale@msn.com

We'll be maintaining an access trail to the Gila River and the Nation's first Wilderness Area. Join us for a remote camping experience.

#### National Trails Day (NTD)



Saturday, June 6, 2009

Leader: Lowell Hioki (505) 474-0913  
Lhioki@msn.com

Join us in the cool mountains amongst the pines in Hyde Memorial State Park outside Santa Fe for routine maintenance on NTD.

#### Sugarite Canyon State Park



Saturday, June 13 through Sunday, June 14, 2009

Leader: Barbara Hoehne (505) 227-1673  
nymphaea123@msn.com

Visit a great state park to build a small bridge, take up barbed wire, and maintain trails.

#### Pecos Backpack XVI



Saturday, June 13 through Sunday, June 21, 2009

Leader: Kevin Balciar (505) 293-1477  
kevin@soleilwest.com

We'll be in the heart of the Pecos Wilderness near Rito Azul and Trail Riders Wall. Join us for 9 days or just a few.

#### Signal Peak Continental Divide Trail (CDT)



Friday, June 19 through Monday, June 22, 2009

Leader: Wayne Brown (575) 538-3648  
waynebrown@gmail.com

Work with us on the CDT on a reroute that includes cutting new tread, sawing, lopping, and building water bars and dips.

#### San Pedro Park Backpack



Friday, July 10 through Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Leader: John Thomas (505) 298-5234  
Jt87111@comcast.net

Join us in performing trail maintenance in the wilderness with good companions, great food & coyote serenades.

#### Rio Chama Raft Trip



Friday, July 17 through Sunday, July 19, 2009

Leader: Deborah Radcliffe (505) 255-4960  
dradcliffe@salud.unm.edu

We'll build rock steps to access campsites along the river. This wonderful experience of rafting and camping is limited to 8.

#### East Fork Spurs Trail



Saturday, July 18 through Sunday, July 19, 2009

Leader: Phyllis Martinez (575) 829-3535 ext 3116  
pamartinez202@fs.fed.us

We'll continue to improve the west spur trail that leads hikers down to the East Fork of the Jemez River.

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**NMVFO Summer Social**

Sunday, July 26, 2009  
 Leader: Kevin Balciar (505) 293-1477  
 kevin@soleilwest.com

Join us for three hours of socializing and sharing experiences. Food and refreshments will be served.

**Alamo Spring Trail**

Saturday, August 1 through Sunday, August 2, 2009  
 Leader: Phyllis Martinez (575) 829-3535 ext 3116  
 pamartinez02@fs.fed.us

We'll begin trail maintenance on the west end of this trail working our way to the Bandalier National Monument boundary.

**Santa Barbara Backpack**

Thursday, August 20 through Tuesday, August 25, 2009  
 Leader: Amy Ross  
 AmyRoss505@gmail.com

**Gavilan / Manzanita / Yerba Trails**

Saturday, August 29 through Sunday, August 30, 2009  
 Leader: Lowell Hioki (505) 474-0913  
 Lhioki@msn.com

Heavy-duty work is required on the steep sections of one or more of these trails in Hondo Canyon.

**Cuba Trail Support**

Saturday, September 12 through Sunday, September 13, 2009  
 Leader: John Thomas (505) 298-5234  
 Jt87111@comcast.net

On Saturday, we work on Cuba NM trails; Sunday, we explore the future Continental Divide Trail (CDT) that will go through Cuba.

**Pino Trail**

Saturday, September 19, 2009  
 Leader: Bill Velasquez & Charlie Robino (505) 881-0555(W) 292-6030(H)  
 bvelasquez@gardnerzemke.com

Help us with general maintenance on NMVFO's adopted trail in the Sandia Wilderness. We will perform general tread work.

**Navajo Lake State Park**

Saturday, September 26 through Sunday, September 27, 2009  
 Leader: Kevin Balciar (505) 293-1477  
 kevin@soleilwest.com

When the cottonwoods turn gold, the NMVFO gathers at the San Juan River to complete our yearly trail maintenance.

**Cerrillos Hills**

Saturday, October 3, 2009  
 Leader: Pat Collins (505) 473-1544  
 collinspat47@comcast.net

Join the NMVFO at Cerrillos Hills for a day of work on the Escalante Trail and other projects.

**Chaco Culture National Historical Park**


Saturday, October 17 through Sunday, October 18, 2009  
 Leader: Amy Ross  
 AmyRoss505@gmail.com

Answer Chaco Culture NHP's call! Volunteers are needed to help with maintenance in this serene and beautiful sacred place.

**Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge**

Saturday, October 24 through Sunday, October 25, 2009  
 Leader: Barbara Hoehne (505) 227-1673  
 nymphaea123@msn.com

Help prepare for the Festival of the Cranes with trail maintenance, clearing viewing decks, and other projects.

 "Pulaski ratings"; 1 (easiest) to 3 (hardest) are an indicator of the difficulty level of a project. Most projects will have a wide variety of energy levels, so there will be a level for you.

Since 1982 the New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors have been recruiting people like you to volunteer for service projects that benefit trails and other recreational sites in national and state parks, forests, monuments, wilderness areas, city open space areas, and other public lands. The projects scheduled this year help counteract federal, state, and local budget cutbacks for the maintenance of these valuable resources. NMVFO is a 501(c)3 all volunteer nonprofit organization.

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