

# Itinerary 12-18

## Strenuous

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### Camping & Hiking Highlights

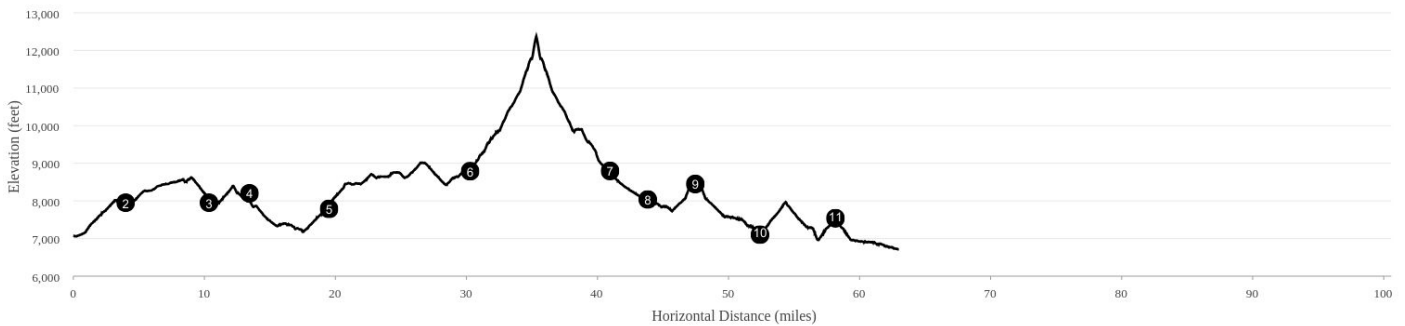
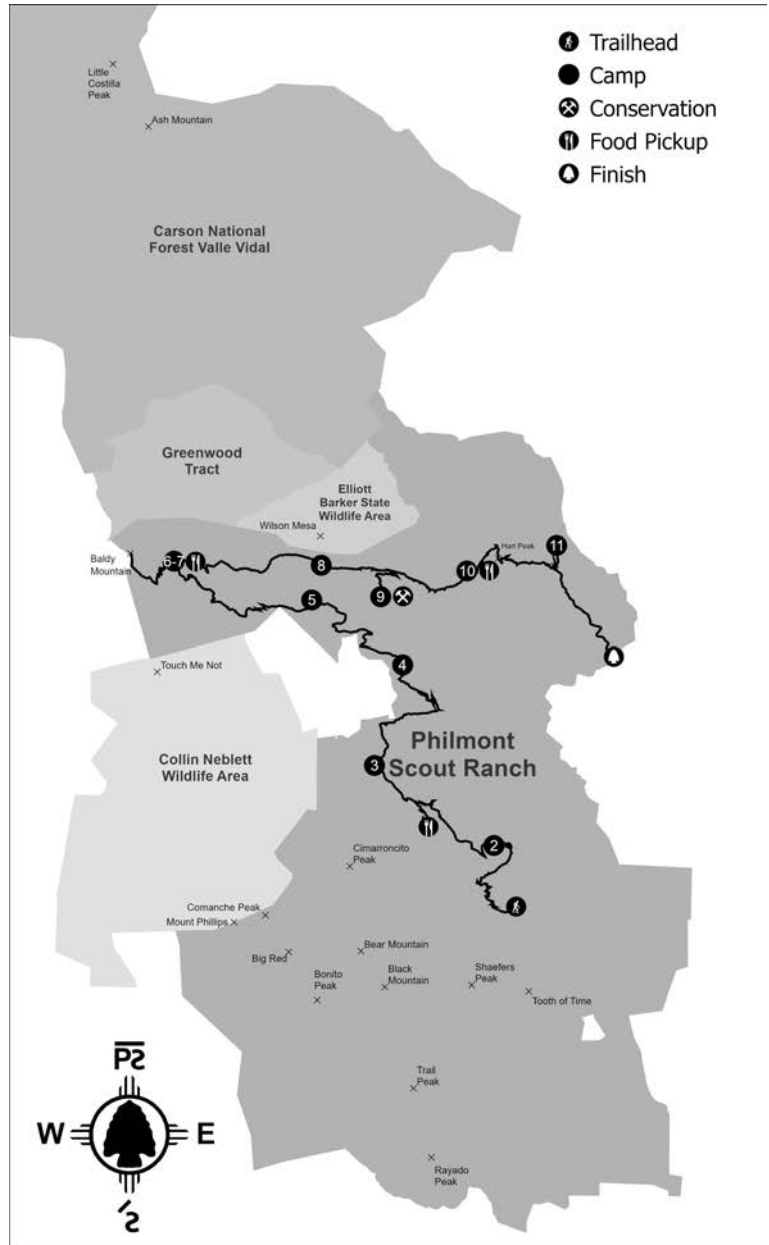
- Baldy Mountain - 12,441 ft.
- Hart Peak - 7,975 ft.
- Dean Skyline
- Deer Lake Mesa

