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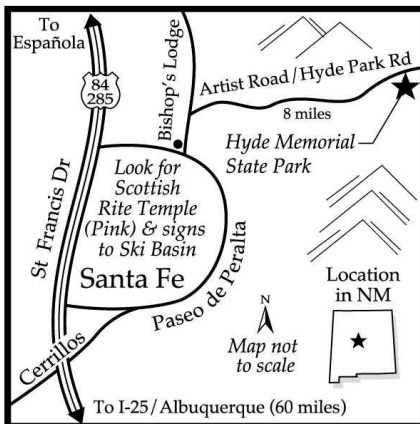
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Volunteer Opportunities

National Trails Day, Hyde Park (👤 - 👤👤)

Saturday, June 5

Leader: Lowell Hioki, (505) 474-0913, Lhioki@msn.com



Come and celebrate National Trails Day with us in the delightful surroundings of Hyde Memorial State Park in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains outside Santa Fe. This nationwide event is sponsored by the American Hiking Society and is an annual observation of trails and the people who enjoy and maintain them. Amidst the cool pine forests of the park, we'll have a variety of projects from which to choose, from light to heavy trail work. No experience is necessary – just a willingness to join likeminded volunteers who enjoy working in the outdoors. We will gather Saturday morning between 8:00 and 8:15 am at Group Shelter 2, hear descriptions of the different tasks, have a safety talk, and then head off to work on different crews. At the end of the day, a barbecue dinner will be provided. To get to the Park, take St. Francis Dr. or Cerrillos Rd. to Paseo de

Peralta, head north on Washington Ave./Bishop's Lodge Rd., and turn east on Artist Rd./Hyde Park Rd. Follow the latter 7½ miles to the State Park, and look for the NMVFO road signs directing you to Group Shelter 2. We need to have an accurate headcount to ensure sufficient food and tools, so please sign up no later than May 31. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Don't hesitate to call or email Lowell if you have any questions or need more information.

South Boundary Trail – Extended Car Camp (👤👤)

Tuesday, June 8 through Sunday, June 13

Leaders: Amy Ross, (505) 463-0787, amyross505@gmail.com, and Ray Peale, (505) 473-9670, trpeale@msn.com

The South Boundary Trail is between Taos and Angel Fire, and approximately 22 miles in length. Much of it is in need of trail maintenance, including logging out, brushing back vegetation, tread restoration and drainage improvements. In addition, we will install signage and posts to deter the inappropriate use of off road vehicles on the trails and decommissioned roads. Craig Saum from the Carson National Forest will be directing the work on this project. We will be camping at Garcia Park, south of Valle Escondido, and probably work the trail in both directions. You may volunteer for the entire project or any portion of it you are available. We will set up on Tuesday, and work Wednesday – Sunday at noon. As always, be prepared for weather extremes, including warm days, cold nights and of course rain. Delicious meals will be provided by the VFO starting with

Wednesday morning breakfast. Don't forget to bring your own dishes, cup, and flatware. Please volunteer by Saturday June 5, 2010, by email or phone. Come on out for some fun in the woods!



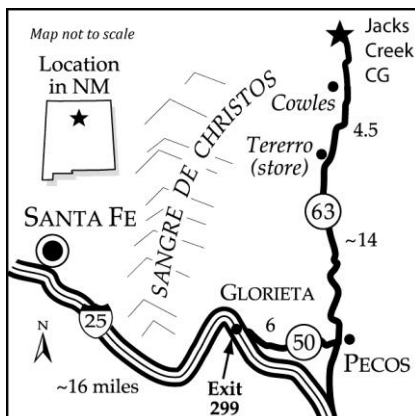
Directions: Heading north into Taos, go through one stoplight in Ranchos de Taos. Turn right at the second stoplight onto 64/585 (Taos visitors center and Chevron are at this intersection). Reset your trip odometer and follow this road for a few miles to a T intersection. Turn right continuing on 64 for a total of 13 miles. You will pass mile marker 267 and turn right at the Enchanted Moon Campground and the giant covered wagon, into a small community called Valle Escondido. Go .03 miles (about 150 feet) and turn right on FR 437 over a culvert; reset your trip odometer. There is a small parking area immediately on the left and a "Motorized Travel Permitted" sign on the right. Drive through the open gate for just under 7 miles up to Garcia Park. 4x4 is not necessary, but high clearance would be useful. Craig reports 90% of the road is good, but the last 10% is rocky with some shallow

ruts.

