

## **Culebra Peak -- 14,047'**

**Culebra Peak offers a unique climbing experience. Unlike any other Fourteener in Colorado, hiking impacts are largely absent – Culebra is essentially “untrailed”. In order to preserve its pristine condition, please follow these climbing guidelines and Procedures:**

### **CLIMBING PROCEDURES**

- Ascend and descend on a different route in order to minimize impacts to the mountain. Disperse while hiking. In order to protect sensitive alpine plant communities, avoid hiking single file or along existing trampled routes.
- Please remove any small cairns which you have placed.
- While hiking, try to step only on durable surfaces, such as rocks, in order to protect sensitive alpine plant communities. Don't walk along the edge of melting snowfields or other areas where the soils are wet. Many alpine soils are over 5,000 years old, and alpine plants grow very slowly in the harsh climate and short growing season on Fourteeners.
- Refrain from feeding animals or picking wildflowers. Leave what you find.
- Bury all human waste below treeline, not in the tundra. Human waste above treeline requires hundreds of years to decompose. Pack out all the waste you carry in. Refer to the “Guide for Leaving No Trace on Colorado’s Highest Peak” for additional information.

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Attached please find a liability waiver form to be used for your upcoming climb. Please note that you must sign out **no later than 6:00 pm**. If all climbers have not signed out by 6:00 pm, Cielo Vista Ranch will consider the situation an emergency and will begin emergency procedures. Any climber that fails to sign out when leaving the Ranch or leaves the Ranch after 6:00 pm agrees to make a \$100.00 contribution to The Costilla County Search & Rescue.

Also please note that the waiver provides space for you to declare your intentions for climbing, whether that is Culebra only or Culebra and Red Mountain. You must make this decision prior to your arrival at the Ranch. You will still turn in your waiver at check in and pay your fee. Fee for Culebra only will be \$100 for Culebra and Red Mountain \$150.

Please note that no dogs and no non-climbers are allowed on the Ranch and that the road to the Culebra trail head requires 4wd.

Check in for this climb will be **6:00 AM** at the North Headquarters gate to the ranch.

If anyone is under 18 years of age we will require a “Minor” Liability Waiver form which will be

provided upon notification.

We appreciate your cooperation and hope you have an enjoyable and safe time on Cielo Vista Ranch.