### Program Highlights

- COPE
- Continental Tie & Lumber Company
- Baldy Mining District
- Western Lore

### Conservation

- Day 9 - Elkhorn
- 2:00pm
- New Trail Construction



## 2025 PHILMONT ADVENTURE ITINERARY

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### Strenuous (significant hiking time with some program time) - 64 miles

*This tour of the Philmont central and north country is for crews looking for a true wilderness backpacking experience with moderately high mileage days and nights at 5 trail camps. Start with two days hiking through the 2018 Ute Park Fire recovery area crossing Deer Lake Mesa and passing through Ute Park Pass on your way to Minnette Meadows trail camp. Cross into the north country at Bear Canyon and spend the night at Mistletoe trail camp. Traverse above Dean Canyon and across the head of Santa Claus Canyon on your way to team building and challenge events at Head of Dean. Work your way up the Baldy Skyline with excellent views of Baldy Mountain ahead of you and the plains behind. Spend two nights at Baldy Town to support your summit of Baldy Mountain (12,441'), the highest mountain at Philmont. Pass through French Henry on your way down the gently flowing South Ponil Creek to Pueblano for the Continental Tie & Lumber Company meeting. Climb up onto the ridge for one more night at a trail camp before heading into Ponil for the Cantina and a western chuck wagon dinner.*

Day	Camp	Miles	Gain	Loss	Program Features	Food Pickup
1	Camping HQ				Opening Campfire	
2	Deer Lake	5.5	1,586'	383'	Ranger Training; Fire Recovery Zone; Trail Camp	Camping Headquarters
3	Minnette Meadows <sup>d</sup>	8.6	956'	1,362'	Fire Recovery Zone; Dry Camp	Ute Gulch
4	Mistletoe <sup>d</sup>	6.6	1,521'	1,064'	Passthrough Archery & Fire Ecology Program @ Cimarroncita; Dry Camp	
5	HEAD OF DEAN	5.3	1,017'	570'	COPE Program	
6	BALDY TOWN <sup>s</sup>	6.6	1,514'	450'	Historic Baldy Town Program; Baldy Hike Prep	Baldy Town
7	BALDY TOWN <sup>s</sup>	5.8	2,592'	2,592'	Black Horse Mine; Baldy Mountain; Historic Baldy Town Program (continued)	
8	PUEBLANO	5.3	479'	2,236'	Passthrough Mining History Program @ French Henry; Continental Tie & Lumber Company Program; Campfire Show	
9	Elkhorn	4.0	1,080'	647'	Trail Building Project; Trail Camp	
10	PONIL <sup>s</sup>	5.0	297'	1,634'	Western Lore Program & Cantina; Chuckwagon Dinner & Campfire Show	Ponil
11	Coyote Howl <sup>d</sup>	5.9	1,587'	1,176'	Hart Peak; Dry Camp	
12	Camping HQ	4.9	319'	1,166'	T-Rex Track; Hike to Six Mile Gate; Closing Campfire	

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

Departs from Camping Headquarters on Day 2 for Webster Trailhead to go to Deer Lake Camp

Returns to Camping Headquarters on Day 12 from Six Mile Gate Trailhead

**Itinerary crosses a burn recovery area. Crew must be prepared for sun exposure, weather hazards, and early hike times.**

**Campsite Elevations:** 7,078' Minimum, 9,777' Maximum      **Camps:** 4 Staffed, 5 Trail, 1 Layover, 3 Dry Camps

**Conservation:** Elkhorn      **Sectional Maps:** North, 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.**