Pecos Backpack XVII (👉👉👉)

Saturday, June 19 through Sunday, June 27

Leader: Kevin Balciar, (505) 293-1477, kevin@soleilwest.com



The annual project to the Pecos Wilderness will again offer magnificent views of the Pecos River drainage system and the nearby Truchas Peaks. Our work will be in alpine areas and occasionally above the tree line. We will be working on trails just north of Pecos Baldy and at the foot of Trail Riders wall. The trails in this area are deeply eroded, and in other places difficult to follow due to numerous blow downs. Needless to say, there will be plenty of work for us and at all skill levels. You may sign up for the entire nine days, or for just a few. Wednesday, June 23 is a non-working day, allowing volunteers to rest or take a hike in this wonderful wilderness. Please contact Kevin Balciar by June 15 so that we can adequately prepare project supplies.

The base camp location has not been decided at the time of this writing. Due to an exceptionally wet winter, the base camp may be located at a lower elevation. Nonetheless, volunteers should anticipate a seven to nine mile hike from the Jack's Creek Campground. Bring all the camping gear that you would normally bring for an overnight backpack. Leave the food behind, because the NMVFO will provide all meals beginning at noon on June 19. The Back County Horsemen will be packing in our food, cooking equipment, tools, hard hats, and cooking shelter. The Jacks Creek campground can be reached via New Mexico Highway 63 north of the Village of Pecos. Travel time from Santa Fe to the camp ground: 75 minutes. Travel time from Albuquerque to the camp ground: 120 minutes.

Borrego Trail/Bear Wallow Loop (👉 - 👉👉👉)

Saturday, July 3 through Sunday, July 4

Leader: Barbara Hoehne, (505) 227-1673, nymphaea123@msn.com

Join us in the Santa Fe National Forest near Santa Fe to work on this [popular trail](#). Work will concentrate on improving drainage and remediating erosion and may include a trail re-route. Work will be at all activity levels and the trail is rated easy, but may involve hiking for 1/2 mi or more. We will camp in [Black Canyon Campground](#) near Hyde Memorial State Park (see map for National Trails Day project) nestled in the trees;

the campground has drinking water and vaulted toilets. Newcomers are welcome and encouraged to participate. Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Saturday night will be provided by the VFO and prepared by a volunteer cook. Please sign up for this project by Sunday, June 27 - come for a day or the entire weekend. Carpooling is encouraged and will be facilitated by the Project Leader. Be sure to bring long-sleeved shirts, long pants, work gloves, work boots, sunhats, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, rain gear, lunches & snacks, and water bottles or bags.

Emailed vs. Printed Newsletters

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Share your Photos

Photographs taken of your project can be shared via a slide show in the Projects Page of our website. Select a dozen of your most interesting shots, write captions for each, and send them to Lowell Hioki (Lhioki@msn.com). To see the slide shows, go to the Projects Page, and click on "Click Here for the NMVFO 2009 Projects and Slide Shows". Many thanks to the project leaders and/or photographers who have submitted photos to share!

There is also a new slide show on our webpage called "An Introduction to NMVFO Projects". Click on "See a slide show" on the home page to view.

Reminders for Project Volunteers

Volunteers should bring their own eating gear: plate, cup and utensils. After meals, volunteers should help with cleanup, both your own as well as the cooking gear. *Remember, just like you, our cooks are all volunteers and a thank you for a meal well done helps keep them cooking for us.* Volunteers should also bring a camp chair.

Need Camping Equipment?

VFO has a dome tent, a 0o sleeping bag and foam mattress pad available on a first-come, first-served basis; check with the project leader if you want to borrow them. Another source is REI, in Albuquerque near I-25 and Montano and in Santa Fe at the Railyard; they have a wealth of camping (and other) equipment for rent, including tents, sleeping bags, and sleeping pads.



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