

# 2017 Gila and Aldo Wilderness Trails Cleared

## Listed By Trail Number

*Due to tree fall, floods or other environmental conditions, the trails may become impassible at any moment. Travel at your own risk. To learn about more current trail conditions, call your local district Forest Service office. 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.*

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

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# 40	<b>Diamond Peak to one mile below Running Water Canyon to Diamond Peak (11 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Beautiful canyon with big trees, nice rock formations, and impressive old growth ponderosa and mixed conifer forests. The trail is a gentle climb until the last four miles to Diamond Peak.</i>
# 42	<b>Caledonia Trail from Turkey Run Road (# 500) to Diamond Creek .75 miles) – logged.</b> <i>The beginning of this trail is a moderate incline through ponderosa forests to a saddle. As the trail drops down to Diamond Creek, it passes a waterfall and interesting rock formations. After .75 miles the trail arrives at Diamond Creek which supports a lush mixed conifer forest ecosystem. It is a part of the shortest hike to Diamond Peak. CDT access trail.</i>
# 48	<b>Fisherman's Canyon (1 mile) – logged.</b> <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	<b>CDT Trail from Highway 35 to Brannon Springs (8 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Brannon Spring is in a verdant ponderosa forest with the nearby rock formations in Rocky Canyon.</i>
	<b>CDT Trail from Brannon Springs to trail #700 (3 miles) – logged.</b> <i>The trail passes by Brannon Springs is in a ponderosa forest with the nearby rock formations in Rocky Canyon.</i>
	<b>CDT from junction with trail #700 to Forest Road 150 – logged.</b> <i>This trail passes through ponderosa and juniper.</i>
	<b>CDT from Forest Road 150 to Sign Board Saddle. (Old Rocky Point Trail #76) (4 miles) - logged.</b> <i>Trail has expansive views.</i>
	<b>CDT from Diamond Peak to Northern Wilderness Boundary of Aldo Leopold Wilderness (7 miles) – logged.</b> <i>The trail has expansive views and passes interesting rock formations. It travels through a variety of forest types.</i>

# 77	<b>Mimbres River Trail from CDT Access Trail (# 741) to Mimbres River (2 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Great trail for an out and back hike.</i>
# 79	<b>Black Range Crest Trail from Hwy 152 to Hillsboro Peak Lookout (5 miles) - logged.</b> <i>This trail follows the ridge and offers magnificent views. There are still many good campsites along the way. Because of past fires in this area and despite recent maintenance, dense vegetation on the trail is likely.</i>
# 128	<b>Railroad Canyon Trail from junction with Gallinas Canyon Trail (# 129) to Holding Prong Saddle (4.5 miles) – logged, no tread or lopping.</b> <i>Beautiful creek walk which climbs up to a saddle. This is an access trail to Hillsboro Peak and the Crest Trail (# 79). Because of past fires in this area and despite recent maintenance, dense vegetation on the trail is likely.</i>
# 151A	<b>West Fork Shortcut (.5 mile) – logged.</b> <i>Horse access trail from Woody’s Corral to Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument.</i>
# 151	<b>(alternate) West Fork Bypass Trail (1.5 miles) - logged.</b> <i>Trail leaves from TJ Corral Trailhead and connects with the West Fork Trail (# 151) at the wilderness boundary. It can also 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>
# 151	<b>4.5 miles up West Fork Trail from Cliff Dwellings Trailhead (4.5 miles) - logged.</b> <i>Wonderful river walk with impressive rock formations along the way.</i>
	<b>West Fork Trail from Hells Hole to White Creek Cabin (4 miles) - logged.</b> <i>This is another wonderful river walk with impressive rock formations along the way. Parts of the trail climb high above the river to avoid narrow sections of the river.</i>
# 161	<b>Little Creek Trail from junction with # 160 to junction with # 155 (8 miles) – logged.</b> <i>This trail can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness.</i>
# 162	<b>Thousand Mile Ridge Trail (Ring Canyon Trail) from Woody's Corral Trail (# 160) to trail # 789 (6.5 mile) - logged.</b> <i>This trail can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness. Expansive views.</i>
# 163	<b>EE canyon (3 miles) – logged.</b> <i>This trail can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness.</i>
# 268	<b>Hells Hole Trail (2 miles) – logged.</b> <i>This trail connects the West Fork Trail and the mesa containing Woodland Park, Lilley Park and Prior Cabin.</i>
# 724	<b>Gila River Trail (3 miles) – logged.</b> <i>River walk near Grapevine Campground.</i>

