



PALISADES FOURTEENERS CLIMB

Palisades, High Sierra

ITINERARY

Day 1

We meet in the town of Bishop, CA. (The exact meeting time and place will be communicated to you in advance). We then drive to the trail head at South Lake and hike via trail over Bishop Pass and then a cross country route over Thunderbolt Pass to establish a base camp in beautiful and remote Palisades Basin on the West side of the Palisades crest.

Day 2

Thunderbolt Peak (14,003 ft) is the objective today. The climb is a straightforward one up a 3rd and 4th class gully to an exciting short 5th class section up the summit block. We reverse our route back to camp.

Day 3

A bigger day which starts up the backside of the U Notch couloir via 3rd and 4th class climbing. From the notch we ascend North Palisades (14,242 ft) via 5th class climbing. Once on top of North Palisades we traverse over the Starlight Peak (14,200 ft) via exciting and exposed climbing with a rappel. We then reverse our route or go down back to camp via one of the West side chutes on Starlight.

Day 4

Another big day in which we traverse over to one of the West side routes for Polemonium Peak (14,080 ft). From the summit of Polemonium we descend the summit pinnacle and then do an easy traverse over to Mount Sill (14,154 ft) with some 3rd class scrambling. Then it's back to our base camp for the night.

Day 5

We reverse the first day back to the trail head at South Lake.

Itinerary subject to change