



## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# Longs Peak Loop

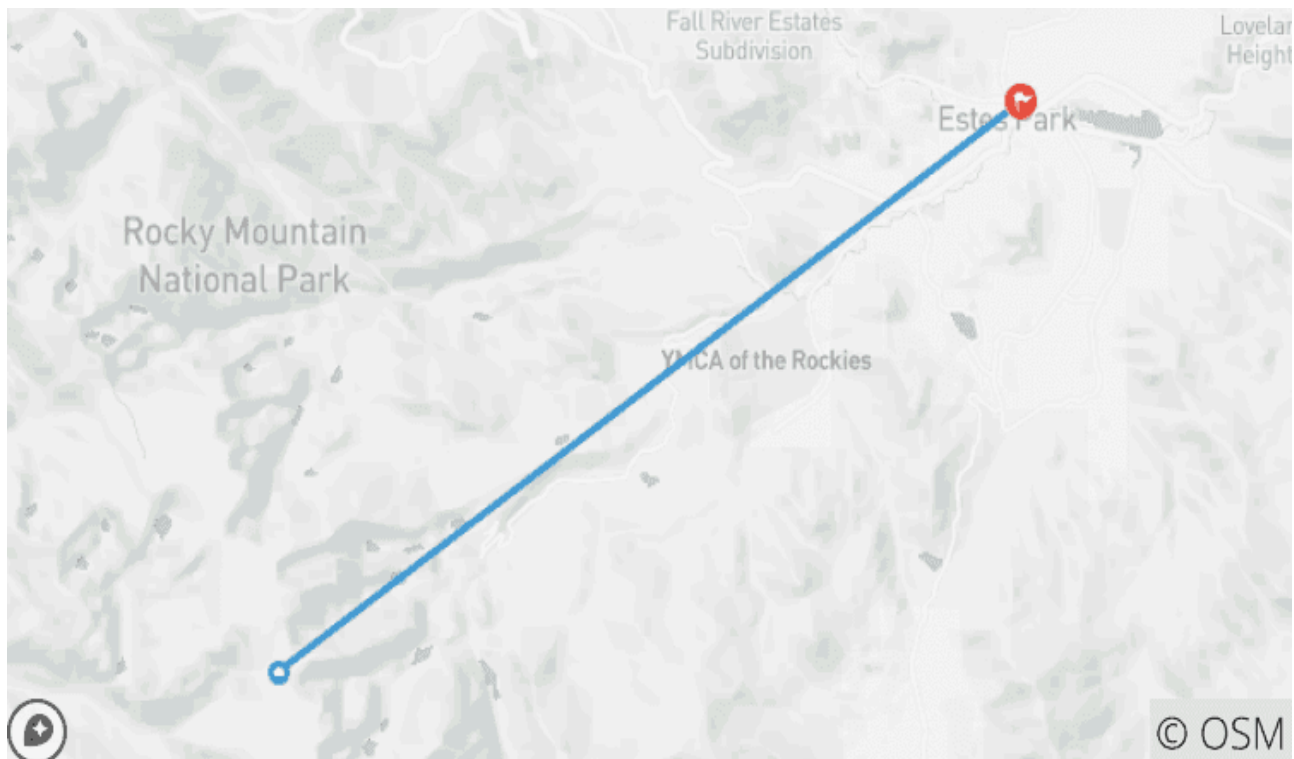
- ✓ Hike to a stunning alpine lake
- ✓ Camp among the boulders at Boulder Field
- ✓ Summit Long's Peak for 100-mile views
- ✓ Explore glaciers and Chasm Lake
- ✓ Visit Alberta Falls before tour ends

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# Trip Overview



## PRICE STARTING FROM

\$1,675.00

## DURATION

5 days

## STARTS IN → ENDS IN

Estes Park → Estes Park

## OPERATED IN

English

## OPERATOR

Wildland Trekking

## TOUR CODE

#118268

# Itinerary

## Introduction

With its summit topping out at an elevation of 14,259 feet, Long's Peak is among the tallest peaks in the Rocky Mountains and is the single tallest peak in Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park. You can easily see it for miles in every direction towering above the rest of the Park!

We designed the Longs Peak Loop to allow for acclimatization during the first couple days of the hike, increasing the odds of a successful summit bid. The trip takes us through a series of camps, drawing us closer to striking distance of Longs Peak. On day 3, permitting good weather, we'll go for the summit. This trip is not for the faint of heart! The summit bid involves steep, exposed scrambling and hiking across boulder fields, possible snow banks, and steep slopes. Such challenging factors make summiting Longs Peak a proud accomplishment. The final day takes us out of the alpine and into the Glacier Gorge area to complete a fantastic point to point hike.

## Day 1

### Start Point



Estes Park,  
USA

Shuttle to trailhead: 20 minutes

Hiking Mileage: 7 miles (includes 5 mile day hike)

Elevation Gain: 2700 feet

Elevation Loss: 1700 feet

This classic Rocky Mountain National Park backpacking trip begins with pick up at your hotel in Estes Park and a short shuttle to our trailhead. Today's hike is short and sweet, with only 1.5 miles hiking with backpacks until reaching our camp at the edge of a meadow. After setting up camp, we will acclimatize by day hiking to a stunning alpine lake, at an elevation of nearly 12,000 feet, that offers breathtaking views of Longs Peak above us. We will finish the day with a delicious, first backcountry meal at camp.

