

Itinerary 15 - Rock Climbing Trek

Challenging

63 miles

Camping & Hiking Highlights

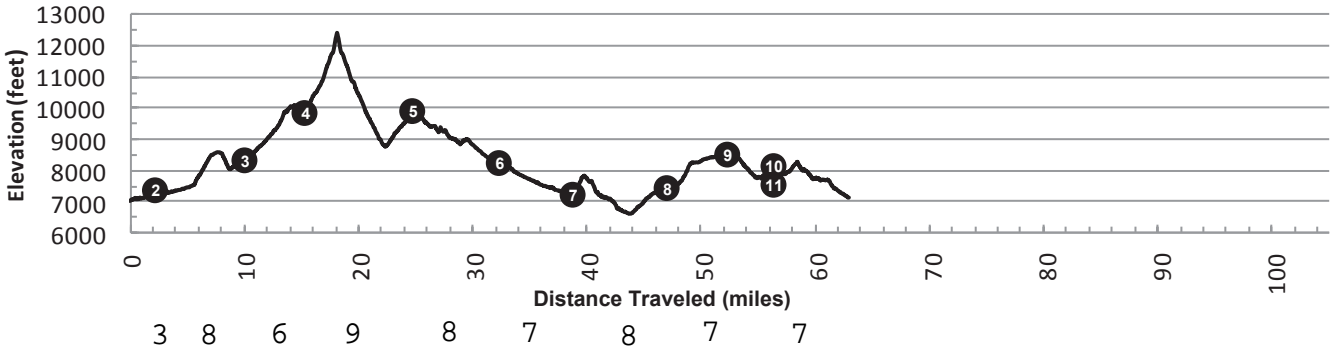
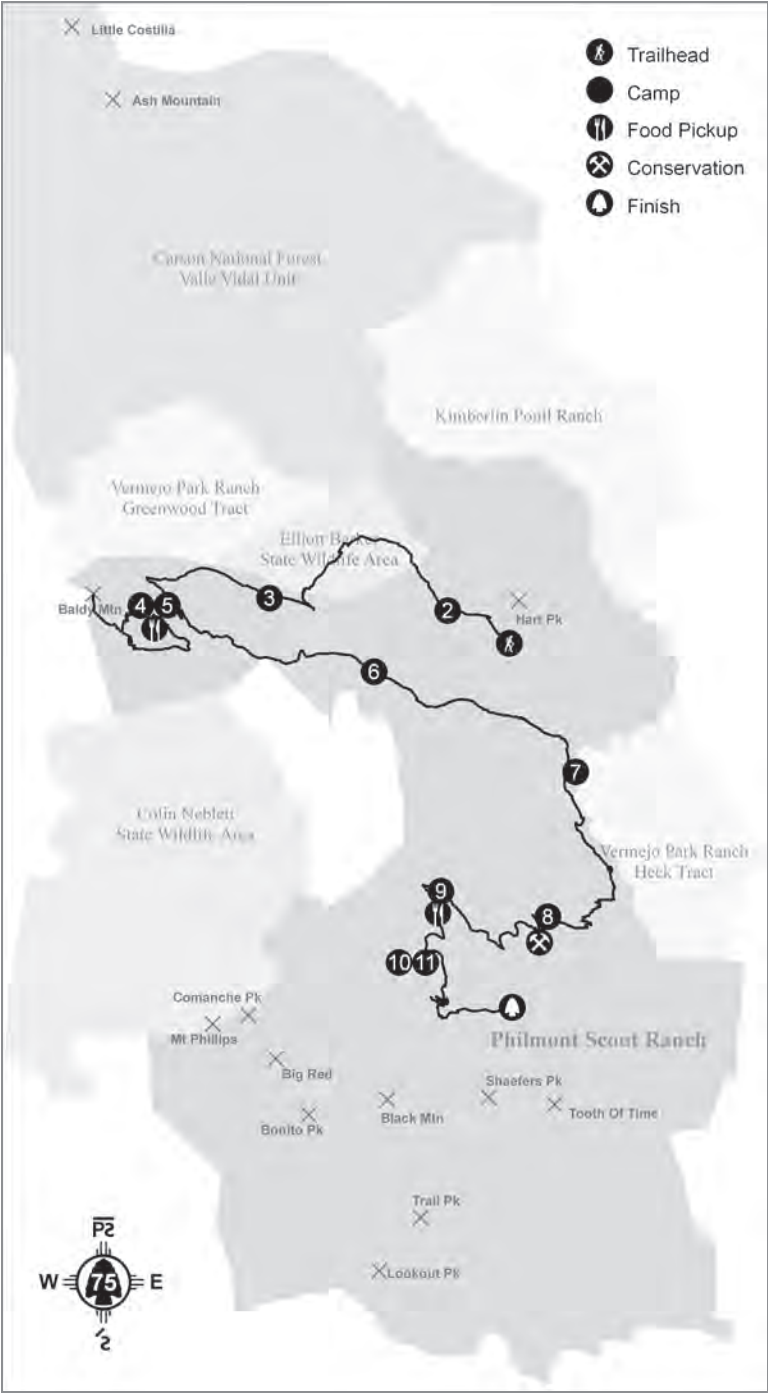
- Wilson Mesa
- Pueblano Ruins Camp
- Baldy Mountain - 12,441 ft.
- Window Rock & Hidden Valley

