

2026 PHILMONT ADVENTURE ITINERARY

Itinerary 7-8

Strenuous (significant hiking time with some program time) - 36 miles

This itinerary follows the beautiful, wooded waterways surrounding Tooth of Time Ridge, starting in the south country and passing over Comanche Pass into the central country. Hike along the beautiful Middle Fork Cito Creek and climb the Tooth of Time to see where the Rockies meet the Plains. Enjoy the seclusion and natural beauty of Black Mountain Camp. Experience mining history and program at Cyphers Mine. You'll pass the historic Hunting Lodge Cabin and learn about Forestry and Fire Ecology basics at Demonstration Forest.

Updated from 2025 7-2

Day	Camp	Miles	Gain	Loss	Program Features	Food Pickup
1	Camping HQ				Opening Campfire	
2	Lovers Leap	2.6	1,370'	980'	Ranger Training; Lovers Leap Overlook; Trail Camp	Camping HQ
3	MINERS PARK ^s	2.2	760'	240'	Rock Climbing Program	Miners Park
4	BLACK MOUNTAIN	5.2 ^m	3,540'	2,450'	Trail Construction Project @ North Fork Urraca; Black Mountain Encampment Program;	
5	CYPHERS MINE	6.2	4,200'	3,960'	St. Louis & Cimarron Mining Company Program; Campfire Show	
6	Ponderosa Park ^d	7.4	3,710'	5,030'	Forest Stewardship @ Demonstration Forest; Passthrough Western Lore Program @ Clarks Fork; Dry Camp (Water @ Clarks Fork); Trail Camp	
7	Camping HQ	11.4	5,140'	6,450'	Tooth of Time; Hike into Base via Tooth Ridge Trail; Closing Campfire	

(d) = Dry Camp (s) = Showers may be available (m) = Mileage and Elevation gain/loss figures assume no optional routes taken

Departs from Camping Headquarters on Day 2 for Lovers Leap Trailhead to go to Lovers Leap Camp
Hike back to Camping HQ

Campsite Elevations: 7,500' Minimum, 9,350' Maximum **Camps:** 3 Staffed, 2 Trail, 1 Dry Camp

Conservation: North Fork Urraca **Sectional Maps:** South

Crews passing through staff camps may have an opportunity to participate in some, but not all, program opportunities in the camp, based on availability.

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