



Volunteer Opportunities

New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors

2018 Project Season



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Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge (FWS) ↗

Saturday, February 17

Leaders: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, lawrbenson@aol.com
Erin & John Salinas, 406-781-1666, egaberla@gmail.com

Plant Gooddings Black Willows and Cottonwoods to restore riparian habitat for Southwest Flycatcher and Yellow-billed Cuckoo.

Piedra Lisa Trail (Sandia RD) ↗↗

Saturday, March 3

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

Trail Workshop-Classroom ↗

Thursday Evening, March 15

Leaders: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, lawrbenson@aol.com
Chris Fritzsche, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com

Join us at 6:00 PM at REI Albuquerque for a classroom introduction to trail construction and maintenance

Trail Workshop-Field (ABQ Open Space) ↗

Saturday, March 17

Leaders: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, lawrbenson@aol.com
Chris Fritzsche, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com

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

Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge (FWS) ↗↗

Saturday, April 7

Leaders: Erin & John Salinas, 406-781-1666, egaberla@gmail.com
Co-leader: Chris Fritzsche, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com

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

Indian School Trail 401 (ABQ Open Space) ↗

Saturday, April 14

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

Help us help the ABQ Open Space re-route a badly eroded section of trail 401 at the Indian School Trailhead. Project limited to 15 volunteers.

Trout Creek (Glenwood RD) ↗↗

Friday, April 27 thru Sunday, April 29

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

Reopening an old trail and provide looping opportunities with Trout Creek Trail. Work will consist of tread reconstruction and brushing.

St. Peter's Dome (Jemez RD) ↗↗

Saturday, May 5

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

Help clear blowdown and large rocks from the trail corridor, repair trail tread and improve drainage

Devisadero Loop (Camino Real RD) ↗↗

Saturday, May 12 thru Sunday, May 13

Leader: Gena Robertson, 573-300-0853, genarobertson@hotmail.com

Build rolling dips, re-bench trail, repair steps, remove brush, add signs on trails along the scenic highroad to Taos near the town of Penasco

Gilita Trail (Glenwood RD) ↗↗

Thursday, May 24 thru Monday, May 28

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

Work along the Gilita Creek in the wilderness area of the Gila National Forest. We'll reconstruct trail, build cairns and remove fallen trees.

San Pedro Parks Wilderness (Cuba RD) ↗↗↗

Friday, May 25 thru Monday, May 28

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

This is an unsupported backpack project. Repair trail, improve drainage and remove fallen trees along the Palomas and Penas Negras Trails

Mora National Fish Hatchery (FWS) ↗↗

Saturday June 2 thru Sunday June 3

Leader: Gena Robertson, 573-300-0853, genarobertson@hotmail.com

Come out and help us blaze a half mile of new trail to complete the loop around the hatchery

Sugarite Canyon State Park ↗↗

Saturday, June 16 thru Sunday, June 17

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

Trail tread repair and erosion control along trails leading from the historic Coal Camp ruins to mines #2 and #3

Skyline Backpack (Santa Fe NF) ↗↗↗

Thursday, June 21 thru Monday, June 25

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

Trail tread repair and erosion control from Puerto Nambe to the saddle of Santa Fe Mount Baldy. Support provided by the Back Country Horseman

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2018 Project Season (Continued)

Hyde Memorial State Park

Saturday, July 14

Leader: Jon Blakey, 734-255-5251, jblakey102@gmail.com

Co-leader: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, jblackm99@yahoo.com

West Circle Trail needs work, from drainage and tread improvement to rock steps to tree removal to just a general cleanup

BLM Socorro Field Office

August

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

TBD, but project will be either at the Nature Center, the Box or Datil Well

Morphy Lake State Park

Saturday, 8 September thru Sunday, 9 September

Leader: TBD

We're going to turn a 3/4 mile user trail around the lake into a well-defined, sustainable trail, and install signage

Hermit's Peak (Las Vegas RD)

Friday, September 21 thru Sunday, September 23

Leader: Mike Timmer, 281-622-6858, mjtimmer52@gmail.com

Camp at the USFS El Porvenir campground near Las Vegas, NM and help us maintain the Hermit's Peak trail, named for a 19th century religious recluse who lived in a cave near the peak.

Ute Lake State Park

Saturday, October 6 thru Sunday, October 7

Leader: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, jblackm99@yahoo.com

We'll on the 2-mile network of primitive trails that wind through desert, in and out of arroyos, and along narrow canyons with views of the lake.

Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge Birthday (FWS)

Saturday, September 29

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

Valle de Oro's 6th Birthday Celebration from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Booth set up begins at 9:15 am

Pino Trail (Sandia RD)

Saturday, October 20

Leaders: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, jblackm99@yahoo.com

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

REI Opt Outside Events

Friday, November 23

Skip the Black Friday frenzy and go outside instead.

Visit your local REI Store or check <https://www.rei.com/learn.html> for events in your area for the day after Thanksgiving

Volunteer Appreciation Night

Saturday, December 1 (tentative)


Leader: TBD

Time: TBD, but likely 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: TBD

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 and; a project with a 3 Pulaski rating may include lesser rated activities; check with project leaders for specifics.

 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 strenuous hike with significant elevation change and more physically challenging activities.

*A Pulaski is a firefighting tool that often used in trail maintenance and construction.

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.