Program Highlights

- Rock Climbing & Rappelling
- Campfire at Pueblano
- Mining & Blacksmithing
- 12-Gauge Shotguns

Conservation Project

- Day 9 - Harlan
- New Trail Construction



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If your crew is interested in rock climbing, this CLIMBING TREK will be their first choice! This trek will give you an opportunity to climb at both Dean Cow and Cimarroncito. Your two day stay at Cimarroncito will give you a chance to climb the standard rock routes and give you a hands on learning experience, before providing you with an opportunity to climb several newly established routes previously not used at Philmont. Start your trek with a cool root beer at the Ponil cantina before spending the night at Sioux. Hike over Wilson Mesa on your way to climb spar poles, cut cross ties, and enjoy the Company Meeting Campfire at Pueblano before camping at Pueblano Ruins for the night. Next, hike the South Ponil Creek to French Henry and explore Lucien Maxwell's Aztec Mine on your way to historic Baldy Town. A two day stay at Baldy Town will give you time to climb Baldy Mountain and throw tomahawks at Miranda. Then, hike to Head of Dean to participate in challenge events that will bring your crew together. Continue your journey to Dean Cow, where your crew will participate in the first round of rock climbing & rappelling. You will also test your knot skills at an "Anchor Rodeo." Practice those knots on your way to Vaca where you will be able to hike to Harlan for burro racing that night. You will then work on a trail project with the Conservation Department before camp at Devil's Wash Basin. From there, hike to Cimarroncito for your second day of rock climbing. See if you can make it around the wall and test your knots again with the Cimarroncito staff. Put those knot skills to use during the advanced rock climbing instruction on your second day, climbing several new routes near Cimarroncito. Be sure to tour Waite Phillips Hunting Lodge before you cap off your trek by hiking through Hidden Valley and by Window Rock. Continue to the Cimarroncito Reservoir and Demonstration Forest on your way to the Cimarroncito Turnaround. Next stop... Base Camp!

Day	Note	Camp	Program Features	Food Pickup
1		BASE	Opening Campfire	
2		Sioux	Ranger Training	Camping HQ
3		Pueblano Ruins	Hike Over Wilson Mesa; Continental Tie & Lumber Company, Company Meeting Campfire @ Pueblano	
4	s	BALDY TOWN	Gold Mining & Panning, Blacksmithing @ French Henry	
5	s	BALDY TOWN	Side Hike Baldy Mountain & Black Horse; Mountain Man Rendezvous & Tomahawks @ Miranda	Baldy Town
6		Upper Dean Cow	Challenge Events @ Head of Dean	
7	s	DEAN COW	Rock Climbing & Rappelling	
8		Vaca	Burro Racing (evening) @ Harlan	
9	d	Devils Wash Basin	Dry Camp—Water @ Deer Lake Mesa Camp, Conservation	
10	s	CIMARRONCITO	Rock Climbing & Rappelling	Ute Gulch
11	s	CIMARRONCITO	Advanced Rock Climbing Instruction, Side Hike Hidden Valley & Window Rock	
12		BASE	Tour Waite Phillips Hunting Lodge, Visit Demonstration Forest; Hike to Cito Turnaround; Awards Campfire	

Departs from Camping Headquarters on Day 2 for Ponil Turnaround to go to Sioux Camp

Returns to Camping HQ on Day 12 from Cito Turnaround.

Campsite Elevations: 7,215' Minimum, 9,825' Maximum **Camps:** 3 Staffed, 5 Trail, 2 Layovers, 1 Dry Camp
Conservation: Harlan **Sectional Maps:** South, North

NOTE: (d) = Dry Camp Crews passing through staff camps will have an opportunity to participate in some, but not all, program opportunities in the camp, based on availability.
 (s) = Showers may be available

NO CHANGES ARE POSSIBLE FOR CAMPS, FOOD PICKUPS, OR BUS TRANSPORTATION AFTER ITINERARY SELECTION.