



Directions (Approximate driving time 3 hours)

- 1) **Go west on I-10 from Las Cruces to Deming.**
- 2) **In Deming, Go north on Rte 180 to the City of Rocks turnoff. Turn right on Rte 61.**
- 3) **Go about 25 miles until Rte 61 meets Rte 152.**
- 4) **Turn left on Rte 152 and go 0.8 mile and turn right on Rte 35.**
- 5) **Stay on Rte 35 for about 18 miles. You will cross a broad meadow with ranch facilities and a large grove of tall pines.**
- 6) **Immediately after the pines, watch on your left for a cattle guard & a "UU s" sign.**
Turn left at the cattle guard and follow the "UUs" signs to our campsite.

If you arrive at the Sapillo Campground sign while still on Rte 35, you missed your turnoff. Turn around and go back 1.7 miles.

The campsite is not an official campground, but it is accessible & there is space for motor-homes, Camp-trailers, to tents. *f you are not a camper*, consider driving up for the day on Saturday, or renting a cabin or other lodging by Lake Roberts.

See other side for more details.

July 26-28 2024 Annual Church Campout Map, Directions, Schedule, & Things to bring List

For about 35 years we camped at the Sapillo Large Group Campground in the Gila. Some past members, including my best friend Ken Jobe, had their ashes scattered there. Then the forest service changed it to an ATV campground. Because of the noise, dust, & lack of privacy, we moved to an area that is not an official campground, but has been used for camping for decades. There are no amenities so we will rent 2 portable toilets (1 handicap accessible). The billing for the toilets is handled through the church to avoid sales tax & make any contributions tax deductible. We accept contributions, but they are not required.

UU signs will be put up about noon on Thursday. There will be a sign on Rte 35 by the cattle guard turnoff. We try to space the signs so that you can see the next sign from the previous one. Each sign will say "UUs" & have an arrow pointing in the direction of the next sign.

Shelter: You must provide your own shelter: motor-home, camp trailer, tent, lean-to. some people have slept in their cars or the bed of their pickup. *If you are not a camper:* there are cabins & motel rooms available near Lake Roberts, but the supply is limited, so make reservations early. Some people just drive up for the day on Saturday, when most of the scheduled events happen. It's a 3 hour drive which means getting up early.

Saturday Activities Schedule

- ◆ 7-9 AM **Pancake Breakfast:** a variety of flavors will be available courtesy of the campout team.
- ◆ 10 AM 2 Hikes. One moderate, suitable for children & one more suitable for experienced hikers in good health. Non hikers will socialize at the campsite
- ◆ Free Time: socialize or take side trips to explore the area. Kids can help build an effigy of Sam McGee
- ◆ 6 PM **Pot Luck Supper:** Bring something to share
- ◆ Dusk Gather around the campfire. Roast hot dogs, marshmallows, sing, chat, reading of the humorous poem "he Cremation of Sam McGee" is a tradition.

Sunday 10 AM we will gather in a circle for our ***do it our selves service***. Share a poem, a reading, something on your mind you'd like to share, or just listen while basking in the marvels of nature all around you.

Things you might need at the Campout:

- 1) **Water containers:** including a basin to wash in or prepare food.
WATER: Water for drinking, washing, and possibly cooking. You can refill containers with drinkable water from an outdoor faucets at a campground on Lake Roberts (about 5 miles from our campsite). The Baslers put out the campfire each night and will have 4 five gallon containers of water.
Bottled drink or canteen if you plan to hike, go on walks, or want to drink besides water.
- 2) **Fold-up chairs** if you want to sit down some time during the weekend. **Fold-up table** if you have one. We will bring several, but won't have enough for everyone
- 3) **Sunscreen, sunglasses, shady hat, umbrella, Flashlight**
If you play a guitar (that doesn't need to be plugged into an electrical outlet), please bring it with you. You will be voted "most popular camper" by the campfire singers.
- 4) **Food for meals & snacks:**
 - a) Saturday morning a free pancake breakfast will be provided.
Saturday evening is potluck. **Bring something to share**
All other meals are your responsibility.
 - b) marshmallows, hot dogs, etc. to roast on the campfire,
 - c) condiments: syrup for your pancakes, salad dressing, ketchup., mustard, etc. as needed
- 5) **Pots, pans, dishes, silverware, paper towels, wash cloths & towels needed to prepare & eat meals**
- 6) **Camp stove or small grill** if you plan to cook food. If you have neither, someone will be willing to share.
- 7) **Clothing**
 - a) **Jacket or sweater.** At 7,000 feet altitude, It can get chilly in the evening or after a rain
 - b) **comfortable walking shoes** or boots
 - c) clean change of clothes
 - d) sleepwear