Itinerary 12-14

Rugged

61 miles

Camping & Hiking Highlights

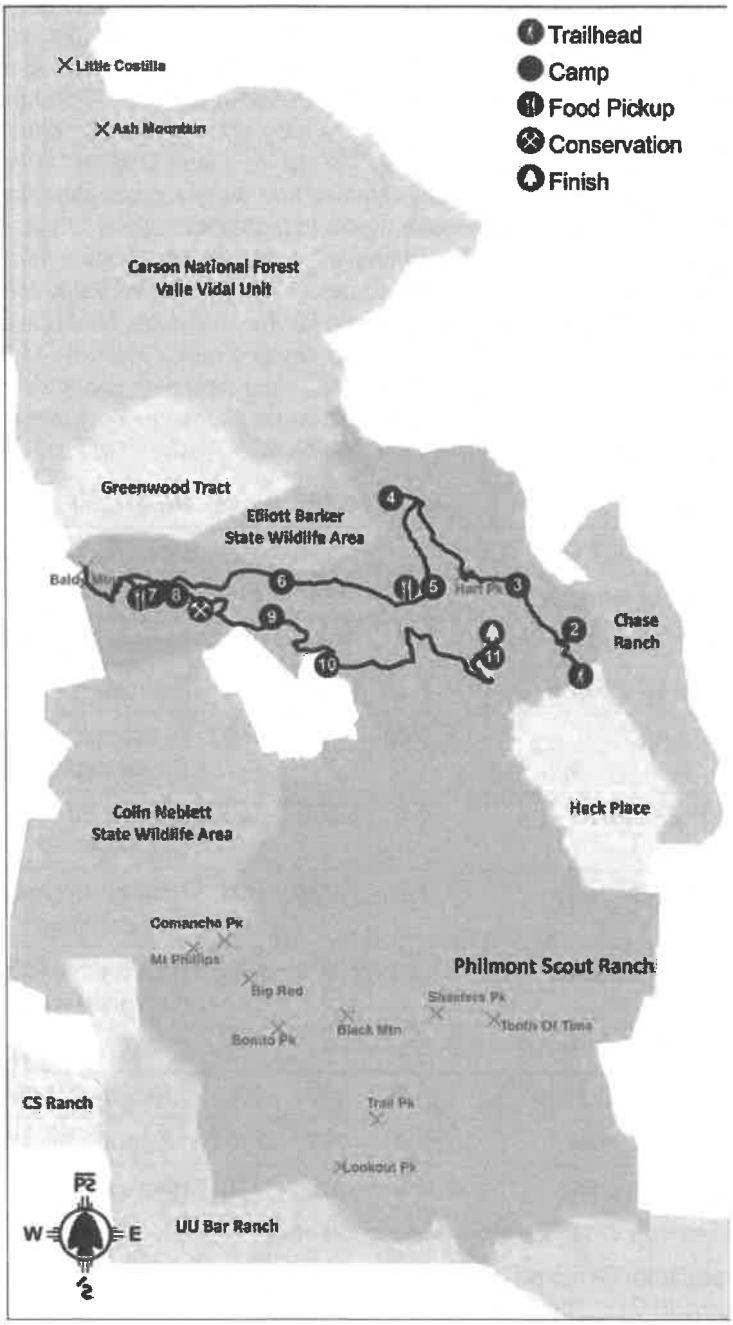
- Baldy Mountain - 12,441 ft.
- Santa Claus Camp
- Baldy Skyline Hike
- Horse Canyon

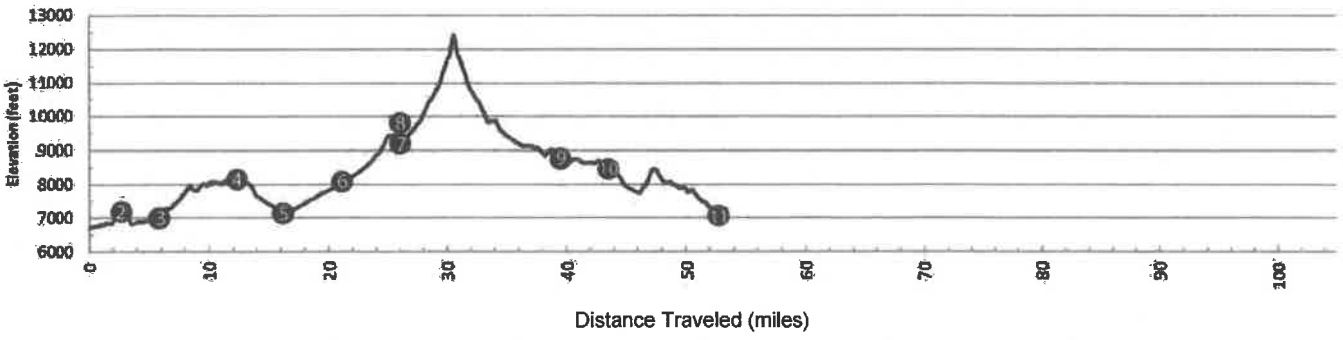
Program Highlights

- Burro Packing
- Spar Pole Climbing
- 12 Gauge Shotgun Shooting
- Mining & Blacksmithing

