

# Itinerary 7-3

## Challenging

36 miles

### Camping & Hiking Highlights

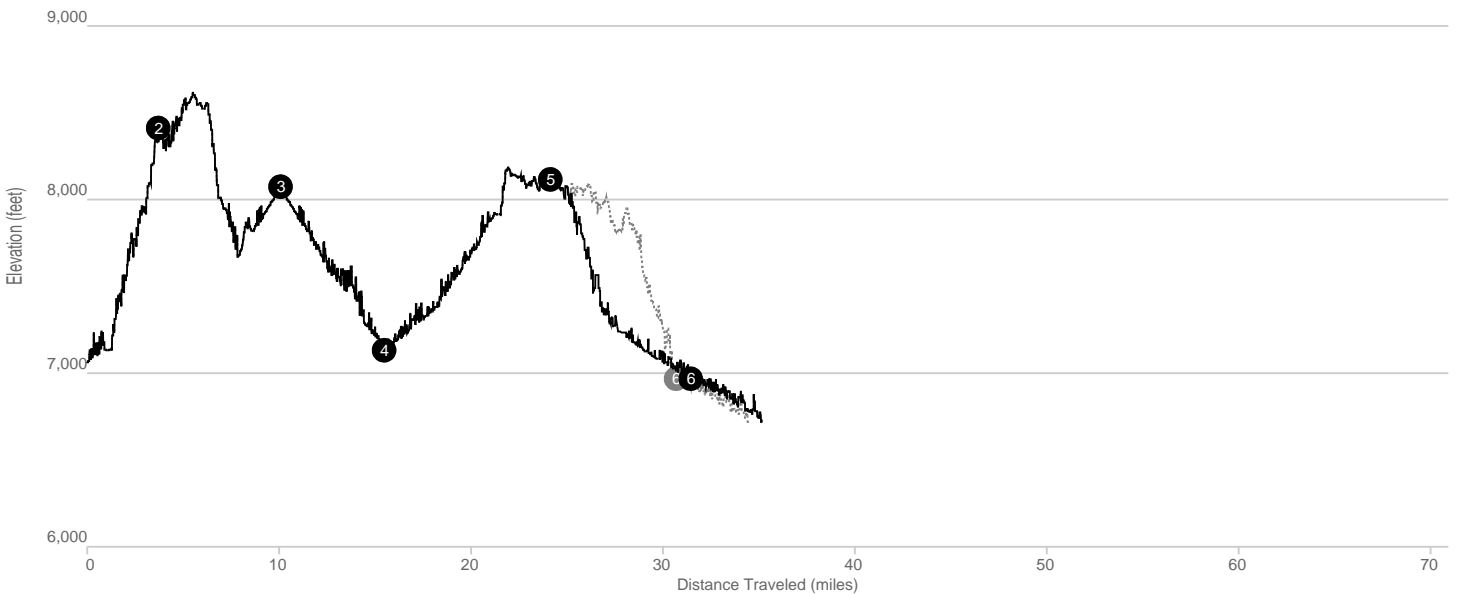
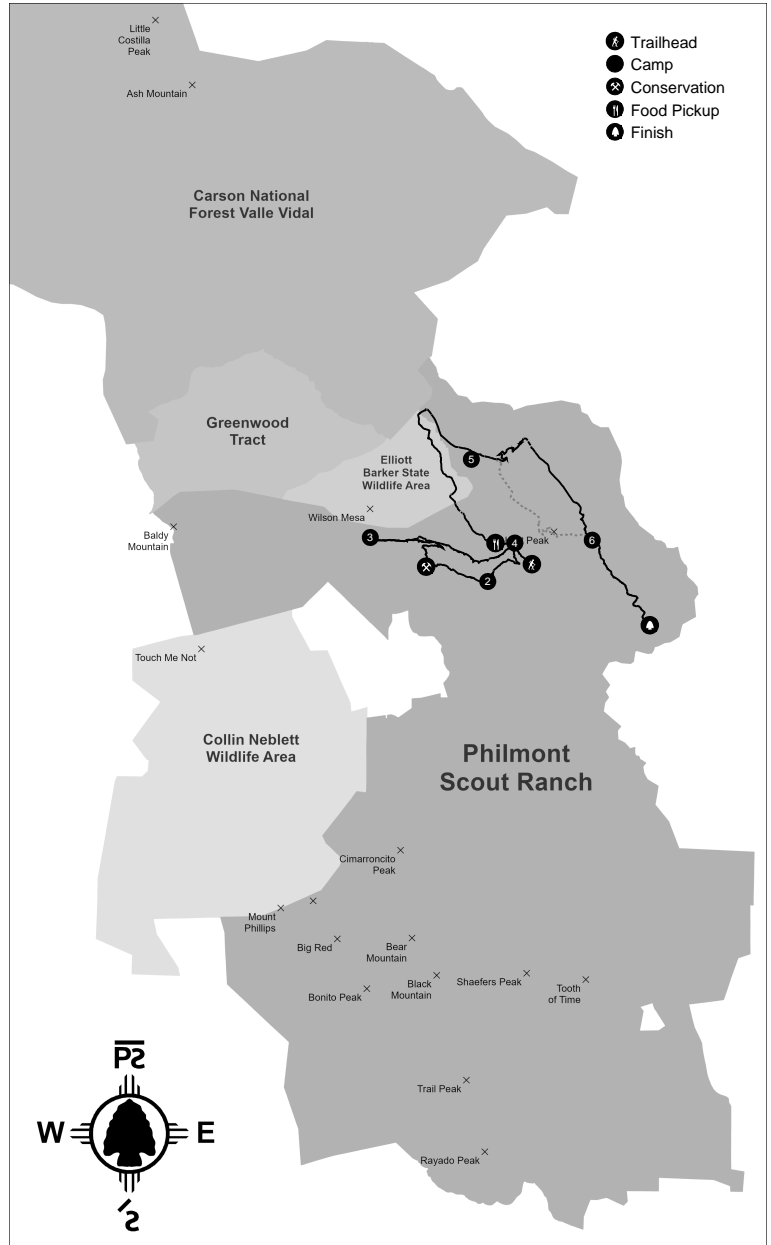
- Dean Skyline
- Wilson Mesa
- Hart Peak - 7,975 ft.

