

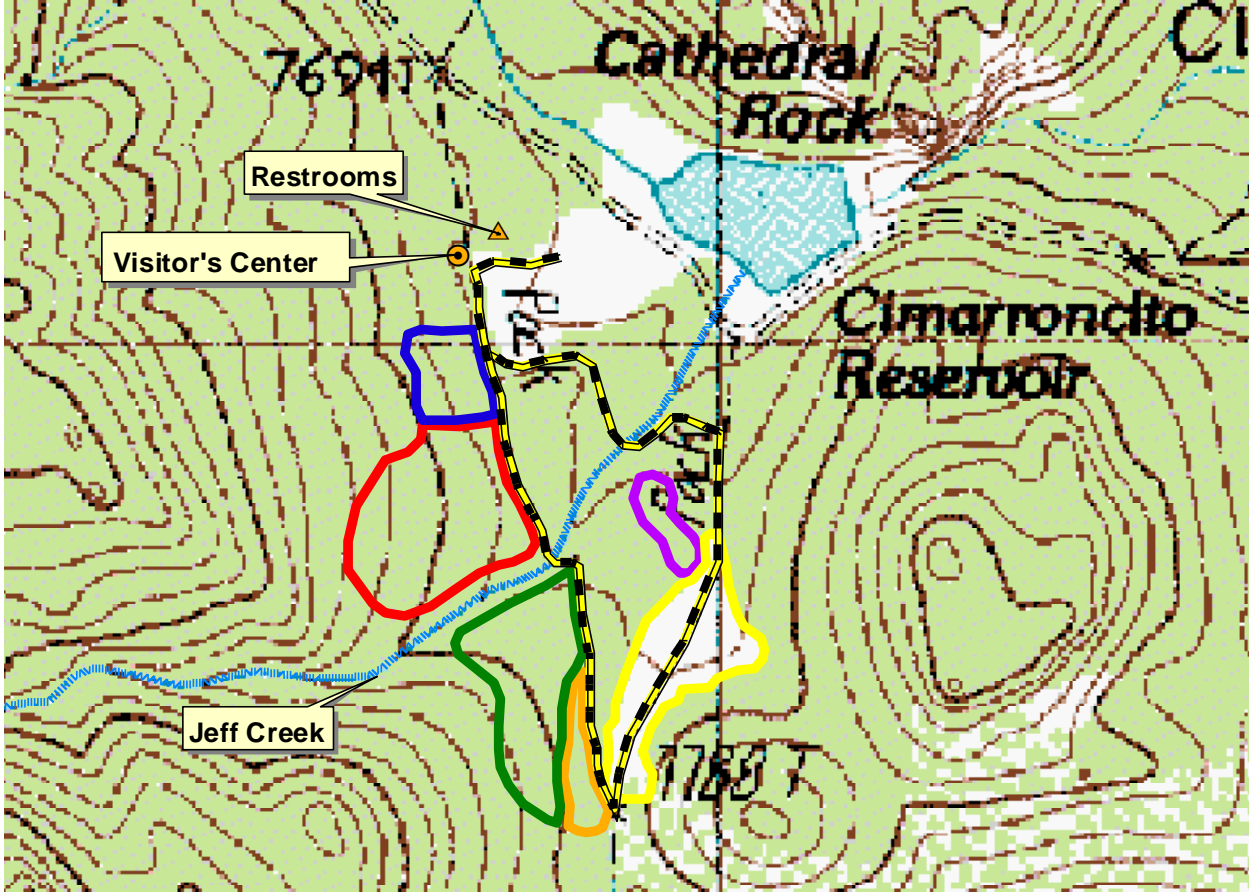
## PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH DEMONSTRATION FOREST

What is a demonstration forest, you ask? A demonstration forest is a small-scale version of a working forest that demonstrates techniques of forest management. Forest management is usually practiced over an area of hundreds, or even thousands of acres, which makes understanding of its various aspects difficult for the occasional visitor. The Philmont Scout Ranch Demonstration Forest is a piece of land, 45 acres in size, with ponderosa pine, Douglas fir and white fir forests. Jeff Creek runs through the forest and along its banks grow cottonwoods, willows, alder and aspen. The Philmont Demonstration Forest includes a self-guided outdoor classroom tour with learning stations for educating scouts in the summer time and the public during the rest of the year. Good forest management is always a work in progress. The Philmont Scout Ranch Demonstration Forest will need additional harvests and thinnings as time goes on. A forest is in a perpetual state of growth and change. Recognizing the natural processes that grow and change a forest and working with these processes is the key to good forest management. This involves a long-term commitment and a recognition that the job is never done.

Demonstration forests are a program of the American Tree Farm System designed to demonstrate good forest harvest techniques and to teach about forest ecology. The Philmont Scout Ranch has agreed to sponsor a demonstration forest as part of their commitment to good forest management.



Cimarroncito Reservoir



-  **Visitor's Center**
-  **Restrooms**
-  **Trail - One Mile Loop**
-  **Patch Cut Method**
-  **Sanitation Cut Method**
-  **Jeff Creek Riparian Zone**
-  **Selective Cut Method**
-  **Pre-commercial Thinning**
-  **Meadow Management**
-  **Seed Tree Cut Method**