# 729	<b>Little Bear Trail to Middle Fork Trail (# 157) (4 miles) - logged.</b> <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	<b>CDT Access Trail to Signboard Saddle (4 miles) - logged.</b> <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 of 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	<b>Wolf Hollow Trail from FS Road 141 to Black Mountain Lookout (5 miles) - logged.</b> <i>Good day hike to see the views from Black Mountain.</i>
# 788	<b>Alum Camp (1.5 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Quick but steep access to the Gila River.</i>
# 789	<b>Little Creek / Thousand Mile Ridge connector (1 mile) - logged.</b> <i>Efficient trail for traveling from the creek to the ridge top. Can be used as a part of a loop hike.</i>

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# 12	<b>Woodland Park from trail # 164 to Prior Cabin (2.75 miles) – logged.</b> <i>This trail is in an open old growth ponderosa park. It can be used as a part of a loop hike.</i>
# 20	<b>Jordan Canyon Trail to Black Mountain (5 miles) – logged.</b> <i>From Black Mountain, one can venture further into the wilderness via the Jordan Canyon Trail, a 5 mile trail. In fact, it is the start of a loop option that continues to Green Fly tank to Sam Martin Spring and back to Christie tank.</i>
# 23	<b>Double Springs to Black Mountain (6 miles) – logged.</b> <i>This trail passes through ponderosa forests, a gentle canyon. It also includes Sam Martin Springs and spectacular views from the top of Black Mountain.</i>
# 26	<b>Greenfly Trail (12.3 miles) - generally regarded at open</b> <i>A lot of the trail passes through pinion/juniper country and is likely to be mostly clear due to the vegetation. The trail travels in and out of the drainages that come off Black Mountain.</i>
# 27	<b>White Rocks Trail from Middle Fork to Junction with # 771 (4 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Nice day hike from the Gila Visitor center. It has expansive views.</i>
# 28	<b>Big Bear Trail (aka: Zig Zag Trail) from West Fork Trail # 151 to Lilley Park Trail # 164 (2.75 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Access trail to Woodland Park, Lilley Park, Meadows, and Prior Cabin. It also is</i>

