

2020 Trail Maintenance Log

Gila and Aldo Leopold Wilderness

Listed By Trail Number - updated 7/2/2020

Due to tree fall, floods, or other environmental conditions, the trails may become impassable at any moment.

Travel at your own risk. *In areas of recent fires, the grass and weeds grow very fast. Despite recent maintenance, dense vegetation and fallen burnt logs are likely on the trail.*

2020 maintenance is highlighted in yellow

Note: Please help maintain the tread on the trails by hiking the trails we have opened.

Trail #	Trail	Miles	Year	Trail Work	Trail Description
12	Woodland Park from Lilley Park trail (#164) to Prior Cabin	2.75	2016	Logged	<i>This trail is in an open, old growth ponderosa park. It can be used as a part of a loop hike.</i>
23	Double Springs to Black Mountain	6	2016	Logged	<i>This trail passes through ponderosa forests and a gentle canyon. It also includes Sam Martin Springs and spectacular views from the top of Black Mountain.</i>
26	Greenfly Trail	12.3			<i>A lot of the trail passes through pinon/juniper country and is likely to be mostly clear. The trail is travels in and out of the drainages that come off Black Mountain.</i>
27	White Rocks Trail from Middle Fork Trail (#157) to junction with #771	4	2016	Logged	<i>Nice day hike from the Gila Visitor Center with expansive views.</i>
28	Big Bear Trail (aka: Zig Zag Trail) from West Fork Trail (#151) to Lilley Park Trail (#164)	2.75	2018	Logged	<i>Access trail to Woodland Park, Lilley Park, Meadows, and Prior Cabin. It also is an alternate route for accessing Hells Hole and White Creek Cabin while avoiding the many river crossings on the West Fork Trail.</i>
	Big Bear Trail from junction with Trail #156 to the Middle Fork Trail (#157) at the Meadows	2	2020	Logged	<i>This trail connects Woodland Park to the Middle Fork at the Meadows.</i>
29	Chicken Coop Trail from Trotter Trail (#30) to Prior Creek Cabin	8	2017	Logged	<i>Prior Cabin is a beautiful place to camp. The trail passes through impressive old growth ponderosa forests. It provides access to Prior Cabin, Lilley Mountain and Clear Creek.</i>

30	Trotter Trail from White Creek Cabin to Chicken Coop Trail (#30)	6	2016	Logged	<i>Lilley Park is a lovely destination. The trail is one way to access this area. Please note that the tread on the switch backs leaving White Creek Cabin is very narrow.</i>
30	Trotter Trail from Middle Fork Trail (#157) to Chicken Coop Trail (#29)	8.5	2017	Logged	<i>This is an access trail from the north side of the Gila Wilderness. It crosses Aeroplane Mesa which offers great views of the Gila Wilderness. Then it drops into the Middle Fork with its amazing canyon walls. Clear Creek, Lilley Park, and White Creek Flats are some destinations along this trail.</i>
	Diamond Creek Trail from Caledonia Trail (#42) to Fisherman's Canyon Trail (#48)	2	2018	Logged	<i>Canyon walk that passes through mixed conifer forest.</i>
41	Gold Dust Trail	2.4	2017	Logged	<i>Quick access to Whitewater Canyon.</i>
42	Caledonia Trail from junction with Forest Road 226 to Diamond Creek Trail (#40)	5.75	2018	Logged	<i>Starts in a canyon bottom and climbs to a hilltop with views, and then drops back into a mixed conifer canyon.</i>
48	Fisherman's Canyon	1	2018	Logged	<i>Intense hike with unique geological features and multiple caves. It is a short access to the CDT and potential for being part of a loop hike. CDT access trail.</i>
74 CDT	CDT Trail from Highway 35 to Brannon Springs	8	2018	Logged	<i>Brannon Spring is in a wonderful ponderosa forest with the nearby rock formations in Rocky Canyon.</i>
	CDT Trail from Brannon Springs to trail #700	3	2018	Logged	<i>The trail passes by Brannon Springs.</i>
	CDT from junction with trail #700 to Forest Road 150		2017	Logged	<i>This trail passes through ponderosa and juniper.</i>
	CDT from Forest Road 150 to Sign Board Saddle. (Old Rocky Point Trail #76)	4	2017	Logged	<i>Trail has scenic and expansive views.</i>
	CDT from Diamond Peak to Fisherman's Canyon	3	2017	Logged	<i>Trails has expansive views. Has lots of locust on the trail.</i>
74 CDT	CDT from Fisherman's Canyon Trail (#48) to junction with Caledonia Trail #42	4	2018	Logged, Retread	<i>Trails has expansive views and passes with interesting rock formations.</i>
	CDT from junction with Forest Road 226 to Hwy 59	14	2016	Logged, Lopped, Major Retread	<i>This trail winds through ponderosa and some pinon/juniper. A shuttle vehicle could be a good option for this hike. The trail is not in the wilderness so you could mountain bike it.</i>

