

Gila National Forest – Volunteer Vacations 2024

May 12th - May 18th

Glenwood Ranger Station - 18 Ranger Station Dr, Glenwood NM



Quick Facts:

- Project Rating: Strenuous
- Group Size: 4-10
- Project Type: Backpacking
- Accommodations: Primitive Tent Sites
- Temperature:
 - Average High: 62°
 - Average Low: 38°



Project Description:

- Come be a part of the effort to re-open access to America's first designated wilderness during the Gila Wilderness' 100-year anniversary! Nestled within the Gila National Forest, which is made up of over three million acres of forested hills, majestic mountains, and range land, is the Gila Wilderness - the first designated wilderness in the United States. Come help reopen a long-lost local favorite trail and be a part of the celebration of America's first wilderness area!
- Volunteers will work alongside the Glenwood Trail Crew to reopen 3 miles of fire-damaged wilderness trail. Crews will hike 4-miles up the spectacular South Fork Whitewater Canyon to a base-camp at Tennessee Meadows.

Offsite Activity Description:

- On the last day of the trip, volunteers could visit the Ghost town ~10 minutes up the road from the trailhead. There is a museum with a history of the area, a gift shop, a small restaurant, and opportunities for guided tours.



Area and Attractions:

- The Glenwood Ranger District includes the most rugged stretch of this wild area - the Mogollon Mountains. These impressive peaks rise more than a mile above the desert floor and carve impressive, harsh canyons into the landscape. There are remote hot springs, quiet canyon walls, abundant wildlife viewing and fishing opportunities.

Travel Details:

- Grant County Airport in Silver City, New Mexico is the closest major airport. Airport pick up and drop off is available for volunteers and will be arranged upon confirmation of the trip.



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