

Wilderness Stewardship Program

Camp Rucker Wetland & Hermitage Spring Chiricahua Leopard Frog habitat maintenance December 9–10, 2017 (Saturday – Sunday)

Difficulty:	Easy	Camping:	Car camping at U.S.F.S Rucker Canyon Admin Site
Mileage:	2+ miles <i>Total Mileage</i>	Time:	Start 9:00am Saturday End 2:00pm Sunday

Trip Description

AZ Wilderness Coalition will be performing habitat enhancement efforts to contribute towards the restoration of these sites for the federal listed threatened Chiricahua leopard frog. Work will consist of the following:

- Removing invasive plant species to allow open surface waters for CLF to forage. (i.e., cattails, charra, horehound, etc.)
- Filling in gaps around exposed soil liner to prevent erosion
- Repairing wildlife enclosure and fence
- Installing wildlife ramps in cattle troughs
- Remove non-native fish species (i.e., goldfish)
- Installing rocks at bottom of ponds and soil liner to provide stability of ponds.

All necessary tools and training will be given at the event. Car-camping at designated locations close to the project area. There is drinking water available at designated camp sites. However, one should bring enough drinking water for the duration of the entire project. AWC will provide dinner on Saturday. Forest Service will provide ice, water, and Gatorade.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For CLF Frog Habitat Restoration, Dec 9–10

Questions? brian@azwild.org

Itinerary

Saturday, December 9th Approx. 2 miles round trip to work site and back to camp

9:00 am **Rendezvous** at Camp Rucker, *directions below*

9:10 am **Project briefing and Safety talk**

9:45 am **Hike to wetland and start to work**

12:00 pm **Lunch**



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- 4:00 pm Return to base camp
- 5:30 pm Dinner provided by AWC

Sunday, December 10th 2 mile round trip hike to Hermitage spring

- 7:00 am Breakfast & break down camp
- 8:00 am Hike to spring and start work
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Arrive at base camp. *Thanks for participating!!*

Gear List

- Day Pack to carry supplies on day hike (water, food, camera, etc.)
- Water — 2-3 liters/day.
- Food — Breakfast, lunch, snacks. *AWC will provide dinner Saturday night.*
- Eye Protection Glasses (sunglasses are ok)
- Long pants
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (NO SANDALS). Under our volunteer agreement with the Forest Service, *you must wear closed-toe shoes or you will not be able to join us.*
- Appropriate clothing. Warm layers for the evening. *See weather link below to plan appropriately.*
- Sun protection and bug spray (sun screen, sunglasses, hat, etc.)
- Car Camping equipment: sleeping bag, sleeping pad, tent/shelter, flashlight (batteries), plate/bowl, utensils, toiletries/toothbrush, first aid kit, other?

Optional items (if you have them please bring the highlighted items)

- Gloves
- Hardhat
- Rain boots
- Waders
- **Any ointment that relieves poison ivy, insects bites**
- Camera/Binoculars
- Hiking pole(s) or stick

Weather

As the event gets closer, please check the weather to ensure you are properly prepared. The weather forecast nearby: [Rucker Canyon December 9-10, 2017](#)



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Driving Directions

Rucker Administration Building Site

From Tucson, Arizona

1. Head east on Interstate 10 towards Wilcox, AZ
2. Take exit #318 on Dragoon Road
3. Turn right on Dragoon Road and head east to Dragoon Rd & Hwy 191 junction
4. At junction take a right turn and head south on Hwy 191 towards McNeal, AZ
5. ****Border Patrol Checkpoint****
6. Make a left right after the Border Patrol Checkpoint on Rucker Canyon Road
7. Head east on Rucker Canyon road for approx. 14 miles until to reach U.S Forest Service Boundary
8. Once on U.S Forest Service land drive approx.2.1 miles til you reach the junction of Rucker Canyon Rd (FS 74E) and Tex Canyon Rd (FS 74)Make a left at junction (cross low water crossing) towards Camp Rucker Campground and drive approx. 0.6 miles to Rucker Admin Site entrance (First right off this road with a gate in front).

Once everybody arrives we will drive a few mile down the road to the work area
There will be an AWC sign board to identify the meeting location.



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Trip Leader: Brian Stultz (775) 340-9154

