# **Itinerary 12**

# Challenging

## 61 miles

## Camping & Hiking Highlights

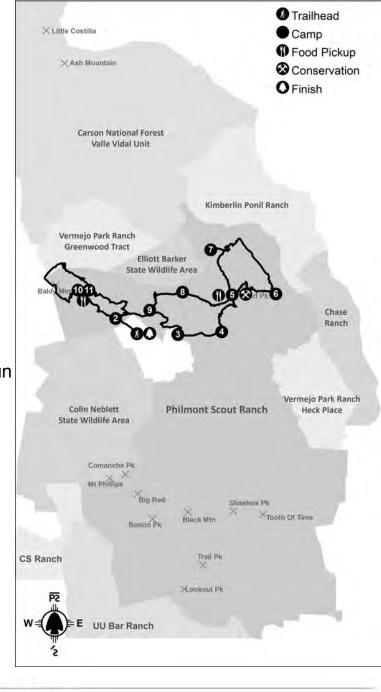
- Baldy Mountain 12,441 ft.
- Hart Peak 7,975 ft.
- Baldy Skyline
- Dean Skyline

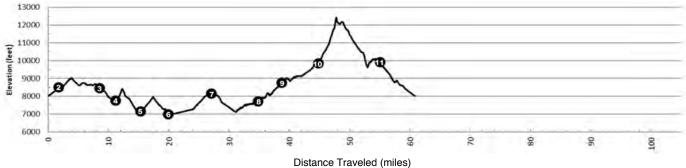
### **Program Highlights**

- Santa Claus NEW 12 ga. Shotgun
- Cowboy Action Shooting
- Spar Pole Climbing
- Cantina Show

### Conservation

- Day 5 Ponil
- New Trail Construction





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#### Challenging (maximum program time) - 61 miles

This challenging itinerary will have you hiking through some of the most scenic parts of the north country with many great program opportunities. You will start your trek off with a bus to Maxwell Trailhead for Ranger training and your first night on the trail at Maxwell Trail Camp. Then, shoot towards your next destination: Santa Claus. This is one of our newly reopened staff camp, where you will enjoy 12-guage shotgun shooting and reloading. After a night enjoying the stars at New Dean, you'll journey to Ponil where you get the full western experience, ride horses, and participate in one of Philmont's coolest programs: Cowboy Action Shooting! After a hearty chuckwagon dinner and a night of enjoying root beer at the Ponil cantina show, you will hike over Hart Peak to Indian Writings where you can take a petroglyph tour, throw atlatls, and work at an archaeological dig site. From here, you'll hike to Horse Canyon Camp where you will be rewarded with a phenomenal sunset view of the Sangre de Cristos. On the way, you will have the chance to build a railroad for the Cimarron & Northwestern Ry. Next, you'll wrap back around and head up to Flume Canyon trail camp where you can hike to Pueblano for the Continental Tie and Lumber Co. campfire and company meeting for the evening. Work as a team to conquer the challenge course events at Head of Dean before you move closer to the pinnacle of your trek... Baldy Mountain. You'll have a layover at Baldy Town, so you can rest and shower up before and after your hike. Enjoy more of the mining history of the area and stop at French Henry for some gold panning and a tour of the mine. Your last day on the trail will bring you through the mountain man rendezvous at Miranda. Throw a few tomahawks, then make your way down to the Express Trailhead for your bus. Next stop... Base Camp!

Day	Not	Camp	Program Features	Food Pickup
1		Camping Headquarters	Opening Campfire	
2		Maxwell	Ranger Training; Trail Camp	Camping Headquarters
3		SANTA CLAUS	12 ga. Shotgun Shooting & Reloading @ Santa Claus	
4		New Dean	Trail Camp	
5	S	PONIL	Conservation Project; Western Lore/Branding, Horse Rides, Cantina, Chuckwagon Dinner, Campfire	Ponil
6	S	INDIAN WRITINGS	Cowboy Action Shooting @ Ponil; Climb Hart Peak; Archaeology, Atlatl Darts, Petroglyph Tour	
7		Horse Canyon	Railroading @ Metcalf Station; Trail Camp	
8		Flume Canyon	Company Meeting Campfire @ Pueblano; Trail Camp	Ponil
9		HEAD OF DEAN	Continental Tie & Lumber Co., Spar Pole Climbing @ Pueblano; Challenge Course Events	
10	s	BALDY TOWN	Mining History, Assaying	Baldy Town
11	S	BALDY TOWN	Hike Baldy Mountain; Gold Mining & Panning, Blacksmithing or Mine Tour @ French Henry	
12		Camping Headquarters	Mountain Man Rendezvous, Tomahawks @ Miranda; Hike to Express Trailhead; Awards Campfire	
Retur	ns to	Camping Headquarters of	s on Day 2 for Express Trailhead to go to Maxwell Camp on Day 12 from Express Trailhead i <b>t, participants must weigh 200 lbs. or less</b>	

Campsite Elevations	: 6,915' Minimum, 9,777' Maximum	Camps: 5 Staffed, 4 Trail, 1 Layover
Conservation:	Ponil	Sectional Maps: North

**NOTE:** (d) = Dry Camp, (s) = Showers may be available 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.