Conservation

- Day 9 - Baldy Skyline
- Forest Restoration





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This traverse of the North Country historical timeline starts off by exploring the site of the first confirmed T-Rex track in the worl Move on to Indian Writings the next day to learn about some of the oldest historical sites on the ranch, the many petroglyphs found in the canyon, as well as the pit house excavation site. Continue up the North Ponil Canyon to the site of Metcalf Station and try your hands as a railroader for the day before settling in to Horse Canyon trail camp. Hike down beautiful Horse Canyon to the original base camp and headquarters of Philmont at Ponil. Ride horses, enjoy a nice cold root beer at the Cantina and spend the rest of the day enjoying the western lore programs, a delicious chuckwagon dinner, and an exciting Cantina Show to top off the day. Pick up your burros then head over to Pueblano to spend time with the loggers of the Continental Tie & Lumber Co. to experience the thrill of spar pole climbing and enjoy a great campfire program. Get ready, as the next morning you will be heading up into the mountains and cooler nights at higher elevations. First, drop off your burros at Miranda and get a glimpse of what a Mountain Man Rendezvous might have looked like and enjoy a friendly tomahawk throwing competition. Your next two nights are at a beautiful camp called Ute Meadows, in the shadow of Baldy Mountain. You will have a layover day where you can summit Baldy Mountain, and then, if you are up for the challenge, hike down to Copper Park and French Henry to visit Lucien Maxwell's Aztec Mine. Get some rest after a long day and make your way to Baldy Skyline for conservation, then down the trail to Head of Dean to test your crew's teamwork skills. Your next stop is not the North Pole, but Santa Claus! Reload 12 gauge shotshells before heading down to the range to do some shooting! Your last night on the trail is at Trail Canyon camp, where you will make the short hike the next morning to the Nine Mile Trailhead to load up on the bus for the journey back to Base Camp.

Day	Camp	Miles	Gain	Loss	Program Features	Food Pickup
1	Camping HQ				Opening Campfire	
2	House Canyon	2.7	589'	116'	Ranger Training; T-Rex Track; Trail Camp	Camping HQ
3	INDIAN WRITINGS [s]	3.1	320'	527'	Archaeology, Atlatl Darts, Petroglyph Tour	
4	Horse Canyon	7.2	1,445'	276'	Railroading, Blacksmithing @ Metcalf Station; Trail Camp	
5	PONIL [s]	3.9	206'	1,210'	Western Lore/Branding, Cantina, Horse Rides, Chuckwagon Dinner, Cantina Show	Ponil
6	PUEBLANO	5.7	1,050'	109'	Pick up Burros @ Ponil; Tie Making, Spar Pole Climbing, Campfire	
7	Ute Meadows	7.2	2,004'	896'	Drop off Burros @ Miranda; Mountain Man Rendezvous, Tomahawks	
8	Ute Meadows	12.2	3,331'	3,365'	Hike Baldy Mountain; Copper Park Loop to French Henry (Optional) for Gold Panning & Mine Tour	Baldy Town
9	HEAD OF DEAN	5.3	600'	1,019'	Conservation @ Baldy Skyline	
10	SANTA CLAUS	3.9	305'	603'	Challenge Course Events @ Head of Dean	
11	Trail Canyon [d]	9.2	699'	2,102'	12 gauge Shotgun Shooting & Reloading; Trail Camp	
12	Camping HQ	0.5	12'	130'	Hike to Nine Mile Trailhead; Awards Campfire	

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

Departs from Camping Headquarters on Day 2 for Six Mile Gate Trailhead to go to House Canyon Camp
Returns to Camping Headquarters on Day 12 from Nine Mile Trailhead

This is a Burro Packing Itinerary. If your crew chooses it, they MUST TAKE THE BURRO.
Horse rides require that all participants weigh 200 lbs. or less. Spots limited, sign up in Logistics before departing base.

Campsite Elevations: 6,915' Minimum, 9,143' Maximum **Camps:** 5 Staffed, 4 Trail, 1 Layover, 1 Dry Camp
Conservation: Baldy Skyline **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.