

# 2014 PCT Thru-hike

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“We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, **not because they are easy, but because they are hard**, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too.”

President John F. Kennedy, September 12, 1962



The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) spans 2,660 miles as it traverses the mountains of California, Oregon and Washington. The Pacific Crest Trail was officially finished in 1993, and crosses 26 National Forests, 7 National Parks, 5 State Parks and 3 National Monuments. It typically takes thru-hikers about five months to hike the entire trail.





This guide corresponds with the mileage used in Hallmark's Maps from 2013.  
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The Pacific Crest Trail aka The PCT



Pre-Hike

System	Item	Specific	Pack Weight (grams)	Wear Weight (grams)	Notes	
<b>Carrying System</b>						
	Pack	Gossamer Gear Mariposa Medium with Hip Belt Medium	833	0		
	Poles	Gossamer Gear Hiking Poles with straps	0	152		
	Pack Cover	Zpacks pack cover	36	0		
<b>Shelter System</b>						
	Tent with Stakes	Zpacks Hexamid Solo Plus w/ Beak and stakes and bag	442	0		
	Ground Cloth	Zpacks Ground Cover	96			
<b>Sleep System</b>						
	Sleeping Bag	Zpacks 20 degree wide with bag	552	0		
	Liner	Sea to Summit Travel Liner, Mummy w/ Hood, Silk, Navy	121	0		
	Pad	Gossamer Gear Air Beam Sleeper ¾	284	0		
<b>Cooking System</b>						
	JetBoil Sol		576	0		
	Lighter (BIC Mini)	BIC Mini Lighter	11	0		
	Matches in waterproof tube	REI Matches in Waterproof case	14	0		
	Jar	Peanut Butter Jar	60	0		
	Utensils	Plastic spork	16	0		
	Cleanup Cloth		7	0		
	Bear Canister	Bear Vault BV500	0	0	Ship to KM	Weight 1117g
<b>Clothing</b>						
	Hat	Outdoor Research Sombrero	0	93		
	Down Jacket	Western Mounteering Flash Jacket, Black, Large	315	0		
	Rain Jacket	Zpacks Cuben Rain Jacket	146	0		
	Rain Pants/Skirt	Zpacks Cuben Rain Pants/Skirt	97	0		
	Umbrella	GoLite Chrome Dome	221	0		
	Down Vest	Montbell Down Vest	152	0		
	Down Pants	Montbell US UL Down Pants Men's (M)	212	0		
	Shirt	REI Sahara Long-Sleeve Tech shirt (M)	0	219		
	Pants	REI Sahara Convertible pants (M32 x 28)	0	348		
	Long underwear top	Patagonia Merino Wool Top	176	0		
	Long underwear bottom	Patagonia Merino Wool Long Johns	219	0	Leave home?	
	Underwear (Runners)	Runners Boxer-Briefs (2 Pair)	82	82	Wear 1 pr, carry one pr	
	Toe Socks	Injinji Liner Coolmax (2 Pair)	33	33	Wear 1 pr, carry 1 pr	
	Shoes	Brooks Cascadia – 9.5 (\$120 * 5 pair)	0	688		
	Plaid Gaiters	Homemade	0	31		
	Plaid Buff	Homemade	0	30		
	Light Gloves	Icebreaker MerinoGloves (light weight)	20	0		
	Glasses	Prescription glasses	0	22		
	Sunglasses	Prescription Sunglasses	31	0		
	Warm Gloves	PoosumDown Gloves	40	0		
	Warm Hat	PoosumDown Hat	55	0		

