

# Itinerary 17

**Rugged**

**70 miles**

## Camping & Hiking Highlights

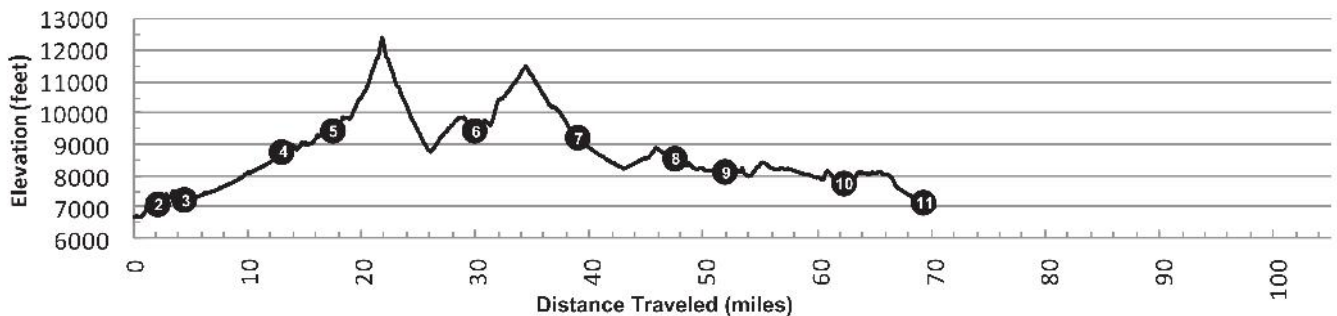
- See T-Rex Track
- Campos Heck Camp
- Ewells Park Camp
- Baldy Mountain - 12,441 ft.

## Program Highlights

- Rock Climbing
- Mountain Biking
- Search & Rescue
- Cowboy Action Shooting

## Conservation Project

- Day 5 - Baldy Skyline
- New Trail Construction



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Start your trek by seeing the only confirmed T-Rex track in the world! From there, be one of the first crews to camp at Campos Canyon, located on the Heck Track of Ted Turner's Vermejo Park Ranch. You will then hike among bizarre rock outcroppings on your way to rock climb and rappell at Dean Cow. Hike up Dean Canyon and then test your crew skills with initiative games and challenge course events at Head of Dean. From there, work on a trail project with the Conservation Department at Baldy Skyline before camping at one of Philmont's most beautiful camps for two nights, Ewells Park. Check to see if the southeastern most campsite is available so you can watch the sunset over Baldy while eating dinner. Get your rest and wake up early to climb over Baldy Mountain and to visit historic Baldy Town. From Ewells, visit French Henry to explore Lucien Maxwell's best gold producing Aztec Mine. Then, be astounded at the view from Copper Park before hiking to Upper Greenwood Canyon for the night. Head northeast into the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest to experience the incredible ponderosa pine stands and some of the most heavily populated elk habitat in the southwest. Camp at Iris Park and Ring Place, but be sure to mountain bike at Whiteman Vega and take part in a search and rescue mission with the staff members at Seally Canyon! Enjoy navigating across Beatty Lakes before crossing back onto Philmont property and staying at Cook Canyon for the night. Wake up early and hike to Ponil so you can sign up for Cowboy Action Shooting and horse rides before eating a chuck wagon dinner and being entertained by a wonderful cantina show. Grab a cowboy breakfast on your way out of the backcountry. Next stop... Base Camp!

Day	Note	Camp	Program Features	Food Pickup
1		BASE	Opening Campfire	
2		Campos Heck	See World's Only Tyrannosaurus Rex Track; Leave No Trace Trail Camp; Ranger Training	Camping HQ
3	s	DEAN COW	Rock Climbing & Rappelling	
4		HEAD OF DEAN	Challenge Events	
5		Ewells Park	Trail Camp, Conservation	Baldy Town
6		Ewells Park	Side Hike Baldy Mountain, Visit Historic Baldy Town	
7		Upper Greenwood	Gold Mining & Panning, Blacksmithing @ French Henry; Leave No Trace Trail Camp	
8		Iris Park	Leave No Trace Trail Camp	
9		RING PLACE	Mountain Biking @ Whiteman Vega; Astronomy, Folk Weather Forecasting; Leave No Trace Camp	Ring Place
10		Cook Canyon	Search & Rescue, Wilderness Medicine @ Seally Canyon; Trail Camp	
11	s	PONIL	Western Lore, Branding, Horse Rides, Cowboy Action Shooting, Chuck Wagon Dinner, Cantina Show	
12		BASE	Cowboy Breakfast, Hike to Ponil Turnaround, Awards Campfire	

Departs from Camping Headquarters on Day 2 for 6-Mile Gate Turnaround to go to Campos Heck Camp

Returns to Camping HQ on Day 12 from Ponil Turnaround.

**Campsite Elevations:** 7,080' Minimum, 9,440' Maximum    **Camps:** 4 Staffed, 5 Trail, 1 Layover  
**Conservation:** Baldy Skyline    **Sectional Maps:** North, Valle Vidal

**NOTE:** (d) = Dry Camp

(s) = Showers may be available

Crews passing through staff camps will 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.**