### Program Highlights

- Continental Tie & Lumber Company
- Philturn Five Points Camp
- COPE
- Ancestral Puebloan Archaeology

### Conservation

- Day 3 - Elkhorn
- 10:30am
- New Trail Construction



## 2026 PHILMONT ADVENTURE ITINERARY

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### Challenging (maximum program time with shorter hiking time) - 36 miles

*This 7-day trek follows ridges, rivers, and mesas surrounding the Ponil Country offering beautiful landscapes and vistas of the Baldy Country and the peaks of southern Colorado contrasted with wildfire burn scars from 2002 and 2018. Learn about the rich history of this region while taking part in programs in western lore, logging, homesteading, and Project COPE along the way.*

*Updated from 2025 7-4*

Day	Camp	Miles	Gain	Loss	Program Features	Food Pickup
1	Camping HQ				Opening Campfire	
2	Dean Skyline <sup>d</sup>	3.7	2,810'	1,470'	Ranger Training; Dry Camp (Water @ Ponil); Trail Camp	Camping HQ
3	PUEBLANO	6.4	2,280'	2,670'	Trail Construction Project @ Elkhorn; Continental Tie & Lumber Company Program; Campfire Show	
4	PONIL <sup>s</sup>	5.4	2,120'	3,060'	Philturn Five Points Camp Program & Cantina; Chuckwagon Dinner; Campfire Show	Ponil
5	Horse Canyon	8.7	3,290'	2,300'	Passthrough Challenge Course Program @ Dan Beard; Trail Camp	
6	INDIAN WRITINGS <sup>s</sup>	7.3 <sup>m</sup>	1,770'	2,920'	Passthrough Cimarron & Northwestern Railway Program @ Metcalf Station OR Hart Peak; Ancestral Puebloan Archaeology Program	
7	Camping HQ	3.8 <sup>m</sup>	1,160'	1,400'	T-Rex Track; Hike to Six Mile Gate Trailhead; 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 Ponil Trailhead to go to Dean Skyline Camp

Returns to Camping Headquarters on Day 7 from Six Mile Gate Trailhead

**Campsite Elevations:** 6,968' Minimum, 8,412' Maximum    **Camps:** 3 Staffed, 2 Trail, 1 Dry Camp

**Conservation:** Elkhorn

**Sectional Maps:** North

*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.**