Gear List  
with Weight



## PCT Hike Resupply Stops

1. US/Mexico Border near Campo CA – Mile: 0
2. Mt. Laguna, CA - Mile: 43.2
3. Warner Springs, CA - Mile: 111.5
4. Idyllwild, CA - Mile: 178.6
5. Big Bear City, CA - Mile: 263.9
6. Wrightwood, CA - Mile: 359.9
7. Agua Dulce, CA - Mile: 448.7
8. Highway 58 (California) – Tehachapi, CA (west) or Mojave, CA (east) - Mile: 551.3 or 559.4
9. Kennedy Meadows Store, CA - Mile: 698.2
10. ~~Lone Pine, CA~~ [or Independence CA] – Mile: 742.3 [788.9]
11. Vermillion Valley Resort, CA - Mile: 877.0
12. Reds Meadow, CA [**Preferred**: 8-mile bus ride or hitch from Reds Meadow to Mammoth Lakes CA] - Mile: 906.7
13. Tuolumne Meadows, CA – or get a ride with Justin - Mile: 943.6 - Note: Justin to join me here. Woohoo!
14. ~~Echo Lake Resort, CA~~ [9 mile hitch to South Lake Tahoe] - or get a ride with Justin to South Lake Tahoe - Mile: 1091.4 - Note: Justin to leave me here. Sniff, sniff!
15. Sierra City, CA - Mile: 1198.0
16. Belden, CA [The Braatens] - Mile: 1291.4 [1289.5]
17. Old Station AKA Hat Creek (Old Station PO), CA - Mile: 1383.6
18. ~~Burney Falls SP, CA~~ [Burney CA] - Mile: 1431.8 [7 mile hitch on Highway 299]
19. Castella, CA - Mile: 1517.5
20. Seiad Valley, CA - Mile: 1675.2
21. Ashland, OR - Mile: 1738.4 - Visit Relatives and get help from: Cristy and Marcus
22. Crater Lake (Mazama Village) AKA Mazama Village Store - Crater Lake, OR - Mile: 1843.0
23. Shelter Cove Resort, OR - Mile: 1930.7
24. Sisters, OR - Mile: 2005.5
25. Olallie Lake. OR - Mile: 2066.2
26. Timberline Lodge, OR - Mile: 2118.6
27. Cascade Locks, OR - Mile: 2168.6
28. White Pass, WA - Mile: 2312.1
29. Snoqualmie Pass, WA - Mile: 2414.3
30. Skykomish, WA [The Dinsmores] - Mile: 2479.9
31. Stehekin, WA - Mile: 2576.2
32. Manning Park, BC - Mile: 2662.5

