



Volunteer Opportunities

New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors

2015 Project Season



Revised: 7-26-15

Via Posada Open Space Trail Network

Saturday, February 7

Leader: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, LawRBenson@aol.com

Build a sustainable new trail for ABQ Open Space in this joint project to help a member of Boy Scout Troop 6 qualify as an Eagle Scout

Piedra Lisa Trail

Saturday, March 7

Leader: Bill Velasquez, 505-225-5774, nmvfo@live.com

Help the Friends of Piedra Lisa with trail maintenance and erosion control and enjoy the stunning views

Spanish Corral Trail, Quarai Mission Ruins

Saturday, March 14

Leader: Cindy King, 607-222-5184, awarriorchild@aol.com

Spend a day restoring a trail at the fascinating Quarai Mission Ruins of Salina National Monument.

Trail Workshop Class

Thursday Evening, March 19

Leader: Cindy King, 607-222-5184, awarriorchild@aol.com.

Join us at 6:30 PM at REI Albuquerque for a classroom introduction to trail construction and maintenance

Trail Workshop Practical

Saturday, March 21

Leader: Cindy King, 607-222-5184, awarriorchild@aol.com.

Hands-on training in trail construction, maintenance, and repair.

Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, March 28

Leader: Chris Fritzsche, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com

Help us restore and maintain the largest, undeveloped space in Albuquerque as we continue our efforts turn it into a wildlife refuge.

Cerrillos Hills State Park

Saturday, April 11

CANCELLED

Agency could not support due to staffing changes

Saint Peter's Dome Trail

Saturday April 25

Leader: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, LawRBenson@aol.com

After meeting at the Cochiti store and carpooling to the trailhead, we'll hike into the Dome Wilderness to repair and restore trails

Chain of Craters

Saturday, May 2 thru Sunday May 3

Leader: Jim Scanlon, 505-385-0517, Scanlon.jim@gmail.com

Come help us maintain and repair the Continental Divide Trail where it winds through the cinder cones south of Grants.

Cottonwood Loop Trail

Saturday, May 16 through Sunday, May 17

Leader: Jeremy Pollaro, 505-702-6988, jeremypollaro@gmail.com

Chris Fritzsche, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com

Help us open new trail into the bosque up-river from the Kuaua Pueblo at. Traditional adobe work for those who prefer it.

Mineral Creek Trail Backpack

Thursday May 21 thru Monday, May 25

Leaders: Deborah Radcliffe, 505-255-4960, nmvfotrailworker@gmail.com

Mark Kimmel, 505 239-8240, m.kimmel@amigo.net

Help restore this lovely Gila National Forest trail; base camp near historic Cooney, NM. Limited to 12 volunteers, preference to NMVFO members

Rio Chama Rafting Adventure

Friday, June 5 thru Sunday, June 7

Leader: Mike Myers, 505 620-4525, michael_myers@q.com,

Raft and kayak down the Rio Chama, build stone steps to a primitive campsite. Limited to 8 volunteers; preference given to NMVFO members

Return to Spring Mountain Backpack

Thursday, June 11 thru Monday June 15

Leader: Deborah Radcliffe, 505-255-4960, nmvfotrailworker@gmail.com

Join us to clear deadfall on the Skyline Trail north of Spring Mountain

Capulin Trail

Saturday, June 20 thru Sunday, June 21

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Crest Trail, White Mountain Wilderness

Saturday, July 11 thru Sunday, July 12

Leader: Jim Scanlon, 505-385-0517, Scanlon.jim@gmail.com

Camp with us at 10,000 feet. Grooming and improving a mile stretch of trail with spectacular views of Sierra Blanca and the Tularosa Basin

Cow Lake Backpack

Thursday, July 30 thru Monday, August 3

Leader: Colby Holland, 505-927-7781, colby.holland@gmail.com

Trail restoration project involving all aspects of trail maintenance in the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Study Area

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2015 Project Season (Continued)

Randall Davey Audubon Center ↗ to ↗↗

Saturday, August 1

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Dog Canyon Trail, Lincoln National Forest ↗↗

Saturday, September 19 thru Sunday September 20

Leader: Jim Scanlon, 505-385-0517, Scanlon.jim@gmail.com

Repair tread, brushing and install water bars on this historic trail that begins at Oliver Lee State Park just south of Alamogordo

Via Posada Open Space Trail Network ↗↗

Saturday, August 22

Leader: Mark Kimmel, 505 239-8240, m_kimmel@amigo.net

Return to another one-day project inside the Albuquerque city limits. Help us reroute some trails and maintain others.

Pino Trail ↗↗

Saturday, October 24

Leader: Chris Fritzsche, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com

Join us for our annual maintenance and repair of NMVFO's Adopt-A-Trail in the Sandia Wilderness.

Sugarite State Park ↗↗

Friday, August 28 thru Sunday August 30

Leader: Chris Fritzsche, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com

Camp two nights. Install water bars, clean up and fill washed out areas. Re-work trail bed, divert run-off, cut down hazard trees

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge ↗

Saturday, October 31

Leader: Judy Fair-Spaulding, 505-821-9296, calljudy@gmail.com

Help us restore habitat for some of New Mexico's most endangered bird species.

Capulin Trail ↗↗

Saturday, September 12

Leader: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, LawRBenson@aol.com

After camping (optional) at Graduation Flats, we'll carpool to the trailhead and finish restoring the trail to Bandelier in scenic Capulin Canyon

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park ↗ to ↗↗

Saturday, November 7 thru Sunday November 8

Leader: Mark Kimmel, 505 239-8240, m_kimmel@q.com.

Trail maintenance, fence-line repair, and riparian habitat restoration

For more information and updates about projects, visit www.nmvfo.org/projects. Visit our Frequently Asked Questions page, www.nmvfo.org/volunteer-faq for what to expect on a project. A parent or guardian must accompany all minors. Pets are not permitted on projects. Contact the Project Leader for more information about a specific project.

Pulaski ratings: These ratings are general guidelines; project work requirements may vary widely. A Pulaski is a firefighting tool that we use often in trail maintenance and construction.

↗ Project is suitable for a wide range of abilities, with a moderate work level, may include a short hike, usually something for almost everyone.

↗↗ Project has more physically challenging work activities, may require hiking with some elevation change.

↗↗↗ Project will require a more strenuous hike with significant elevation change and more physically challenging activities.

Since 1982 the New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors (NMVFO) 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 maintain these valuable resources. NMVFO is a 501(c) 3 all volunteer nonprofit organization.