

Pack Burro Picnics

What to Expect and Essential Gear List

Welcome to Pack Burro Picnics! Ellroy is ready to show you an **ASS**-tounding experience!

We are excited to host your group on a Pack Burro Picnic. Before we confirm your reservation, the following information about the hike, picnic and essential gear is necessary to prepare you for an unforgettable experience. We don't like to make any **ASS**-umptions, so please read carefully!

Itinerary

9:00 am - Meet at FSR 134 Trailhead/Parking Lot

9:15 am - Orientation Talk

9:30 am - Depart Trailhead

10:30 am - Snack/Water & Interpretive Break

11:30 am - Summit - History of Mining and Peaks Identification

12:00 pm - Picnic Lunch

1:00 pm - Descent back to parking lot

3:00 pm - Depart parking lot

Hike Description

Expect a rigorous 5 mile round trip hike beginning at the FSR 134 Trailhead. We will **ASS**-cend 1500 feet over 2.5 miles to the summit of Chalk Mountain, which sits at over 12,000 feet. The trail is rocky and steep, and is not well maintained. Hiking shoes or boots are required.

Altitude

Please prepare for your hike by drinking plenty of water several days preceding your hike, so you are well hydrated. Altitude sickness is real, and can hinder your experience by feeling nauseous and having a headache.

Medical Conditions

Please let us know if you or anyone in your group has any special medical conditions such as allergies, asthma, or any other condition we need to be aware of. The more we know, the better we can help and prepare.

Rain or Shine

Ellroy and our Team operate in all kinds of weather, so we won't cancel a tour due to rain. If there is severe weather on the trail, we will take shelter. We check

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radar regularly for lightening and move accordingly. Storms in Colorado are usually fast and furious. Please be prepared with warm clothing and rain gear.

Inherent Risks

There are inherent risks in any outdoor activity. You will need to sign our liability waiver before beginning your journey. We want you to understand these risks, however, know that your guides are trained to mitigate risks as much as possible. Some of these risks include:

- Wildlife Encounters
- Insect bites and stings
- Rolling ankles or broken bones
- Lightning Strikes
- Thunderstorms
- Donkey kicks or bites

We carry significant first aid kits. However, if you have any allergies that require an EpiPen, our expectation is that you carry your EpiPen with you for the duration of the hike, so it is always with you, ready to use.

Picnic

A few days before your hike, we will send you a menu of sandwich options. We provide snacks consisting of energy bars or gorp, as well as chips, fruit, and various treats for dessert. Beverages include bubbly water, plain water, and any other special requests you may have. Alcohol is not permitted on Forest Service land. If you have special dietary needs, please denote on your reservation form. We are happy to accommodate any special needs, or celebrate special occasions.

Toileting

While traveling in the wilderness, when Mother Nature calls, there are no restrooms. We have a cathole kit to use to properly take care of any human waste. If you are unfamiliar with digging a cathole, you will learn!

Essential Gear

Be prepared to hike with us in ANY weather. Please bring the following:

- Small backpack for your essentials
- Hiking boots or shoes
- Any medication you may need i.e, inhalers, allergy meds, epipens, etc.
- Layered clothing
 - It is MUCH colder at altitude than down in our cities and valleys.

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- Chilly mornings turn to hot and/or stormy afternoons
- Water bottle
- Rain gear - top and bottom
- Sunscreen/Sunglasses
- Shade hat or visor

Thank you for your careful preparation and acknowledgment that you are prepared to hike with us!