Overview of  
Resupply Stops  
with Mileage

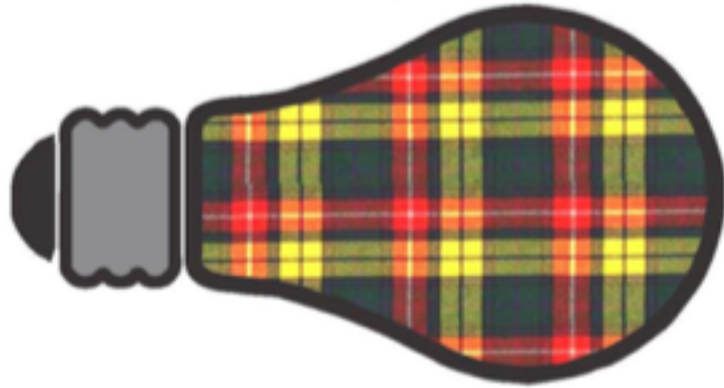
## PCT Hike Mail Drop List

1. Basic Snow Course – Echo Lake
  1. Before: Mail to Scout and Frodo: sun umbrella, fuel canister, food for starting the trail, GG air mat, short gaiters.
    - (Hiker's Name), c/o Barney and Sandy Mann (Scout and Frodo), 6351 Wellesly Court, San Diego, CA 92122
  2. Before: Mail food to Warner Springs CA PO
    - (Hiker's Name), c/o General Delivery, Warner Springs, CA 92086
    - Post Office, (760) 782-3166, M-F 8a-4p, Sat 8a-1:30p
  3. Bring: Sorel Boots, MSR Hubba Hubba tent, Kahtoola Micro Spikes, Black Diamond Whippet, USGS Topo maps, 2 Qt Water, 4 days double food and snacks, long-johns (down-pants and merino leggings), down parka, mittens, balaclava, extra socks, down booties, hat w/ brim, buff for neck and bandana for tent spills, extra gloves, tall gaiters, snow baskets for my poles, dark glasses, sun screen, skin lotion for dry skin, chapstick, snow stable stove (my Jetboil), water bag, insulated (down) sleeping air mat, toilet paper, wet wipes, empty ziplock for trash.
  4. Bring: TX drivers license, car insurance, \$1000 cash, credit card, debit card (pin?), medical insurance card, prescription insurance card, permits.
  5. Rent: Snow shoes and Shovel – already asked Ned to reserve some.
  6. After: Send to home: Sorel Boots, MSR Hubba Hubba tent, USGS Topo maps, mittens, extra socks, down booties, extra bandana/buff, extra gloves, tall gaiters.
  7. After: Send to home: Kahtoola Micro Spikes, Black Diamond Whippet with basket, balaclava, baskets for GG poles, merino leggings. Later (2-3 weeks before arrival) when in Aqua Dulce: Send this equipment to Kennedy Meadows.
  8. After: Bring with me to start: down parka, hat w/ brim, buff for neck, dark glasses, sun screen, skin lotion, chapstick, stove, water bag, sleeping mat, toilet paper, wet wipes, ziplock bag.
2. US/Mexico Border near Campo CA
  1. Mile: 0
  2. Exit Point: on trail
  3. Exit Distance: on trail or 0
  4. Distance to Next Resupply: 43.2
  5. Fuel: N/A
  6. Resupply: Send from home, and carry from snow course.
  7. Address:
    - (Hiker's Name), c/o Barney and Sandy Mann (Scout and Frodo), 6351 Wellesly Court, San Diego, CA 92122
    - Email: [sandiegopct@gmail.com](mailto:sandiegopct@gmail.com)
    - Phones: Home (858)453-7318, Scout's cell (619)987-0289, Frodo's cell (858)449-9799, Email: [sandiegopct@gmail.com](mailto:sandiegopct@gmail.com)
    - House Location: A San Diego neighborhood called University City (near UCSD), 12 miles north of downtown, just inland from La Jolla.
3. Mt. Laguna, CA
  1. Mile: 43.2
  2. Exit Point: Desert View Picnic Area
  3. Exit Distance: on trail or 0.25
  4. Distance to Next Resupply: 68.3 or 67.3
  5. Fuel: Alcohol, butane/propane (canister), white gas
  6. Resupply: Buy
  7. Address:
    - (Hiker's Name), c/o General Delivery, Mt Laguna, CA 91948
    - Post Office: 810 Sunrise Highway, (619)473-8341, M-F Noon-4p, Sat 9a-11a
    - Laguna Mountain Lodge, 10678 Sunrise Hwy POB 146, Mount Laguna, CA 91948, Hold for 'Your Name', 'Your Phone Number', ETA: 'Your ETA', 619-473-8533, 5\$ fee.
4. Warner Springs, CA
  1. Mile: 111.5
  2. Exit Point: Highway 79 (south crossing)
  3. Exit Distance: 1.2mi road or 1 - \*\*\*Trail reroute due to fire\*\*\*

