



HEAVY HALF - TRAIL GUIDE



PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH
CIMARRON, NEW MEXICO

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Bus leaves the Welcome Center to the Start Line at 7 a.m.

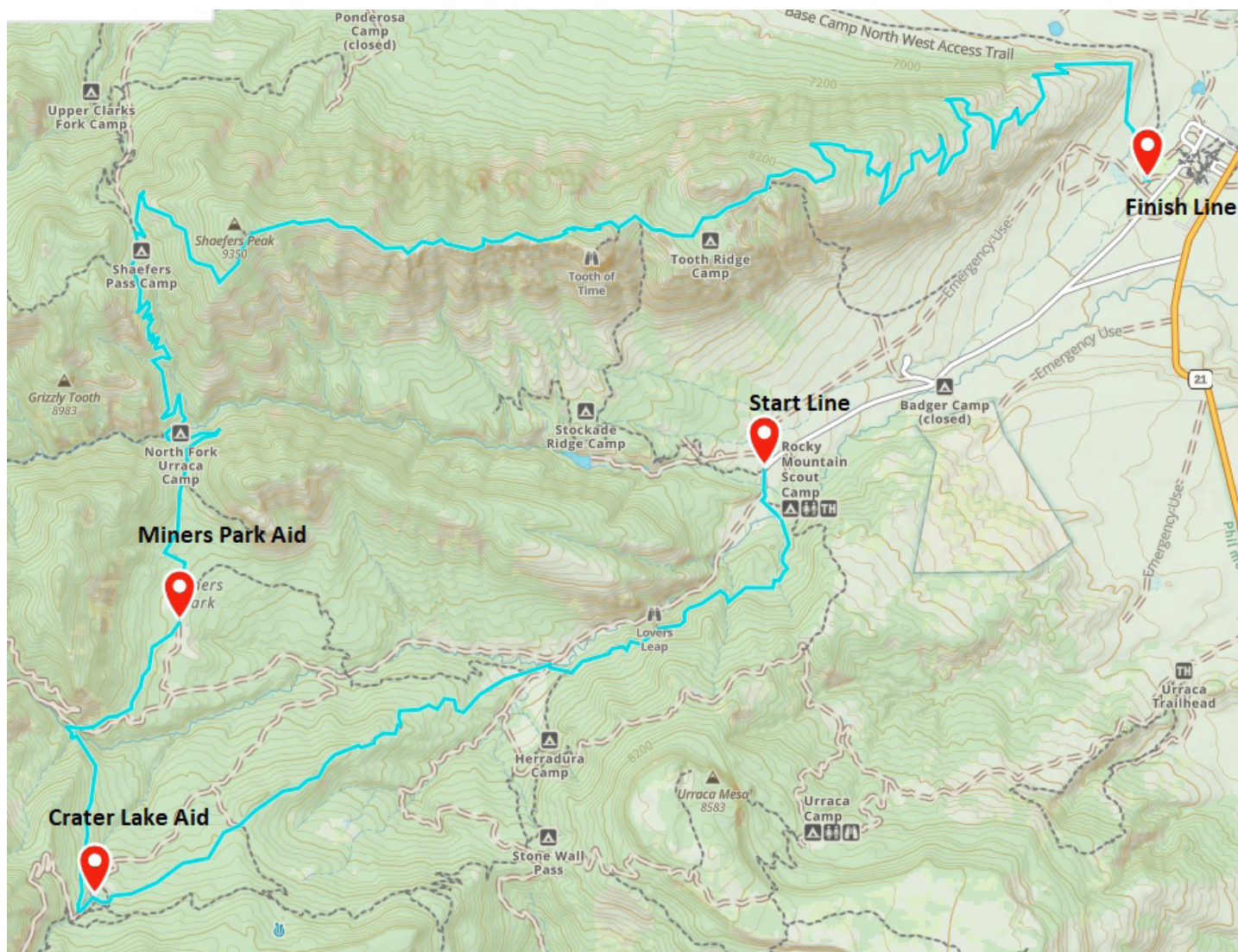
The Heavy Half is a challenging course designed to introduce you to trail running. It has steady climbs, rocky technical sections and smooth descents. This course guide will give you a good understanding of what the trails are like. The course will be marked with flagging tape, but you should have a good understanding of it before you start the race.

The course has 2 Aid Stations. We recommend that all runners carry at least 2 liters of water with them while on the trail, especially after leaving the Miners Park Aid Station. There is no other required gear for runners on the course.

CRATER LAKE AID closes at 2pm, MINERS PARK AID closes at 4pm.

Below are some highlights and notes on the more technical parts of the course, with estimated mile marks based on course hike throughs by experienced trail runners.

