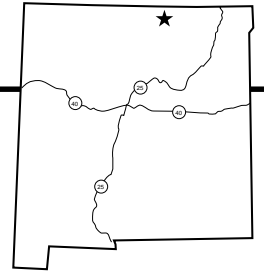
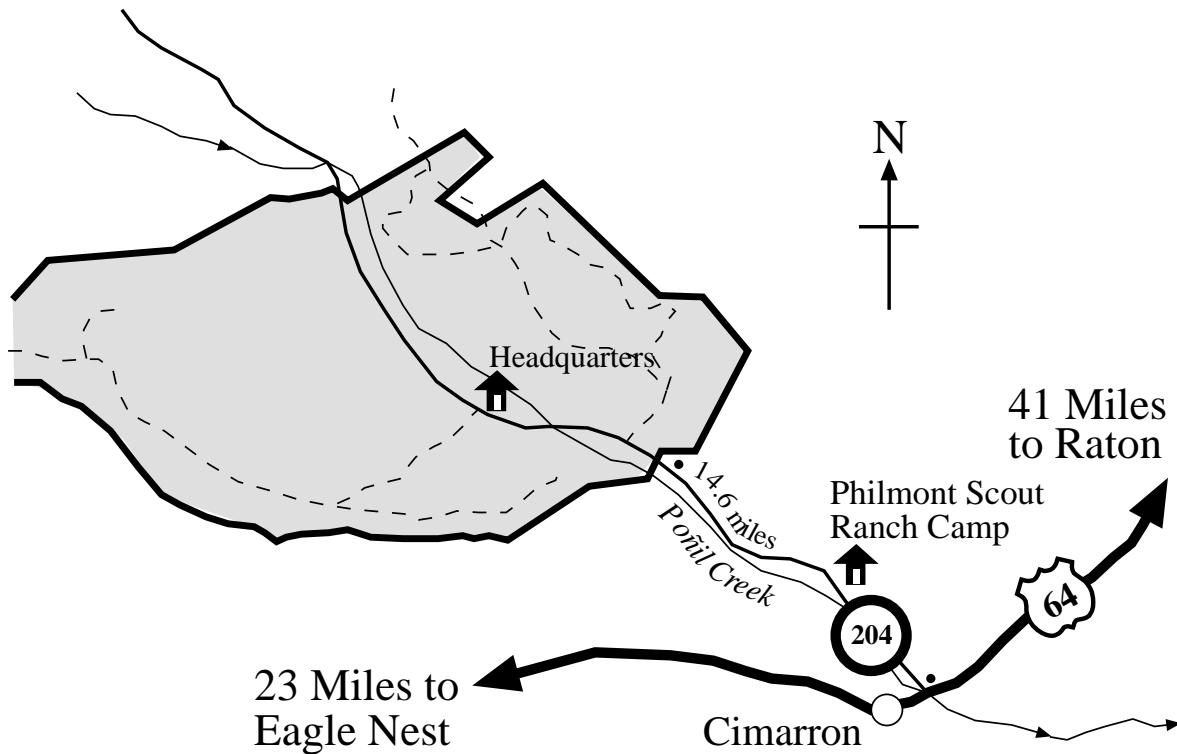




State Wildlife Areas



Elliott S. Barker Wildlife Area



A long, high mesa stretches from the Cimarron Mountain branch of the Sangre de Cristos and parallels U.S. 64 on its northeast run from Cimarron to Raton. Ponil Creek, rising in mountains far higher than the mesa, cuts its way through the mesa by way of a gentle slope that has worn a wide canyon.

The combination — stream and meadow, canyon slopes, rocky outcrops, smaller side-canyons timbered with ponderosa and the piñon typical of this latitude and elevation—is one ideal for deer and elk, for bear and turkey.

The Elliott S. Barker Wildlife Area, a 5,415-acre area straddling Ponil Creek Canyon north of Cimarron, provides the combination; too, it is in a part of the state largely in private hands and with limited public hunting.

Deer are here year-round, and elk seek it for its winter feed.

Hunting
Elk

Fishing
No

Boat Ramp
No

Camp Sites
Yes

Picnic Tables
No

Toilets
No