



## Visiting Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument

### Overview

The Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument was designated on Oct 12, 2022 to protect its important prehistoric, historic, natural and recreational values. The elite soldiers of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division trained here, and the area was used for thousands of years by the Ute people.

### Safety First

Stay on existing roads and trails! Because this is a historic military training camp, there is potential to find unexploded ordinance (i.e. artillery shells, bombs). If you see something that could be one of these items, do not touch it, call 911. Hiking or driving off road or trail can also stir up asbestos in the soil leftover from the old buildings. Guard dogs help protect domestic sheep that graze in the area. Do not approach the sheep or dogs, and keep your own dogs on a leash for their safety.

### Things To Do

You will find limited facilities at Camp Hale, but there are a variety of ways to enjoy the area.

**Driving Tour** – Take a driving tour to see the remaining features from the Army camp, interpretive panels, and the beautiful views of the

Pando Valley and surrounding peaks. Visit [www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver](http://www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver).

**Hiking and Mountain Biking** – You can hike, mountain bike, and ride horses along the Camp Hale section of the Colorado Trail/Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. Access the trailhead from the top of Tennessee Pass. E-bikes and other motorized vehicles are not allowed.

**Camping** – The Camp Hale Memorial Campground has 21 campsites, all available for advance reservation at [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov). Be sure to follow any fire restrictions and to pack out what you bring in.

**Rock Climbing** – Enjoy climbing on the same rock walls the Tenth Mountain soldiers trained on years ago at the Camp Hale Climbing Wall. This is a technical rock-climbing area requiring technical equipment. Park so you are not blocking traffic.

**Technical 4WD and UTV/ATV opportunities** – If you are up for an adventure and have the proper vehicle, there are several high clearance 4WD roads in the area. These roads are technical with large rocks, drainage features, and water crossings that require an ATV/UTV or a true high-clearance vehicle and an experienced driver.