



MARATHON - TRAIL GUIDE



PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH
CIMARRON, NEW MEXICO

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Bus leaves the Welcome Center for the Start Line at 5 a.m.

The Marathon course starts at the Zastrow Trailhead and goes over Stonewall Pass up towards Tooth Ridge.

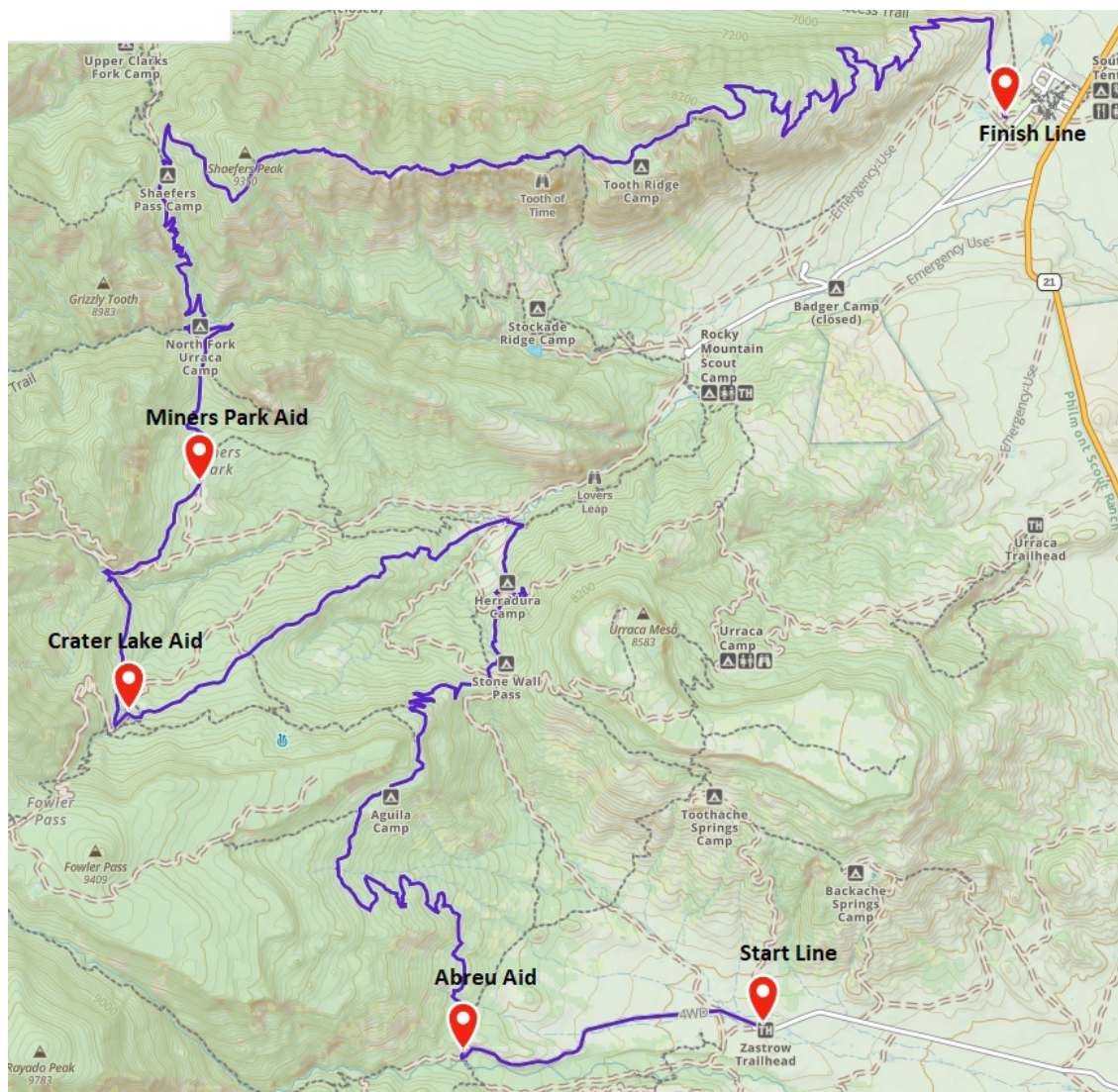
This course guide will give you a good understanding of trail conditions. The route will be marked with flagging tape, but you should have a good understanding of the course before starting the race.

The course has 3 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 to have on the course.

ABREU AID closes at 7:30am, CRATER LAKE AID closes at 2pm, MINERS PARK AID closes at 4pm.

Below are highlights and notes on some of 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 Philmont Marathon!



MARATHON



AID STATIONS



Start - Race starts at the Zastrow Trailhead at 6am. All runners must board the bus departing from the Philmont Welcome Center at 5am.

Abreu - Mileage from Start line to Abreu Aid Station is 2 miles.

Abreu Aid Station Closes at 7:30am. Any runner that arrives after 7:30am will be pulled from the race.

Crater Lake - Mileage from the Abreu to Crater Lake Aid Station is just over 9 miles.

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

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

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

Finish Line - Mileage from Miners Park to the Finish Line is around 12 miles. The Finish Line closes at 11pm.

Link to Gaia Map of Marathon - <https://bit.ly/3uGAULL>

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Start Line – Zastrow Trailhead

Abreu Aid Station – 2 – The first aid station of the marathon course. Leaving the Abreu aid station, you will start heading up Stonewall Pass through Aguila. The Abreu aid station closes at 7:30am. If you do not leave the aid station by then you will be pulled off the course and transported back to Basecamp. The next aid station will be a little over 9 miles away.

Lovers Leap Camp – 8.4



LL Red Roof – 8.79



Stairway to Crater – 10.65



Crater Aid – 11.14 – Crater Lake is the second aid station on the marathon course. Crater Lake will be staffed with interpretive loggers in 1914 who are working for the Continental Tie and Lumber Company.

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.

After Crater Lake the trail will descend to the next aid station just under 2 miles away.



Rock Ledge – 12.18



Miners Park Aid Station - 12.83 - The third aid station on the marathon course is at Miners Park, a rock climbing camp. This is the last reliable water source of the race until the finish line, so we recommend you leave with 2 or more liters of water. This aid station closes at 4pm. If you do not leave the aid station by the time it closes then you will be pulled off the course and transported back to Basecamp.



North Fork Urraca Creek Crossing - 14.43 - A stream crossing with a one hued log bridge. Take your time crossing the bridge and go one runner at a time.



Top of Shaefers Pass - 16.22 - The top of Shaefers Pass features a small meadow. From here you will head towards the top of Shaefers Peak before turing off onto the rocky Tooth Ridge Trail.



Wire Gate 3/ top of North Fork - 13.86 - There is a wire fence across the trail it will be open for the race.



Shaefers Trail - 17.43 - Once you reach the turn off for Sheaffer's Peak you will descend down the Tooth Ridge. For the first 2 miles that span to the Tooth Bear Cables, the trail is very technical with some sections requiring you to rock scramble.

Below are some photos from this section to show what the trail looks like in this technical section of the course.



Tooth Ridge Rock Scrambles -



Tooth Ridge Rock Scrambles 2 -



Rocky Down - 18.85



Tooth Bear Cables - 19.47 - There will be some Philmont Staff stationed here with radio communication should you need any help.

Pasture Trail - 20.3 - The junction of Pasture and Tooth Ridge trails. It will be marked with which direction to go. Head left to follow the Ridge Trail to the finish line.



Trail Rock - 22.51



Wire Fence Switchback - 23.62



Rocky Bit - 23.65



Finish Line (You Made It Gate) - 25.45

