

Mount Galbraith

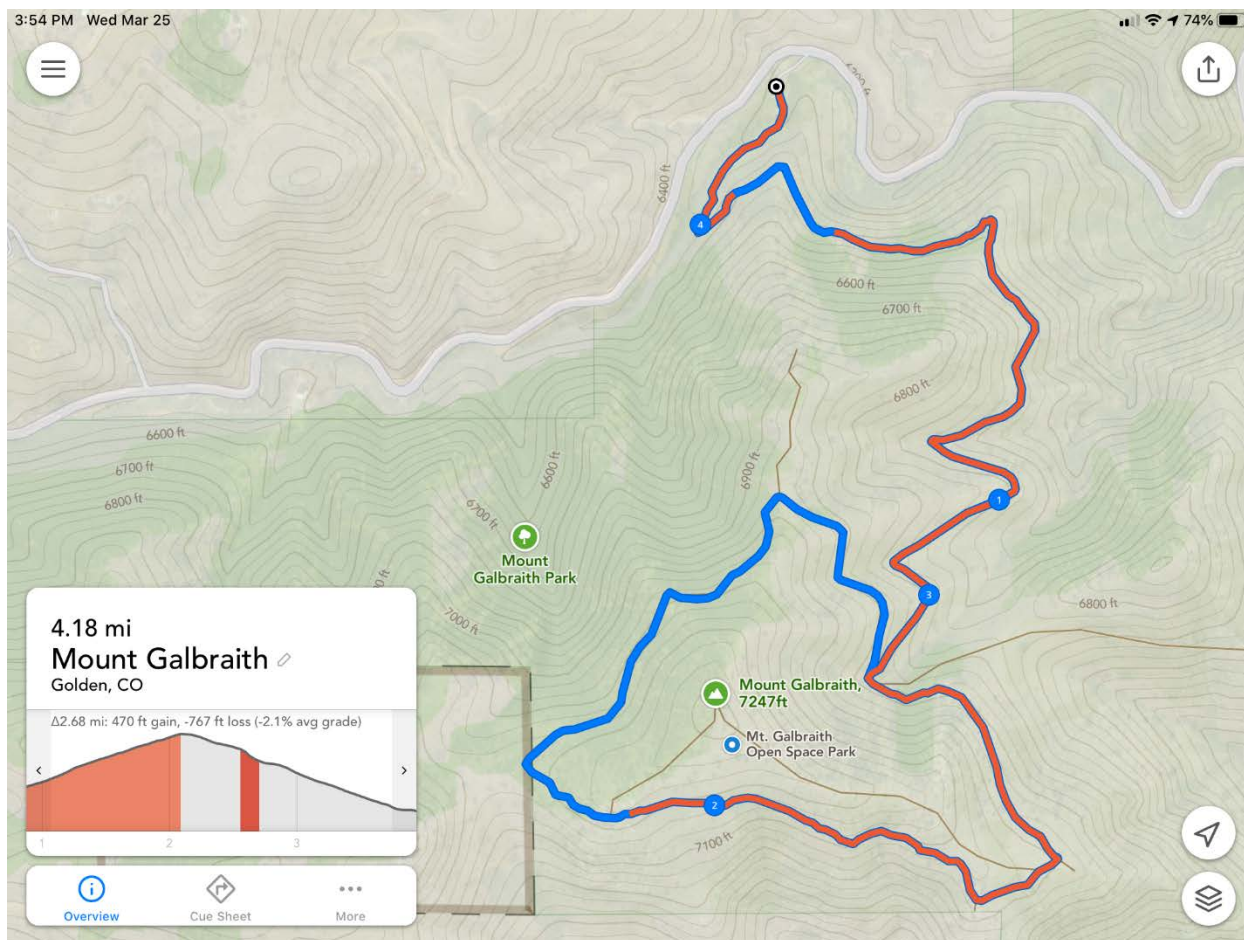
Golden, CO

Description: This hike is geared at experienced hikers over long durations and familiar with difficult terrain and exposure; this hike will be for our Webelos scouts only. This is a 4 mile hike on very steep grade terrain with lots of rocky sections (steep grades are denoted by red section of the trail in map below). The hike will likely take 2+ hours. The route is a lollipop wrapping around the Mount Galbraith peak in a clockwise direction. Everyone should wear heavy-duty shoes appropriate for lots of rock on the trail (true hiking boots with some ankle protection are certainly appropriate). Trail awareness is very important on this hike as there are some areas with exposure. We will also start early to avoid large groups/parking issues, and severe afternoon weather above tree line.

Directions & Parking: Meet at the trailhead parking area, which is very small so recommend arriving early or carpool as appropriate. Trailhead parking area is located west of Hwy 93 on Golden Gate Canyon Rd. just north of Golden.

Meet: Please congregate near the trailhead signage at the west part of the parking lot and trailhead.

Hiking Club Guidelines: Please see next page for Pack 545 guidelines for the Hiking Club. The Hiking Coordinator will be looking for at least one other adult or leader to assist during the hike.



NOTE: Black/white circle at top of route is the start/finish, route follows the blue/red line.

Purpose of the Hiking Club Program

The program is intended to invite the scouts to be more active in the outdoors, to learn more about the environment, practice good outdoor principles, and learn to love hiking!

A scout earns one mile credit for every mile hiked with the hiking club. The goal is for your scout to have fun while hiking. The Hiking Stick is the primary reward to be earned by scouts participating in the program, as well as other milestones. The Hiking Stick reward and additional milestones are subject to review and adjustment periodically by the Pack Committee. Currently, any scout who completes 10 miles with the Hiking Club will earn the Hiking Stick.

The hiking program will run concurrently with the scouting year and will consist of monthly hikes as the Pack calendar allows. Most hikes will be within an hour's drive and intended to be about 2 to 4 miles each (around 1 ½ to 2 ½ hrs). They will be appropriate for all scout ranks unless stated otherwise. All scouts, families and siblings are welcome to participate.

While the purpose is to encourage hiking in our scouts and they may want to continue hiking on their own as a family or Den, only the organized Hiking Club hikes count toward the hiking program rewards and milestones.

Hiking Rules

Scouts are required to have a parent-guardian on the hike with them at all times.

All hikes will depart from the meeting location as scheduled and on time.

Scouts need to be in uniform, however they can choose between their class A or B shirts.

Wear comfortable shoes, preferably sturdy hiking shoes with appropriate socks.

Scouts must carry their own pack with the six essentials.

Siblings may participate. It is up to the parent-guardian to decide if younger children can maintain a consistent pace and are capable of hiking the designated distance. Only scouts will receive hiking awards. If siblings participate, the parent should hike as well.

An adult leader will be tasked to the "lead" and "tail" positions. The Pack hikes as a unit. We start together, break together, etc., with everyone following the same trail. No "sprinters" going out ahead and no stragglers will be left behind.

Scout's mileage that is earned must be recorded by the hiking club leader (or their designate) to receive credit. It is the scout's responsibility to sign-in at each event.

Any awards or milestones will be awarded at Pack meetings or hiking club events.

Please no dogs allowed on pack hikes.

Six Essentials

Water Bottle

First Aid Kit

Safety Whistle

Trail Snack

Sun Protection

Flashlight

(rain gear/jacket/poncho)