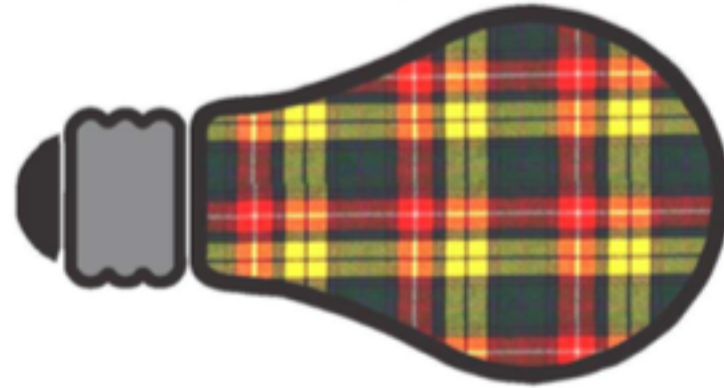
Detailed Plan  
Stop-by-Stop



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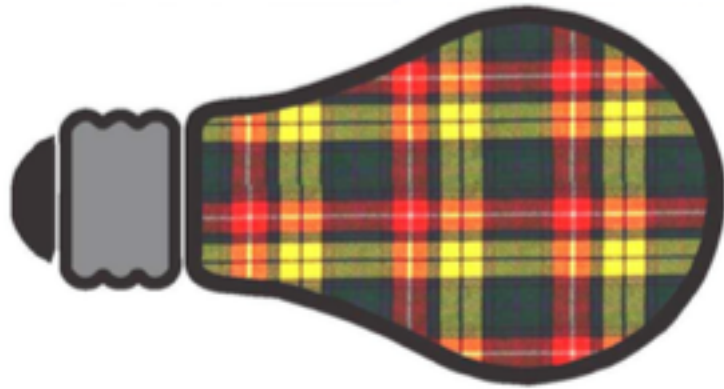


