Volunteer Opportunities
New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors
2015 Project Season

Via Posada Open Space Trail Network
Saturday, February 7
Leader: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, LawRBenson@aol.com
Build a sustainable new trail for ABO 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 Fritzschke, 505-504-3788, fritzschke.christopher@gmail.com
Help us restore and maintain the largest, undeveloped space in Albuquerque as we continue our efforts to turn it into a wildlife refuge.

Cerrillos Hills State Park
Saturday, April 11
Canceled: Agency needs changed.

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 Fritzschke, 505-504-3768, fritzschke.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
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.

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.

Corralitos Trail
Friday, July 17 thru Sunday, July 19
Leader: Deborah Radcliffe, 505-255-4960, nmvfotrailworker@gmail.com
Help to restore this beautiful and neglected trail in San Pedro Parks Wilderness.

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2015 Project Season (Continued)

**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

**Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park to**
Saturday, October 3 thru Sunday, October 4
Leader: Jeremy Pollaro, 505-702-6988, jeremypollaro@gmail.com
Judy Fair-Spaulding, 505-821-9296, calljudy@gmail.com
Trail maintenance, fence-line repair, and riparian habitat restoration

**Randall Davey Audubon Center to**
Saturday, August 1
Leader: Chris Fritzsche, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com
Help us expand and maintain a trail network in this beautiful place.

**Log Canyon Trail Backpack**
Thursday, October 8 thru Monday, October 11
This project has been canceled.

**Sugarite State Park**
Friday, August 7 thru Sunday August 9
Leader: Colby Holland, 505-927-7781, colby.holland@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

**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.

**Via Posada Open Space Trail Network**
Saturday, August 22
Leader: Judy Fair-Spaulding, 505-821-9296, calljudy@gmail.com
Return to another one-day project inside the Albuquerque city limits. Help us reroute some trails and maintain others.

**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.

**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

For more information and updates about projects, visit [www.nmvfo.org/projects](http://www.nmvfo.org/projects). Visit our Frequently Asked Questions page, [www.nmvfo.org/volunteer-faq](http://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.