

GILA AND ALDO LEOPOLD WILDERNESS TRAIL MAINTENANCE LOG

Listed By Trail Number

*Due to tree fall, floods, or other environmental conditions, the trails may become impassable at any moment. **Travel at your own risk.** To learn about more current trail conditions and water sources, call your local 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.*

New Information is highlighted

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 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>
40	Diamond Creek Trail from FS Road 150 to Diamond Peak	19	2017	Logged	<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 4 miles to Diamond Peak.</i>
40	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>

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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>
72	Black Canyon Trail from Aspen Canyon to Reed's Meadow - New part of the CDT (#74)	7	2016	Logged	<i>The trail is in a wonderful canyon with a mellow grade and interesting rock formations throughout the hike. Reeds Meadow is lush area during most parts of the year.</i>
	Black Canyon Trail from west side of private property to Aspen Canyon Trail (#75/#74)	4	2016	Logged	<i>Trail is in an open canyon bottom with rock cliffs. The trailhead for the Black Canyon trail has changed and is no longer in Black Canyon. Follow signs to the new trailhead or call the Wilderness 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>
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 / Black Canyon Trail (#72) from Aspen Canyon to Reed's Meadow - New part of the CDT	7	2016	Logged	<i>The trail is in a splendid canyon with a mellow grade and interesting rock formations throughout the hike. Reeds Meadow is a lush area during most parts of the year.</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>

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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. Despite sections of the vegetation being burned during the Silver Fire (2017), there are still many good campsites along the way. 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>
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>
142	Snowflake 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>
150	Granite Peak Trail	1.25	2020	Logged and lopped	<i>This trail offers expansive views as it travels up to Granite Peak where a lookout tower once stood. Interesting rock formations can be seen along the way. Trail tread near the top and is 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>
151	West Fork Trailhead at Cliff Dwellings to junction with Hell's Hole Trail (#268)	12	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>
151	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>
151	West Fork Trail from Willow Creek to Iron Creek	2.5	2017	Logged	<i>This is a scenic way to enter the Gila Wilderness from the north.</i>
151	West Fork Trail 6.5 miles up at Natural Straw Canyon from the West Fork Trailhead at the 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</i>

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153	Mogollon Trail from the junction with the Langstroth Trail #302 to the junction with Horse Springs #153 at Dry Lake	3	2019	Logged	Open ponderosa forests to a creek
155	Turkey Creek Trail from the junction with Granite Peak Trail #150 to the junction with #153	8	2019	Logged, some lopping, some retread	This trail travels through ponderosa pine, aspen, and mixed conifer forests. This trail helps traverse from one side of the wilderness to the other.
	Turkey Creek Trail/Manzanita Canyon to one (1) mile past McKenna Spring	14.6	2020	Logged and brushed	This trails through ponderosa pine, aspen, and mixed 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 are not recommended for horses.
156	Prior Canyon Trail from Prior Cabin to Lilley Park Trail (#164)	2.25	2015	Logged	This trail traverses the mesa to connect the West Fork and the Middle Fork .
157	Middle Fork Trail – from the trailhead at Gila Center to one mile past the junction with Little Bear Trail #729	7	2018	Logged	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.
	Middle Fork Trail -- from Little Bear Trail #729 to 1 mile below the Meadows	7.5	2019	Logged and lopped	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
	Middle Fork Trail - from one (1) mile below the Meadows to three (3) miles above the Meadows	4	2020	Logged and lopped	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 hillside.
	Gilita Creek – first 2 miles	2	2017	Logged	Splendid canyon walk
157	Middle Fork Trail - from the junction with Snow Lake Trail #142 to the junction with Clayton Mesa Trail	4.25	2020	Mostly lopped and logged. Not crosscut.	Beautiful day hike or short backpack trip option
159	Miller Springs Trail	2.3	2020	Logged, brushed, and some retread	This trail can be used as part of a loop hike. It connects Miller Springs Cabin with Turkey Creek.
160	Granny Mountain Trail from Woody's Corral to Granny Mountain	17.5	2020	Logged, but not crosscut.	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.
	Granny Mountain Trail from Woody's Corral to Little Turkey Creek	7	2019	Logged	

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	Granny Mountain Trail from the Gila River to .5 miles before the saddle below Granny Mountain	3.5	2019	Extensive brushing and some retread	<i>Expansive views and access to the Gila Wilderness from the south</i>
161	Little Creek Trail from junction with #160 to junction with #155	8	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 the junction with #155	4	2019	Logged. Some retread, some lopping	
162	Ring Canyon Trail (Thousand Mile Ridge Trail) from Granny Mountain Trail (#160) to trail #789	4.5	2020	Logged	<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 have been signed to provide clarity</i>
	Ring Canyon Trail from #789 to the junction with #187	4.25	2020	Logged	<i>Portions of this trail were incorrectly mapped. Please see the correct route on the "trails-cleared" maps. Junctions have been 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 Lilley Park	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>
172	Whitewater Baldy Trail from West Fork Trail (#151) near Willow Creek	3.5	2018	Logged	<i>This trail passes through old growth ponderosa forest. It is not open from junction to junction, but was in a previously prized hunting area, so is open to hike or ride a portion of it.</i>
175	Clayton Mesa Trail from Middle Fork Trail #157 to the junction with Cooper Trail #141				
180	Little Dry Trail from trailhead to Windy Gap	4.5	2017	Logged	
181	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>
	Holt-Apache Trail 3 miles from Sheridan Corral	3	2019	Logged	<i>Creek hike.</i>
201	Mineral Creek – first 7 miles	7	2017	Logged	<i>Dynamic canyon hike</i>
206	Redstone Trail from trailhead to Whitewater Creek	5	2017	Logged	<i>One of the few remaining ways to access Whitewater Canyon since the recent fires and floods.</i>
207	Whitewater Trail from Hummingbird Saddle to 1.5 miles	1.5	2017	Logged	<i>Provides access to Hummingbird Spring.</i>
212	South Fork Whitewater Trail from Camp Creek to Tennessee Meadows	2.2	2017	Logged	<i>Creek walk that passes in and out of old growth mixed conifer and the burn scar from the Whitewater-Baldy Fire.</i>

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231	Sheep Corral Trail	2	2020	Logged	<i>This trail leaves from Sheep Corral Road and travels down Sheep Corral Canyon. It is an access trail to the Sapillo/Gila River confluence.</i>
233	Snow Creek Trail	3.25	2020	Logged	<i>Trail leaves from Sheep Corral Road and connects to Sheep Corral Canyon Road. It is an access trail to the Sapillo/Gila River confluence and Goose Lake.</i>
247	Spring Canyon Trail (starting at the end of the private land)	2	2018	Logged, Lopped	
268	Hells Hole Trail	2	2020	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, heavy tread reconstruction	<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>

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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>