



Volunteer Opportunities

New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors

2016 Project Season



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Piedra Lisa Trail (Sandia RD) ↗↗

Saturday, March 5

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 Class ↗

Thursday Evening, March 17

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 Practical ↗

Saturday, March 19

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 ↗↗

Saturday, April 2

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

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

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

Datil Well Campground ↗↗

Saturday April 30 thru Sunday May 1

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

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

Trail re-route at this scenic, historic landmark near the Very Large Array in west central New Mexico.

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge ↗

Saturday, May 7

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

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

Help construct a new, more natural-looking "drinker" to provide water for a variety of wildlife in the area.

St Peter's Dome (Jemez RD) ↗↗↗

Saturday, May 14

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

We'll hike in a few miles and work on the middle portion of this scenic trail in the Dome Wilderness, adjacent to Bandelier National Monument affected by the Las Conchas Fire

Mineral Creek Backpack ↗↗↗ (Memorial Day)

Thursday, May 26 thru Monday, May 30

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

Join us as we continue to restore this lovely trail in the Gila National Forest. Limited to 12 volunteers preference to NMVFO members

(update) Rio Chama Rafting Adventure ↗↗↗

Friday, June 10 thru Sunday, June 12

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

(update) Guadalupe Escarpment Trail ↗↗

Friday, June 10 thru Sunday, June 12

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

We will have the opportunity to be the first to work on the new Guadalupe Escarpment Trail, an interagency effort linking the Guadalupe and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks and Guadalupe Forest Service District

Agua Piedra (Carson NF) ↗ to ↗↗

Friday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 26

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

Trail maintenance on several trails in the Carson National Forest. We will camp at Agua Piedra Campground east of Peñasco.

Quemado Lake ↗↗ (July 4th)

Friday July 1 thru Monday July 4

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

Come celebrate the 4th in the wilderness of the Apache National Forest about 20 miles south of Quemado. Limit of 12 volunteers.

Bluewater Lake State Park ↗↗

Saturday, July 16 thru Sunday, July 17

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

Build and repair trail tread, install timber shoring, create primitive stream crossings, build rolling dips to control water erosion

Sugarite State Park ↗↗

Saturday, August 13 thru Sunday August 14

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

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2016 Project Season (Continued)

Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument

Saturday, August 27 thru Sunday, August 28

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

Camp Saturday night then help us fix up the National Recreation and Veterans' Memorial Loop Trails among the slot canyons and hoodoos

Hermit's Peak (Pecos RD)

Thursday, September 8 thru Sunday September 11

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

Drive up for 1 day or all 5 and camp at the USFS El Porvenir campground near Las Vegas, NM. Help us maintain the Hermits Peak trail named for a 19th century religious recluse who lived in a cave near the peak.

(update) Capulin Trail (Jemez RD)

Saturday, September 17

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

Project cancelled due to agency scheduling conflict

Via Posada Open Space Trail Network

Saturday, September 24

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

Enjoy a one-day project within Albuquerque city limits. Help maintain trails & reroute badly eroded trails in this 40-acre open space.

(new) Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge Birthday

Saturday, September 24

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

Valle de Oro's 4th Birthday Celebration from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Booth set up begins at 9:15 am

(update) Pino Trail

Saturday, October 22

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

Last Chance Canyon

Friday, October 28 thru Sunday, October 30

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

There's nothing like clear and cool water running through these desert vistas. Help maintain this historic and scenic trail during the last project for the 2016 season.

Volunteer Appreciation Night

Saturday, December 3


RSVP to secretary@nmvfo.org

First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque,
3701 Carlisle Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110




6:00 to 9:00 pm

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) all volunteer nonprofit organization.