

Volunteer Opportunity

The Wilderness Ranger District, Gila National Forest is looking for enthusiastic, friendly volunteers who enjoy the outdoors to fill a campground host opportunity at beautiful Lake Roberts in New Mexico's Gila National Forest. Mesa Campground is open all year and offers hosts opportunities for fishing, boating, hiking, bird watching, and visits to archeological sites during all four of the area's gentle seasons.

The campground has twenty-four units--fourteen tent sites and ten with full hook-ups. It has two public restrooms and a dump station. Duties include keeping the campground clean and tidy, cleaning fire rings and grills, keeping restrooms clean and stocked with paper goods, and collecting trash from cans placed around the campground. During the summer, when occupancy is high, (typically, Memorial Day through Labor Day) Forest Service personnel assist with these duties. Hosts are also required to check that campers have filled out pay envelopes and monitor campers for compliance with campground rules. If infractions occur, hosts will contact the Forest Service or Law Enforcement. Hosts represent the Forest Service in public contacts and provide information about the area and directions to recreational opportunities in and around the Gila National Forest. Other duties may be assigned as needed.

Hosts need to provide their own RV or travel trailer. The Forest Service provides full hookups, propane, and an RV or trailer campsite free of charge. Hosts may also receive reimbursement for mileage expenses when their privately-owned vehicle is used for official business. The campground does not have cell or landline service but there is a landline within a mile of the campground and the Forest Service provides a FS radio.

If you're looking for a lakeside retreat within easy driving distance of historic Silver City--a full service community--then come and enjoy the year-round beauty of the Gila National Forest.

Please contact the Wilderness Ranger District at 575-536-2250 or the Supervisor's Office at 575-388-8201 for more information.