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Friends of Nevada Wilderness
Hosts Weekend Hike for Latino Families
Latino Conservation Week is July 15-23

Reno, NV - Friends of Nevada Wilderness invites Reno/Sparks area Latino families to hike the beautiful Jones-Whites Creek Trail this Saturday in celebration of Latino Conservation Week. The trail is a relatively level 1.7-mile loop, easy enough for the entire family.

The hike will be led by Friends’ Bi-lingual Stewardship Coordinator Meg Tait and will include discussions of wilderness, conservation and the basics of Leave No Trace. The trailhead is just off the Mt. Rose Highway near the Galena Creek Visitors Center. (See map) The hike begins at 9 am and will end by noon.

Hikers will be shaded by the pine forest along much of the trail, will likely spot colorful wildflowers, and will pause on the bridge over the clear water of Galena Creek. All in all, it will be an inspiring and educational experience for the whole family.

“I’m really looking forward to meeting up with local Latino families this Saturday,” Meg said in advance of the hike. “We’re lucky to have such beautiful natural areas close to where we live and I hope a lot of families will join us for this experience on a beautiful summer day.”

Hikers are asked to wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes and bring plenty of water and sunscreen.

Latino Conservation Week is July 15-23 and is observed nation-wide with hikes, camping trips, and stewardship projects. An initiative of the Hispanic Access Foundation, Latino Conservation Week was created to support the Latino community getting into the outdoors and participating in activities to protect our natural resources.

Visit nevadawilderness.org to learn more about the local event this Saturday, July 22, and to RSVP.

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Friends of Nevada Wilderness organizará una caminata grupal en español que comenzará en Jones-Whites Creek Trailhead, cerca de Galena Visitors Center. ¡Hablaremos sobre Leave No Trace, Wilderness y Oportunidades de conservación en Nevada durante la caminata! Esta hermosa área a las afueras de Reno está lleno de flores silvestres, tiene mucha sombra de los pinos y el arroyo corre con agua cristalina.

**Difficulty:** Easy: The hike is family friendly. 1.7 mile loop hike with one easy creek crossing.

**Location:** Jones-Whites Creek Trailhead ([Google maps location](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Jones-Whites+Creek+Trailhead/@39.5059475,-119.7485251,15z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x80b114770f32023f:0x4f5b72bf7c0a2d28!8m2!3d39.509996!4d-119.7510582?hl=es)

**Dates:** Saturday, July 22nd, 9 am - 12 pm

**Travel:** Meet at Jones-Whites Creek Trailhead

**Gear/Clothing:** Comfortable clothes and closed toes shoes. Bring at least 2 liters of water and sunscreen.

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**About Friends of Nevada Wilderness**

Founded in 1984, Friends of Nevada Wilderness has helped protect nearly 3.6 million acres of Nevada’s wild lands by leading efforts in the expansion or designation of all 73 Wilderness areas in the state. Over the past twenty years, the Wilderness Stewardship Volunteer Program has generated over $3 million of in-kind services to benefit Nevada’s public lands. For more information visit [nevadawilderness.org](http://nevadawilderness.org).