

Itinerary 7-4

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34 miles

Camping & Hiking Highlights

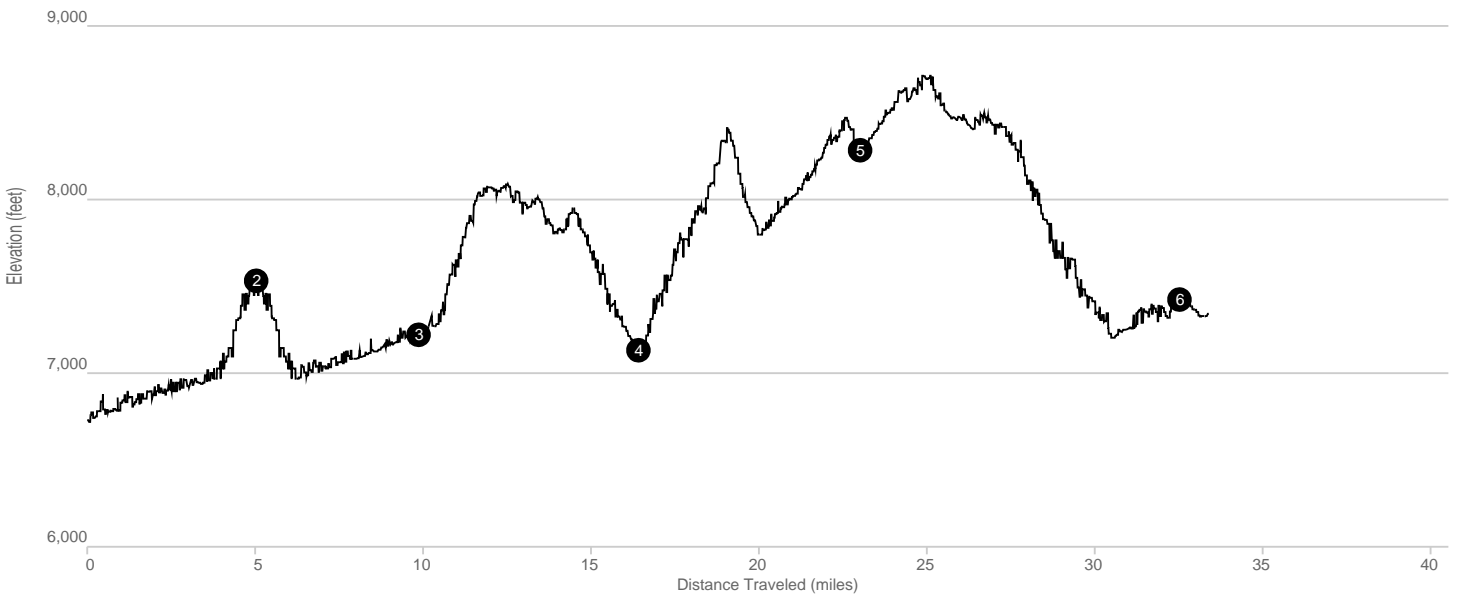
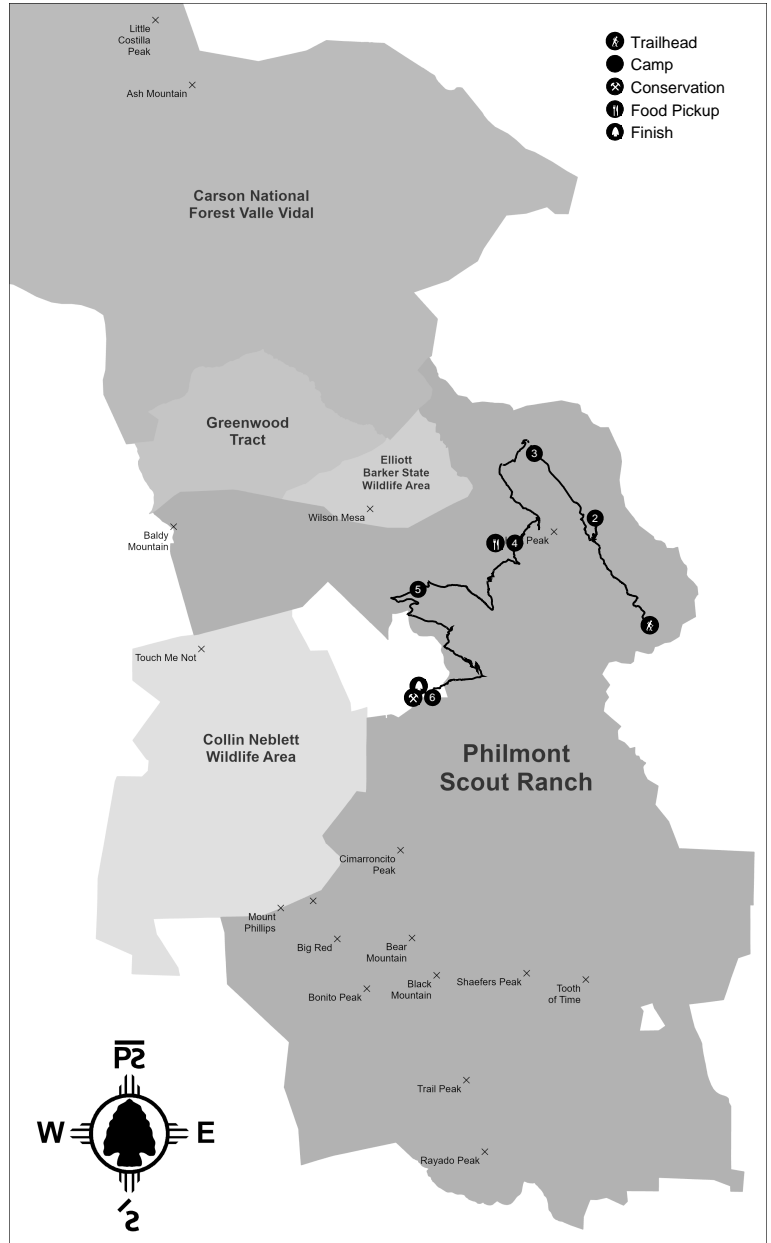
- North Ponil Canyon
- Hart Peak - 7,975 ft.
- Dean Skyline
- T-Rex Track