	CDT from the boundary of the Aldo Leopold Wilderness junction with Forest Road 226	4.5	2016	Logged	<i>Starts in a canyon bottom and climbs to a hilltop with views.</i>
	CDT from Hwy 59 north to forest boundary on north end of Black Range District	20	2018	Logged, Brushed	<i>20 mile section of the CDT</i>
77	Mimbres River Trail from CDT Access Trail (#741) to 1 mile up the Mimbres River	2	2019	Logged	<i>Great trail for an out and back hike.</i>
79	Black Range Crest Trail from Hwy 152 to Hillsboro Peak Lookout	5	2019	Logged	<i>This trail follows the ridge and offers expansive views.</i>
107	Rattlesnake Trail	5	2019	Logged	<i>Eastern access to the Aldo Leopold Wilderness and Reeds Meadow</i>
111	Spud Patch Trail	8.5	2019	Logged, mostly lopped	<i>Eastern access to the Aldo Leopold Wilderness and Reeds Peak</i>
128	Railroad Canyon Trail from junction with Gallinas Canyon Trail (#129) to Holding Prong Saddle	4.5	2019	Logged	<i>Delightful creek walk that is mostly unburned which climbs up to a saddle. Access trail to Hillsboro Peak and the Crest Trail (#79). Because of recent fire in this area, the grass and weeds grow very fast. Even though this trail has been recently maintained, dense vegetation is likely.</i>
129	Gallinas from trailhead to junction with Railroad Canyon Trail (#128)	1.5	2018	Logged	<i>Delightful creek walk that is mostly unburned.</i>
141	Cooper Trail	3.25	2019	Logged, Lopped	<i>The trail on the north end of the wilderness travels through ponderosa forest with open meadows of grass and lilies</i>

142	Snowlake Trail	0.9	2020	brushed and logged	<i>This trail leaves from Snow Lake and travels to Gilita Creek and the Middle Fork Trail.</i>
143	Loco Mtn Trail	3	2019	Logged	<i>The trail on the north end of the wilderness offers quick access to the Middle Fork. It is good option for creating a loop hike combining other trails.</i>
150	Granite Peak Trail	1.25	2020	Logged, Lopped	<i>This trail offers expansive views as it travels up to Granite Peak where a lookout tower once stood. Interesting rock formations along the way. Trail tread near the top is narrow and not recommended for horses.</i>
151A	West Fork Shortcut (Woody's Corral to West Fork Trailhead)	0.5	2018	Logged	<i>Horse access trail from Woody's Corral to Gila Cliff Dwellings</i>
151	(alternate) West Fork Bypass Trail	1.5	2018	Logged	<i>Trail leaves from TJ Corral Trailhead and connects with the West Fork Trail (#151) at the wilderness boundary. It is also can be part of a short loop hike. To make a loop, return to TJ Corral Trailhead by hiking back the West Fork Trail to the Cliff Dwellings parking lot and then walk a short distance on the road to the TJ Corral Trailhead.</i>
	West Fork Trail: 6.5 miles up at Nat Straw Canyon from the West Fork Trailhead at Cliff Dwellings	6.5	2020	logged and crosscut	<i>Wonderful river walk with impressive rock formations along the way. Leafy vegetation such as clover grows very quickly and quite tall during the summer season. It can hide cairns and tread. As a result, special attention is needed to stay on the trail near where it crosses the river.</i>
	10 miles up from the West Fork Trailhead at Cliff Dwellings	10	2019	Logged	