	<i>an alternate route for accessing Hells Hole and White Creek Cabin while avoiding the many river crossings on the West Fork Trail.</i>
<b># 29</b>	<b>Chicken Coop Trail from Trotter Trail (# 30) to Prior Creek Cabin (8 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Prior Cabin is a beautiful nearby camping area. The trail passes through beautiful old growth ponderosa forests.</i>
<b># 30</b>	<b>Trotter Trail from White Creek Cabin to Chicken Coop Trail (6 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Lilley Park is a beautiful destination. This trail is one way to access this area. Please note that the tread on the switch backs leaving White Creek Cabin have very narrow tread.</i>
<b># 40</b>	<b>Diamond Creek from FS Road 150 to Diamond Peak (19 miles) - logged and lopped.</b> <i>Beautiful canyon with big trees, nice rock formations, and impressive old growth ponderosa and mixed conifer forests. The trail is a gentle climb until the last four miles to Diamond Peak.</i>
<b># 42</b>	<b>Caledonia Trail / CDT (# 74) from junction with Forest road # 226 to Forest Road # 500 (4.75 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Starts in a canyon bottom and climbs to a hilltop with views.</i>
<b># 53</b>	<b>Meadows Trail from the Meadows Trail Trailhead off forest road 142a to the Meadows (8 miles) – logged.</b> <i>The trail to the Meadows follows Indian Creek from the mesa top and travels mostly through pinion/juniper country.</i>
<b># 68</b>	<b>South Diamond Trail from Me Own Trail #707 to Spring Mountain Trail (# 67) (12 miles) - logged.</b> <i>The trail up South Diamond to Diamond Peak is not burned and is a great place to hike and camp along a stream. It passes through a wide variety of forest types such as pinion/juniper, ponderosa, mix conifer, and aspen. CDT access trail.</i>
<b># 69</b>	<b>Burnt Canyon Trail to Diamond Peak (4 miles) - logged and lopped.</b> <i>Burnt Canyon may have water. CDT access trail.</i>
<b># 72</b>	<b>Black Canyon Trail from Aspen Canyon to Reed's Meadow - New part of the CDT (# 74) (7 miles) – logged lopped and retreaded.</b> <i>The trail is in a gorgeous canyon with a mellow grade and interesting rock formations throughout the hike. Reeds Meadow is lush area during most parts of the year.</i>
	<b>Black Canyon Trail from west side of Private Property to Aspen Canyon Trail (# 75 / # 74) (4 miles) – logged, lopped and retreaded.</b> <i>Trail is in an open canyon bottom with rock cliffs. The trailhead for the Black Canyon trail has changed and is not in Black Canyon. Follow signs to the new trailhead or call a Gila National Forest ranger station for information. Be advised that the new trailhead extends the trail 1.5 miles and includes an elevation change. CDT access trail.</i>
<b># 74 CDT</b>	<b>CDT from Hwy 59 south to junction with Forest Road # 226 (14 miles) - logging, lopping, and major trail reconstruction.</b> <i>This trail winds through ponderosa and some pinion/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>

	<b>CDT from Junction with Forest Road #226 south to Aldo Leopold Wilderness Boundary (4.5 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Starts in a canyon bottom and climbs to a hilltop with views.</i>
	<b>CDT / Aspen Canyon (# 75) - New part of the CDT (5 miles) – logged.</b> <i>This trail is a good connector trail for the other trails cleared this year. It completes a loop hiking option which leaves from Forest Road 150, up the CDT to Signboard Saddle to Reeds Meadow, down Black Canyon trail to Aspen Canyon trail and back up to Signboard Saddle and to Forest Road 150.</i>
	<b>CDT / Black Canyon Trail (# 72) from Aspen Canyon to Reed's Meadow - New part of the CDT (7 miles) – logged.</b> <i>The trail is in a beautiful canyon with a mellow grade and interesting rock formations throughout the hike. Reeds Meadow is lush area during most parts of the year.</i>
<b># 75</b>	<b>Aspen Canyon - New part of the CDT (5 miles) – logged.</b> <i>This trail is a good connector trail for the other trails cleared this year. It completes a loop hiking option which leaves from Forest Road 150, up the CDT to Signboard Saddle to Reeds Meadow and then down Black Canyon Trail to Aspen Canyon Trail and back up to Signboard Saddle and to Forest Road 150.</i>
<b># 153</b>	<b>74 Mountain Trail from trailhead to junction with Trail Canyon Trail (9 miles) – logged.</b> <i>This trail is a great access to the wilderness from Gila/Cliff region. It provides access to Mogollon Baldy. Mogollon creek is still a beautiful lush place to hike despite some flooding.</i>
<b># 155</b>	<b>From White Creek Cabin to junction with Trail # 153 (2.5 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Good trail for traversing the wilderness.</i>
<b># 156</b>	<b>Prior Canyon Trail from Prior Cabin to Trail # 164 (2.25 miles) – logged.</b> <i>This trail traverses the mesa to connect the West Fork and the Middle Fork.</i>
<b># 160</b>	<b>Woody's Corral Trail (aka Granny Mountain trail) to Brushy Mountain Trail (# 403) (7.75 miles) – logged.</b> <i>Can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness.</i>
<b># 164</b>	<b>Lilley Park Trail from junction with Little Bear Trail (# 729) to Lilley Park – logged.</b> <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, Lily Mountain, Woodland Park, and Chicken Coop.</i>
<b># 187</b>	<b>Horse Springs Trail from junction with # 153 to Junction with # 155 (2 miles) – logged.</b> <i>This trail travels through a beautiful ponderosa park and an open canyon bottom.</i>
<b># 301</b>	<b>From Mogollon Creek Trail (# 153) to junction with Turnbo Trail (# 158) (2.75 miles) – logged</b>
<b># 403</b>	<b>Brushy Mountain Trail from junction with trail #160 to beginning of switch back decent down to the Gila River (6.5 miles) – logged and retreaded.</b>
<b># 700</b>	<b>From Rocky Campground to CDT Trail (1 mile) – logged.</b> <i>Access to Brannon Springs and Rocky Point from the Rocky Campground.</i>

