Volunteer Opportunities
New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors
2018 Project Season

**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.

**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

**Piedra Lisa Trail (Sandia RD)**
Saturday, March 3
Leader: Bill Velasquez, 505-225-5744, nmvfo@live.com
Help the Friends of Piedra Lisa with trail maintenance and erosion control and enjoy the stunning views

**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 highway to Taos near the town of Penasco

**Trail Workshop-Classroom**
Thursday Evening, March 15
Leader: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, lawrbenson@aol.com
Chris Fritzschke, 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

**Gila Trail (Glenwood RD)**
Thursday, May 24 thru Monday, May 28
Leader: Jim Scanlon, 505-385-0517, Scanlon.jim@gmail.com
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**Trail Workshop-Field (ABQ Open Space)**
Saturday, March 17
Leader: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, lawrbenson@aol.com
Chris Fritzschke, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com
Hands-on training in trail construction, maintenance, and repair.

**San Pedro Parks Wilderness (Cuba RD)**
Friday, May 25 thru Monday, May 28
Leader: Bill Velasquez, 505-225-5744, nmvfo@live.com
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**Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)**
Saturday, April 7
Leaders: Erin & John Salinas, 406-781-1666, egaberla@gmail.com
Co-leader: Chris Fritzschke, 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.

**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

**Indian School Trail 401 (ABQ Open Space)**
Saturday, April 14
Leader: Bill Velasquez, 505-225-5744, 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.

**Sugarite Canyon State Park**
Saturday, June 16 thru Sunday, June 17
Leader: Chris Fritzschke, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com
Co-leader: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, jblackm99@yahoo.com
Trail tread repair and erosion control along trails leading from the historic Coal Camp ruins to mines #2 and #3

**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.

**Skyline Backpack (Santa Fe NF)**
Thursday, June 21 thru Monday, June 25
Leader: Mark Kimmel, 505 239-8240, m.kimmel@q.com
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**Hyde Memorial State Park**
Saturday, July 28
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.

**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.

**Datil Well Campground (BLM)**
Saturday, 25 August thru Sunday, 26 August
Leader: Chris Fritzsche, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com
Building some new trail and performing some camp ground and trail maintenance at this historic landmark near the Very Large Array.

**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.

**Morphy Lake State Park**
Saturday, 8 September thru Sunday, 9 September
Leader: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, jblackm99@yahoo.com
We’re going to turn a 3/4 mile user trail around the lake into a well-defined, sustainable trail, and install signage.

**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.

**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.

**Volunteer Appreciation Night**
Saturday, December 1 (tentative)
Leader: TBD
Time: TBD, but likely 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Location: TBD

**Valle de Oro Build Your Refuge Day (FWS)**
Saturday, September 29
Leader: Chris Fritzsche, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com
No birthday party this year, instead come out to re-construct an original El Camino Real Trail section that crosses the refuge.

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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 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.
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