# **Itinerary 12-5**

# Challenging

#### 54 miles

### Camping & Hiking Highlights

- Mt. Phillips 11,736 ft.
- Tooth of Time 9,003 ft.
- Comanche Peak 11,303 ft.
- North Fork Urraca

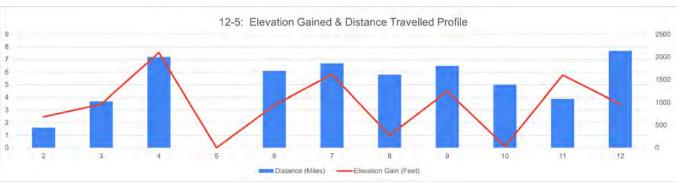
## Program Highlights

- .30-06 Rifle Shooting
- Muzzle Loading Rifles
- Western Lore
- Rock Climbing & Rappelling

### Conservation

- Day 9 Cito Peak
- 10:30am
- New Trail Construction





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This challenging itinerary will take you to some of the south country's most iconic peaks with great program opportunities along the way. Start out at Lovers Leap Trailhead and receive Ranger training during your stay at Lovers Leap that night. Next, hike through Miners Park and participate in rock climbing before hiking over to the scenic North Fork Urraca campsite. Enjoy the beautiful hike up the North Fork and look for the Grizzly Tooth rock formation! Ultimately, you will reach the post-Civil War encampment at Black Mountain and participate in .58-caliber muzzle loading rifle shooting and blacksmithing before heading to Beaubien for a two-night layover. At Beaubien you will learn all about life on the cattle trail, ride horses, eat a hearty chuckwagon dinner, and listen to the sounds of western music at their campfires. Next, you'll begin your approach towards Mt. Phillips by spending a night at Comanche Creek camp, but not before you stop by and visit the homestead at Crooked Creek. Get your rest, as you will be hitting two peaks of over 11,000 ft. each the next day! After summitting Mt. Phillips, you will take a short hike to Comanche Peak before finally bedding down for the night. Sawmill is next on your journey, where you will get to experience reloading ammunition, then firing those rounds through their .30-06 rifles. After enjoying the scenic hike through Whistle Punk you'll meet up with the Conservation Department for some work on a brand-new trail to the top of Cito Peak. Make your way to Lamberts Mine to set up camp, but you'll want to hike back to Cyphers Mine for their evening musical performance: The Stomp. Next, enjoy a hike down the beautiful Middle Fork to make it to Waite Phillips cabin at Hunting Lodge. Get a tour of the cabin, and spend some time learning from a visiting forester at the Demonstration Forest on your way out the next morning. Your day is not over yet, as you must journey towards your final night on the trail at Shaefers Pass Camp. Get plenty of water at Clarks Fork, as you will need it as you make your ascent to Shaefers Peak and the Tooth of Time. Enjoy the views across the plains to the East, and the beautiful mountains of Philmont to the West, reflecting on the journey you have taken and the challenges you have conquered as a crew. Then, make your way across Tooth Ridge and down into your final destination, Base Camp!

Day	Camp	Miles	Gain	Loss	Program Features	Food Pickup
1	Camping HQ				Opening Campfire	
2	Lovers Leap	1.6	682'	317'	Ranger Training; Trail Camp	Camping HQ
3	North Fork Urraca	3.7	962'	432'	Rock Climbing and Rappelling @ Miners Park; Trail Camp	Miners Park
4	BEAUBIEN <sup>s</sup>	7.2	2,099'	800'	Post Civil War Encampment, Blacksmithing, Muzzle Loading Rifles @ Black Mountain; Campfire	
5	BEAUBIEN <sup>s</sup>	0.0	0'	0'	Western Lore/Branding, Horse Rides, Chuckwagon Dinner; Campfire	
6	Comanche Creek	6.1	936'	648'	Homesteading, Cabin Tour @ Crooked Creek; Trail Camp	Phillips Junction
7	Comanche Peak <sup>d</sup>	6.7	2,389'	932'	Climb Mt. Phillips; Climb Comanche Peak; Water @ Red Hills;Trail Camp	
8	SAWMILL <sup>s</sup>	5.8	274'	2,155'	.30-06 Rifle Shooting and Reloading	Sawmill
9	Lamberts Mine	6.5	1,251'	1,434'	Conservation @ Cito Peak Site; Gold Panning, Mine Tour, Campfire @ Cyphers Mine; Trail Camp	
10	HUNTING LODGE	5.0	31'	1,230'	Hunting Lodge Tour, Fly Fishing	Cimarroncito
11	Shaefers Pass <sup>d</sup>	3.9	1,602'	661'	Visit Demonstration Forest; Water @ Clarks Fork	
12	Camping HQ	7.7	959'	2,980'	Climb Shaefers Peak, Climb Tooth of Time; Hike in via Tooth Ridge; Awards Campfire	

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

Departs from Camping Headquarters on Day 2 for Lovers Leap Trailhead to go to Lovers Leap Camp Hike back to Camping Headquarters via Tooth Ridge Trail

A New Mexico Fishing License is needed in order to fish in the Philmont backcountry. Horse rides require that all participants weigh 200 lbs. or less. Spots limited, sign up in Logistics before departing base.

Campsite Elevations: 7,313' Minimum, 11,038' Maximum Camps: 3 Staffed, 6 Trail, 1 Layover, 2 Dry Camps

Conservation: Cito Peak Sectional Maps: 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.