# 705	<b>Aeroplane Mesa (3.84 miles) – generally regarded as clear.</b> Access trail into the wilderness from the north side of the Wilderness. Trail passes through pinion/juniper and is likely to be mostly clear due to the vegetation.
# 707	<b>Me Own Trail (4 miles) - logged.</b> Access trail to South Diamond and Diamond Peak. CDT access trail.
# 708	<b>Tom Moore Canyon Trail from Forest Road 150 to junction with trail # 716 and # 713 (6 miles) – logged and lopped.</b> The trail gently winds through a wide and open canyon of old ponderosa trees. It also passes by spring-fed tank.
# 716 & # 708	<b>Middle Mesa to Tom Moore Canyon to Forest Road 150 (17 mile loop)</b> The Middle Mesa trail winds through pinon/juniper grasslands. From the mesa top, there are great views stretching all the way to Mogollon Baldy and over to Black Mountain. In Tom Moore Canyon, the trail gently winds up a wide and open canyon of stunning old ponderosa trees. Near the top of the canyon is a spring-fed tank. There is a short section of road walking to return to the starting point.
# 771	<b>(5.2 miles) – logged and brushed.</b> This trail is in pinon/juniper country with expansive views. White Rocks is a key feature along the way. As it drops down to the East Fork, it winds through impressive rock formations.
# 804	<b>Adobe Springs (4.8 miles) – logged and lopped.</b> This trail is in pinion/juniper country with expansive views. The part along the East Fork is a pleasant walk along the river; which is especially beautiful in the fall when there are flowers everywhere.

## Trails Not Recommended

**(Note: trail may be partially or completely obliterated. Read description to understand more specific conditions and sections of the trail that are affected)**

# 25	<b>Cassidy Trail</b> – This trail has an old fire-caused tread to disappear in the middle section of the trail.
# 31	<b>Canyon Creek Trail</b> - Closed due to private property
# 38	<b>Round Mountain Ridge</b> – Tread is gone
# 50	<b>Spruce Spring</b> – Ends in private property
# 59	<b>Silver Creek</b> – Tread is gone
# 73	<b>Falls Canyon Trail</b> – This trail has an old fire-obliterated tread in the section near Reed's Peak. The lower section of the trail near Black Canyon is overgrown with locust and has several large