Program Highlights

- Cimarron & Northwestern Railway
- Western Lore
- Campfire Shows
- Chuckwagon Dinner

Conservation

- Day 7 - Cimarroncita
- 7:30am
- Reforestation



2026 PHILMONT ADVENTURE ITINERARY

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This itinerary provides an excellent opportunity to explore a wide variety of landscapes, and historical timeframes. Start out in the North Ponil Canyon to witness evidence of dinosaurs and the Ancestral Puebloan people. Learn about local railroad history and enjoy a campfire at Metcalf Station. Enjoy the rocky ridges and expansive vistas north country has to offer. Hike over Hart Peak and into Ponil, the original base camp for Philtum Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. Hike historic canyons and ridges previously traveled by loggers, cattlemen, and outlaws, before landing at the Cimarron River where the green valleys below Baldy Mountain meet the 2018 Ute Park Fire recovery area.

Updated from 2025 7-5

Day	Camp	Miles	Gain	Loss	Program Features	Food Pickup
1	Camping HQ				Opening Campfire	
2	Coyote Howl ^d	5.0	2,500'	1,700'	Ranger Training; T-Rex Track; Passthrough Ancestral Puebloan Archaeology Program @ Indian Writings; Dry Camp (Water @ Indian Writings); Trail Camp	Camping HQ
3	METCALF STATION	4.8	1,590'	1,900'	Cimarron & Northwestern Railway Program; Campfire Show	
4	PONIL ^s	6.5	2,290'	2,380'	Hart Peak; Philtum Five Points Camp Program & Cantina; Chuckwagon Dinner; Campfire Show	Ponil
5	Upper Dean Cow	6.6	3,230'	2,080'	Horse Ride; Trail Camp	
6	CIMARRONCITA	9.5	3,200'	4,060'	Fire Ecology & Wildlife Conservation Program;	
7	Camping HQ	0.9	40'	120'	Reforestation Project @ Cimarroncita; Hike to Ute Park Trailhead; Closing Campfire	

(d) = Dry Camp (s) = Showers may be available

Departs from Camping Headquarters on Day 2 for Six Mile Gate Trailhead to go to Coyote Howl Camp
Returns to Camping Headquarters on Day 7 from Ute Park Trailhead

Itinerary crosses a burn recovery area. Crew must be prepared for sun exposure, weather hazards, and early hike times. Horse rides have stricter height/weight requirements. Horses are limited and require reservation in Logistics.

Campsite Elevations: 7,132' Minimum, 8,284' Maximum **Camps:** 3 Staffed, 2 Trail, 1 Dry Camp

Conservation: Cimarroncita **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.