	West Fork Trail from Hells Hole to White Creek Cabin	4.5	2018	Logged	<i>Pleasant river walk with impressive rock formations along the way. Parts of the trail climb high above the river to avoid narrower sections of the river.</i>
	West Fork Trail from Willow Creek to Cooper Canyon	4	2019	Logged	<i>This is a scenic way to enter the Gila Wilderness from the north.</i>
153	Mogollon Trail from junction with the Langstroth Trail #302 to junction with Horse Springs Trail # 153 at Dry Lakes	3	2019	Logged	<i>Open ponderosa forests to a creek.</i>
155	Turkey Creek Trail Manzanita Canyon to 1 mile past Mckenna Spring.	14.6	2020	Logged and brushed	<i>This trail travels through ponderosa pine, aspen and mix conifer forests. This trail helps traverse from one side of the wilderness to the other. Trail tread in sections of upper Turkey Creek are narrow and very steep and not recommended for horses .</i>
155	Turkey Creek Trail from junction with Granite Peak trail # 150 to junction with # 153	8	2019	Logged, some lopping, some retreat	
157	Middle Fork Trail – from the trailhead at Gila Center to Little Bear Trail #729	6	2018	Logged	<i>Wonderful river walk with impressive rock formations along the way. Leafy vegetation such as clover grows very quickly and quite tall during the summer season. It can hide cairns and tread. As a result, special attention is needed to stay on the trail near where it crosses the river.</i>
	Middle Fork Trail – from Little Bear Trail #729 to 1 miles below the Meadows	7.5	2019	Logged, lopped	<i>Wonderful river walk with impressive rock formations along the way. Leafy vegetation such as clover grows very quickly and quite tall during the summer season. It can hide cairns and tread. As a result, special attention is needed to stay on the trail near where it crosses the river.</i>
	Middle Fork Trail - from 1 mile below the Meadows to 3 miles above the Meadows	4	2020	Logged, lopped	<i>This is the narrowest part of the Middle Fork with impressive canyon walls. The Falls is not passable for horses due to eroding tread on a steep hill side.</i>

157	Middle Fork Trail from Junction with Snow Lake Trail # 142 to junction with Clayton Mesa Trail # 175	4.25	2020	mostly lopped and mostly logged. Not crosscutted	<i>Beautiful day hike option or short backpack trip.</i>
#159	Miller Springs Trail	2.3	2020	Logged, brushed and some retread	<i>This trail can be used as a part of a loop hike. It connects Miller Springs Cabin with Turkey Creek</i>
160	Granny Mountain Trail from Woody's Corral to Granny Mountain	17.5	2020	logged but not crosscut	<i>Can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness. The trail goes through Little Turkey Park and passes by Miller Springs Cabin. The climb up to Granny Mountain offers great views in all directions. There is a section of trail about 1.5 miles before Granny Mountain that is not recommended for horses.</i>
	Granny Mountain Trail from Gila River to saddle below granny mtn	3.5	2020	extensive brushing and some retread	<i>Expansive views and access to the Gila Wilderness from the south.</i>
161	Little Creek Trail	8.5	2020	Logged	<i>Can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness.</i>
	Little Creek Trail from junction with #789 to junction with #155	4	2019	Logged. Some retread, some lopping	
162	Ring Canyon Trail (Thousand Mile Ridge Trail) from Granny Mountain Trail (#160) to 1 mile before trail #789	4.5	2020	Logged and brushed	<i>Can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness. Expansive views .</i>
	Ring Canyon Trail from # 789 to Junction with Turkey Creek Trail # 155	4.75	2019	Logged	<i>Portions of this trail were incorrectly mapped. Please see the correct route on the trails cleared maps. Junctions are signed to provide clarity.</i>
163	EE Canyon	3	2019	Logged	<i>Can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness.</i>

