

RSVP by Friday, 06/12/09 for Restoration Project on the Rio de las Vacas
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New Mexico Trout is partnering with the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation and the New Mexico Environment Division to spend a weekend doing riparian restoration work on the Rio De las Vacas. The work will be led by Bill Zeedyk, who is well known for his innovative and effective approaches to protecting and restoring streams and wetlands.

This project is a continuation of the one we worked on last season. There the Vacas is a lovely meadow stream at about 8000 feet, flowing south from San Pedro Parks. Primitive camping is available at the site.

The Albuquerque Wildlife Federation will provide breakfast and a potluck dinner Saturday for those who RSVP by the 6/12 deadline. (See below for details). You are on your own for Saturday and Sunday lunch.

The other details are copied here from the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation newsletter.

RIO DE LAS VACAS JUNE 19-21, 2009

THE PLACE: In the Santa Fe National Forest, southeast of Cuba. The Rio de las Vacas starts at the upper reaches of the Jemez River watershed in the San Pedro Parks Wilderness east of Cuba. We will camp in the same location as last year, near the stream.

THE PROJECT: This is a family- and kid-friendly event led by Bill Zeedyk. We will plant willows, build rock structures, and repair exclosure fencing as needed. We've also invited folks from New Mexico Trout to join us for the fun. Plan on a 9:00 am start on Saturday.

EQUIPMENT: Wear sturdy boots/shoes. Bring gloves, hats, sunscreen, and water and appropriate gear for camping. Waterproof boots will also be useful and plan for wet weather! *Please supply your own plates, cups, and eating utensils for meals.*

TOOLS: If convenient, please bring 5-gallon buckets, pruners and loppers, and fencing tools. We could use a wheelbarrow or two as well.

FOOD: Please provide your own meals for *dinner Friday, lunch Saturday and Sunday.*

Saturday Morning: Enjoy COFFEE and BREAKFAST BURRITOS.
Snacks and drinks provided during the project day.

Saturday Evening: BARBEQUE/POT LUCK MEAL
AWF will grill burgers and sausage (veggie options available), so bring along something to share with the group...appetizer, salad, vegetable, dessert.

Sunday Morning: Enjoy coffee and leftovers.

DRIVINGTIME: 2½ hours from ABQ

DIRECTIONS TO RIO DE LAS VACAS
Head north from Albuquerque to Bernalillo, and follow Hwy 550 north to Cuba. At Cuba, take Rte 126 east and then south about 17.5 miles to Forest Road 20. Follow FR20 south for 2 miles to the campsite along the creek.
Or take the scenic route up through Jemez Springs.

Come for the whole weekend, or plan a Saturday arrival. Bill Zeedyk reminds you to bring your fishing gear!