	<i>trees across the trail. This trail passes by an impressive water fall in Falls Canyon, a beautiful meadow and has some expansive views.</i>
<b># 78</b>	<b>Middle Fork Mimbres Trail</b> – <i>Trail was washed out due to Silver Fire causing 15’ drops where the trail crosses the creek. Not maintained since the fire and likely totally overgrown with tread nearly impossible to find.</i>
<b># 80</b>	<b>South Fork Mimbres Trail</b> – <i>Trail was washed out due to Silver Fire causing 15’ drops where the trail crosses the creek. Not maintained since the fire and likely totally overgrown with tread nearly impossible to find.</i>
<b># 95</b>	<b>Big Timber Trail</b> – <i>Tread is gone and has not been maintained</i>
<b># 102</b>	<b>Turkey Feather Mountain Trail</b> – <i>The Whitewater-Baldy Complex fire caused damage to tread. Dead trees continue to fall and make the trail very difficult to travel on. It is also likely to be overgrown with locust and aspen.</i>
<b># 101</b>	<b>Homestead Trail</b> – <i>Tread gone in middle section of trail</i>
<b># 105</b>	<b>North Fork Palomas</b> – <i>Tread is gone on section near CDT</i>
<b># 110</b>	<b>Lake Trail</b> - <i>Tread is gone</i>
<b># 116</b>	<b>East Curtis</b> – <i>Tread is hard to find</i>
<b># 134</b>	<b>Trujillo</b> – <i>Dead ends</i>
<b>#148</b>	<b>Vic’s Park</b> – <i>Dead ends</i>
<b># 158</b>	<b>Sycamore Trail</b> – <i>Trail wash out on sycamore canyon trail making it impassable to through travel from Turkey Creek to Mogollon Creek.</i>
<b># 164</b>	<b>From Turkey Feather Pass and junction with # 175 to Quentin Springs and junction with # 165.</b> <i>This trail was affected by the Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire and is likely very logged up. The trail was already hard to find before the fire so it may be near impossible now.</i>
<b># 167</b>	<b>Mckenna Creek Trail</b> – <i>Trail tread is gone in most places.</i>
<b># 169</b>	<b>Trail Canyon Trail</b> – <i>the upper part of Trail Canyon Trail leading up to Mogollon Baldy was obliterated in a fire years ago. Now the tread is hard to find and very overgrown with locust. The switchbacks on the lower part of Trail Canyon Trail are very logged up making travel challenging if not impossible for horses.</i>
<b># 172</b>	<b>Whitewater Baldy Trail from Iron Creek Lake to Whitewater Baldy.</b> <i>This trail was affected by the Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire and is likely very logged up.</i>

# 175	<b>Clayton Mesa Trail – from Junction with Lilley Park Trail # 164 to junction with West Fork Coral Trail # 814 and West Fork Trail # 151.</b> <i>Due to the Whitewater Baldy Complex Fire, severe washout in the creek with 15 foot drops where the tread should be.</i>
# 180	<i>No parts of this trail still exist</i>
# 181	<b>From Camp Creek Saddle to Spruce Creek Saddle.</b> <i>This trail was in the Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire. It is hard to follow due to the thick locust and vegetation growth after the fire. Fallen trees further complicate finding the trail.</i>
# 207	<b>Whitewater Trail –</b> <i>Massive washout due to flooding after Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire. Huge drop where the tread once was. Locust has taken over the terrain making already challenging trail into a nightmare.</i>
# 217	<b>Holt Gulch Trail – from the town of Pleasanton to Holt Mountain Spring and junction with Holt Apache Trail # 181.</b> <i>Washed out due to Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire.</i>
# 224	<b>West Fork Mogollon Trail –</b> <i>destroyed by aftermath of Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire</i>
# 481	<b>Sheep Creek Trail –</b> <i>Trail was washed out. No longer passable in the middle.</i>
#709	<b>Military Road Trail – from private property on East Fork to Tom Moore Mesa.</b> <i>The trail intersects multiple private properties which turns the Military Road Trail into an out-and-back hike and creates a lot of elevation gain to hike back. This is a very intense hike back and for safety sake recommended for experienced hikers only.</i>
# 713	<b>Link Trail –</b> <i>Tread gone in many places and other unofficial user trails may lead a hiker off course.</i>
# 770	<b>Stove Pipe Trail –</b> <i>closed due to private property</i>
# 794	<b>Murphy –</b> <i>Dead ends</i>
# 813	<b>Byer’s Run –</b> <i>Ends in private property</i>
Aspen Mountain Trail	<b>Aspen Mountain Trail (old CDT over Aspen Mountain from Signboard Saddle to Reeds Peak.</b> <i>Trail was severely burned on miles of the trail. Lots of locust has grown up and make the trail basically impassable. An increased rate of falling logs make the trail impossible to keep open.</i>