## Day 2

Hiking Mileage: 4.5 miles

Elevation Gain: 2,580 feet

Optional Day Hike: 2 miles, +/- 600 feet

After an energizing breakfast, we will break camp and head into the alpine for the next two days! A moderately steep trail leads us above the tree line to our camp at the Boulder Field. This is likely one of the most unique campsites in all of Rocky Mountain National Park. The area is void of plant life, surrounded by mountains, and filled with jagged boulders. The landscape has a rugged beauty unlike any other place you have likely seen. From here you will have the option of resting at camp, or taking part in day hike to the nearby summit of Storm Peak at 13,326 feet. Either way, we will head to bed early for a good night's rest.

## Day 3

Hiking Mileage: 7 miles

Elevation Gain: 2,000 feet

Elevation Loss: 4,500 feet

Today is our much anticipated summit bid. We will take advantage of an alpine start to beat the afternoon thunderstorms. Our route takes us through the Keyhole, where we will see astonishing views of the Continental Divide. Making our way along the narrow edges until we eventually ascend the trough, the most physically challenging section. We then face the final homestretch until we reach the summit at 14,259 feet. Here we are rewarded with breathtaking 100 mile views of Rocky Mountain and the Front Range. After celebration and photos we will head back the way we ascended. Once at our packs we will break for lunch before hiking 4.5 miles downhill to our next camp below tree line. Please note: this ascent of Long's Peak is all above an elevation of 13,000 feet and requires hand-and-feet scrambling on steep – and at times exposed – rock slopes. There are inherent objective hazards such as altitude illness, rock fall, items or rocks dropped by other hikers, thunderstorms, heavy winds...etc. There's also no guarantee of reaching the summit – if your guide feels the conditions are creating an unacceptable level of risk he or she will turn the group around.

## Day 4

Hiking Mileage: 7.5 miles

Elevation Gain: 1,000 feet

Elevation Loss: 3,700 feet

Day 4 is our summit bid. We'll have a quick breakfast and get an early start to beat the afternoon thunderstorms. Our route takes us above Chasm Lake to incredible vantage points from which to look down on its enchanted waters. We'll also have the opportunity to see a couple glaciers: Mills Glacier and The Dove. Agnes Vaille is another fascinating feature of our hike on Day 4. It's a beehive-shaped, stone structure the National Park Service built in 1927 as a place for hikers to take shelter during thunderstorms or during winter ascents. We'll reach the summit in the late morning, enjoy our achievement for a half hour or so, and then turn back and return to camp.

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Upon return to camp, we'll break down tents and pack up, then descend across vast alpine rockfields and slopes, along a beautiful creek, then through dense forests to our last night's camp. Tonight's camp is a quiet one nestled along a mountain creek, and makes for a wonderful last evening in the mountains.

## Day 5

### End Point



Estes Park,  
USA

Hiking Mileage: 4 miles

Elevation Loss: 1,400 feet

Shuttle to Estes Park: 20 minutes

After all we have accomplished, today's hike will be a breeze. Dawning our packs one last time, we will head towards the Glacier Gorge area. Prior to reaching the trailhead, we will stop at the magnificent Alberta Falls for our last break. At the exit trailhead, we will reminisce our trip over lunch before heading into town to conclude the tour.

Please Note: We always do everything in our power to follow the set itinerary, however it can change occasionally based on temporary access restrictions, weather, lodging/campground availability, guest ability/injury, natural events like fires and flooding, and other potential causes.

# What's Included

## Accommodation

### TENT CAMPING

Sleeping on backpacking trips is in premier 1-person, 2-person or 4-person backcountry tents. Solo travelers, and anyone else who requests it, are issued single tents. Top-of-the-line self-inflating sleeping pads and synthetic-fill sleeping bags (professionally laundered after every trip) are also provided.

## Guide

A professional, knowledgeable, certified Rocky Mountain hiking guide

## Meals

All meals are included from breakfast the first day through lunch on the last day

## Transport

Transportation for the duration of the trip beginning and ending in Estes Park, CO

## Others

- Top-of-the-line tent, backcountry sleeping pad and multi-day backpack
- High quality, synthetic sleeping bag (professionally laundered after every use) – or bring your own.
- Use of trekking poles
- Entrance fees and national park permits
- Bear cannisters for food storage
- Emergency equipment including a company-issued first-aid kit and satellite phone
- You will receive a Lifetime Hiking Membership entitling you, your spouse and kids to a lifetime discount of 10% off any Wildland Trekking hiking trip after your first one!

# What's Not Included

## Flights

Flights are not included.



## Insurance

Insurance is not included.

## Others

- Clothes, raingear and footwear
- Sunscreen, toiletries and personal items
- Water bottles and a headlamp or flashlight
- Guide gratuity (industry recommendation is 10-20% of trip cost)
- Mandatory 5% National Park Fee (added at time of booking and passed through directly to the National Park Service)

## Optional

Other activities and services are not included.

# Departure Dates

STARTING IN Estes Park	→	ENDING IN Estes Park
22 July 2025		26 July 2025
11 August 2025		15 August 2025

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