164	Lilley Park Trail from junction with Little Bear Trail (#729) to junction with Big Bear Trail #28	4	2020	Logged	<i>This trail provides access into the wilderness when the Middle and West Fork are flooding or river crossings are undesirable. The trail travels through pinon/juniper and ponderosa. It is an access trail to key areas such as Prior Cabin, Lilley Mountain, Woodland Park, and Chicken Coop.</i>
175	Clayton Mesa Trail from Middle Fork Trail # 157 to junction with Cooper Trail # 141	3	2020	Logged, brushed and some retread	<i>Hike that leads from the river to the mesa. Great views.</i>
	Clayton Mesa Trail from Turkey Feather Pass - first 1.5 miles	1.5	2019	Logged	<i>The trail on the north end of the wilderness offers access to Turkey Feather Pass.</i>
180	Little Dry Trail from trailhead to Windy Gap	4.5	2017	Logged	
181	Holt-Apache Trail - 3 miles from Sheridan Corral	3	2019	Logged	<i>Creek Hike</i>
	Holt-Apache Trail from trailhead to Camp Creek Saddle	7	2017	Logged	<i>Creek hike up to expansive views. Because of recent fire in this area, the grass and weeds grow very fast. Dense vegetation on the trail is likely.</i>
187	Horse Springs Trail # 187 from junction with Ring Canyon Trail # 162 to junction with Mogollon Trail # 153 at Dry Lakes	2.5	2019	Logged	<i>Open ponderosa forests and meadows</i>
201	Mineral Creek – first 7 miles	7	2017	Logged	<i>Dynamic canyon hike</i>
247	Spring Canyon Trail (starting at the end of the private land)	2	2018	Logged, Lopped	
268	Hells Hole Trail	2	2017	Logged	<i>This trail connects the West Fork Trail and the mesa containing Woodland Park, Lilley Park and Prior Cabin.</i>
307	Hermosa Trail from Cave Creek to Animas Creek	4.5	2018	Logged, Tread	<i>Connection trail to access Animas Creek</i>

700	From Rocky Campground to CDT Trail	1	2016	Logged	<i>Access to Brannon Springs and Rocky Point from the Rocky Campground.</i>
705	Aeroplane Mesa	3.8	2017	Logged	<i>Access trail into the wilderness from the north side of the wilderness. Trail passes through pinon/juniper.</i>
708	Tom Moore Canyon Trail from Forest Road 150 to junction with trail #716 and #713	6	2016	Logged	<i>The trail gently winds through a wide and open canyon of amazing old ponderosa trees. It also passes by a spring fed tank.</i>
724	Gila River Trail	3	2018	Logged	<i>Wonderful river walk with impressive rock formations along the way. Leafy vegetation such as clover grows very quickly and quite tall during the summer season. It can hide cairns and tread. As a result, special attention is needed to stay on the trail near where it crosses the river.</i>
729	Little Bear Trail	4	2019	Logged	<i>Little Bear Canyon is a short beautiful slot canyon that starts 3.5 miles from the trailhead. There are interesting rock formations where it junctions with the Middle Fork Trail. Great out and back hike or access to the Middle Fork</i>
741	CDT Access Trail to Signboard Saddle	4	2019	Logged	<i>This trail allows access to the CDT and Black Canyon without the need for a high clearance vehicle. For a low clearance vehicle, park at the large gravel parking area just off Forest Road 150 where there are signs for Mimbres River Trail and CDT. High clearance vehicles may be able continue up the side road to the trailhead. The trail is mainly in pinon/juniper that graduates into ponderosa forests.</i>
773	Wolf Hollow Trail from FS Road 141 to Black Mountain Lookout	5	2019	Logged	<i>Good day hike to see the views from Black Mountain.</i>

774	Squeaky Trail	3.5	2019	Logged	<i>This trail connects Reed's Peak with Reed Meadow. Expansive views.</i>
788	Alum Camp	1.5	2018	Logged	<i>Quick but steep access to the Gila River.</i>
789	Connector trail between Little Creek Trail (#161) to Ring Canyon (#162) (Thousand Mile Ridge Trail)	1	2017	Logged	<i>Efficient trail for traveling from the creek to the ridge top. Can be used as a part of a loop hike.</i>
796	Scenic Trail	4.5	2019	Logged, some lopping, some retread	<i>This trail travels from Emory Pass to Kingston. It offers expansive views. It is not in the wilderness and therefore is open to bikes.</i>
798	South Fork Mineral Creek - first 2 miles	2	2017	Logged	<i>Provides access to Mineral Creek</i>
808	Log Canyon		2017	Logged	<i>Provides access to Mineral Creek</i>