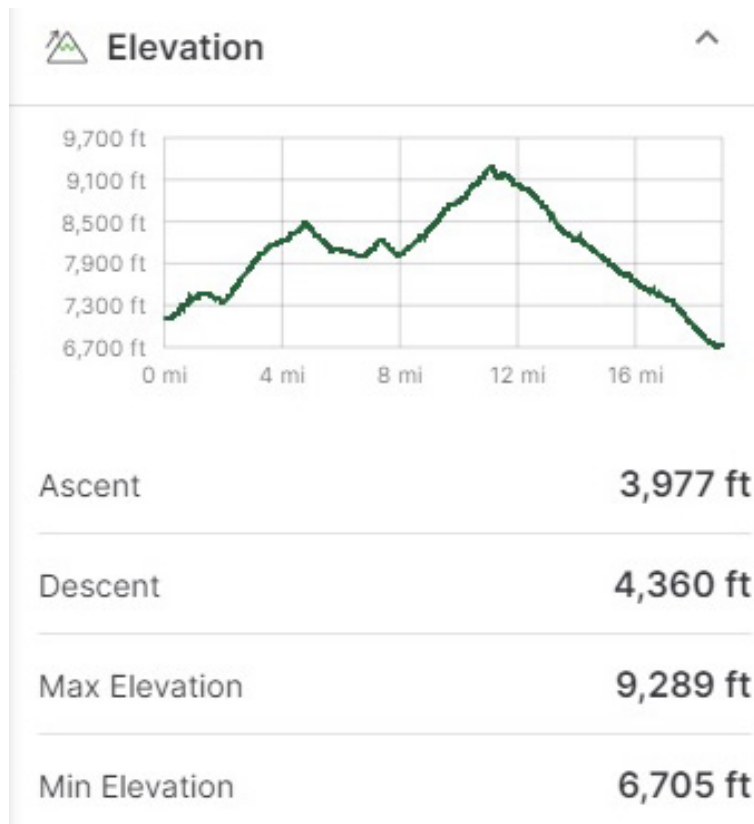
Have fun and enjoy the views of the Heavy Half!



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AID STATIONS



Aid Stations:

Start - Race starts at the Lovers Leap Trailhead at 8am. All Runners must board the bus departing from the Philmont Welcome Center at 7am.

Crater Lake - Mileage from the Start to Crater Lake Aid Station is about 4.75 miles.

Crater Lake Aid Station Closes at 2pm. Any runner that gets to Crater Lake after 2pm will be pulled from the race.

Miners Park - Mileage from Crater Lake to Miners Park Aid Station 1.75 miles.

Miners Park Aid Station closes at 4 pm. Any runner that gets to Miners Park after 4pm will be pulled from the race.

Finish Line - Mileage from Miners Park to the Finish Line is around 12 miles.

Link to Gaia Map of the Heavy Half Course: <https://bit.ly/3NSmi2N>

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Start Line - The start of the race runs west from the Lovers Leap Trailhead to the top of Lovers Leap. This is a slow easy grade trail to the top of the Leap.

Wire Gate - .33 - There is a wire fence across the trail but it will be open for the race.

Rocky Bit 1 - 1



Lovers Leap Camp - 1.97



LL Red Roof - 2.36



Stairway to Crater - 4.22



Crater Aid - 4.71 - Crater Lake is the first aid station on the course. The station will be staffed by staff who are interpreting as Loggers in 1914 at the Continental Tie and Lumber Company. After Crater Lake, the trail descends to the next aid station just under 2 miles away. This aid station closes at 2pm, if you do not leave the aid station by the time it closes you will be pulled off the course and transported back to Basecamp.



Rock Ledge & Down Tree - 5.75



Miners Park Aid Station - 6.4 - The second aid station on the course is at Miners Park, a rock climbing camp. This station will be the last reliable water source until the end of the course, so we recommend leaving with 2 or more liters of water. After this station, the course will begin to climb up Shafer's Pass and to the top of Tooth Ridge. This Aid Station closes at 4pm, if you do not leave the Aid Station by the time it closes you will be pulled off the course and transported back to Basecamp.



Wire Gate 2/ Top of North Fork - 7.43 - There is a wire fence across the trail but it will be open for the race.



North Fork Urraca Creek Crossing - 8 - A hued log bridge crossing the stream. Take your time crossing the bridge and go one runner at a time.



Top of Shaefers Pass - 9.79 - The top of Shaefers Pass features a nice meadow area. The trail will continue to go uphill after this point, heading towards Shaefers Peak before turning onto the Tooth Ridge Trail.



Shaefers Trail - 11 - Once you reach the turn off of Shaefers Peak you will head down Tooth Ridge. For the first 2 miles spanning to the Tooth Bear Cables, the trail is very technical. It will feature some sections where you will need to rock scramble. Below are photos from this 2 mile section to give some examples of what the trail looks like.



Tooth Ridge Rock Scrambles -



Tooth Ridge Rock Scrambles 2 -



Rocky Down - 12.42



Tooth Bear Cables - 13.04 - There will be Philmont Staff stationed here with radio communication should you need some help.

Pasture Trail - 13.87 - This is the trail junction of the Pasture and Tooth Ridge Trails. It will be marked which direction to go. Head towards the left to follow the ridge trail to the finish line.



Trail Rock - 16.08



Wire Fence Switchback - 17.19



Rocky Bit - 17.22



Finish Line (You Made It Gate) - 18.7



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