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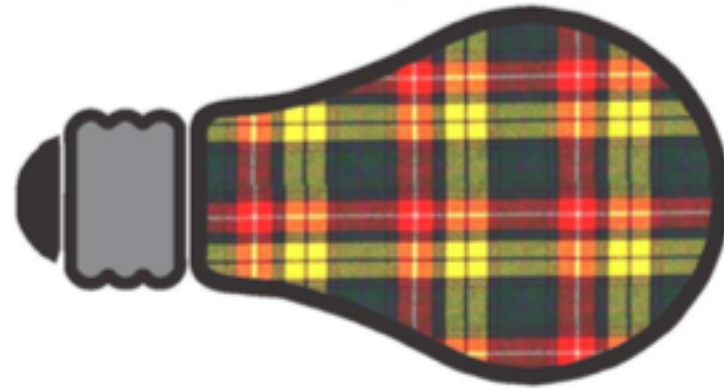
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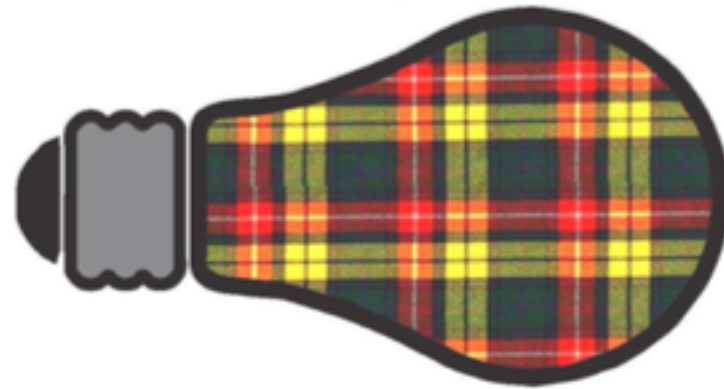
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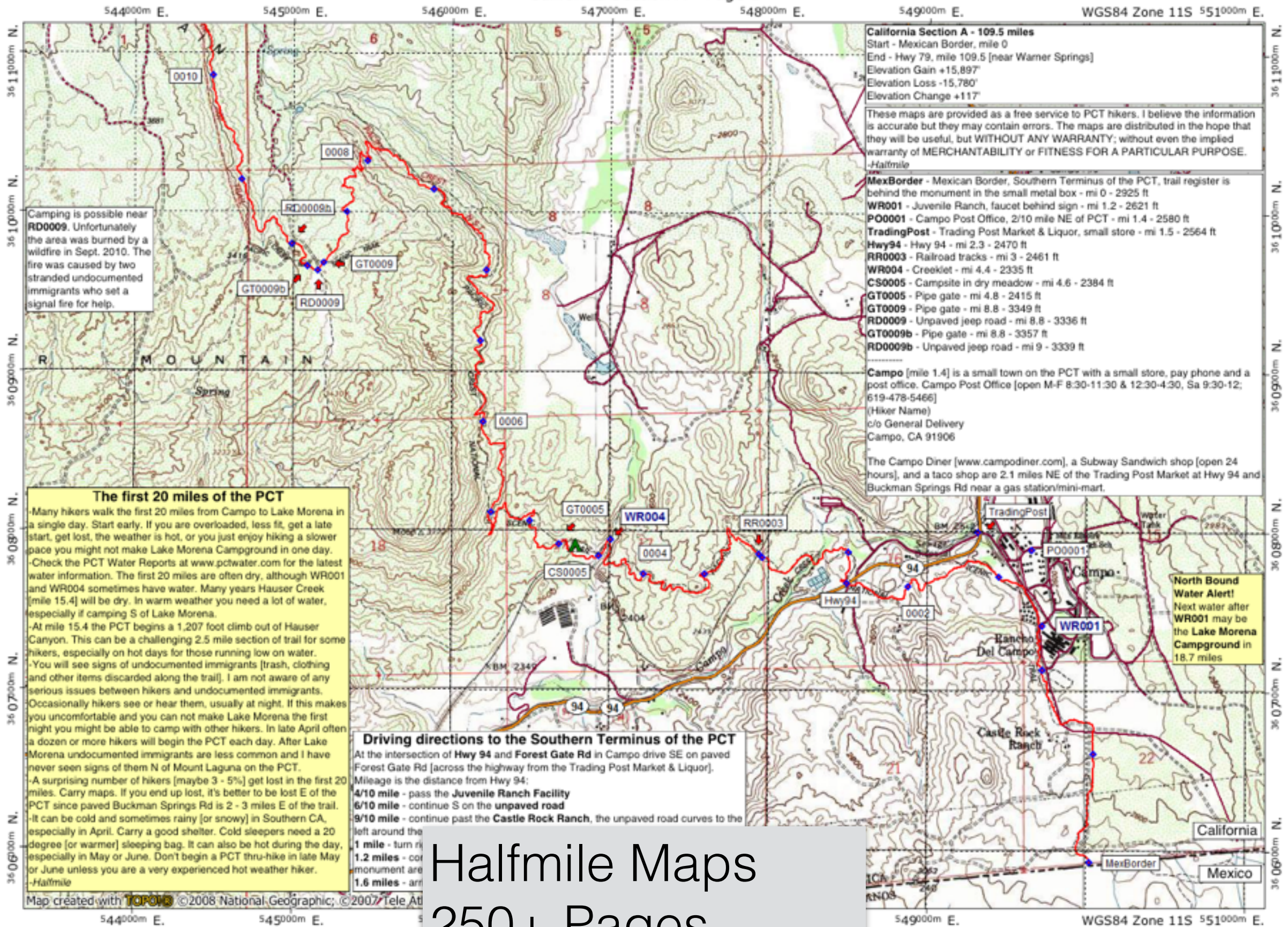
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Mailing  
Labels  
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Visible)

1	Brooks Cascadia Version 8 Trail Running Shoes Size 9.5 w/ zipties
2	ALOKSAK Plastic bag (cellphone pouch)
3	ALOKSAK Plastic bag (cellphone pouch)
4	ALOKSAK Plastic bag (cellphone pouch)
5	ALOKSAK Plastic bag (cellphone pouch)
6	Scotch Brand reflective tape 8"x2"
7	Gossamer Gear Polycro ground sheet
8	Crest toothpaste – small tube
9	Lifeproof Cellphone extender
10	Dirty Girl Gaiters Velcro
11	Dirty Girl Gaiters Velcro
12	Alcohol Stove, Pot, windscreen and sack
13	Platypus water bag – 2L (clear)
14	Platypus water bag – 2L (clear)
15	Campsuds soap (green liquid)
16	Possum Down Gloves
17	Old Merino Wool gloves (small)
18	Yaktrax Walk ice traction device
19	Gossamer Gear bag liner
20	Gossamer Gear bag liner (old w/ holes)
21	Gold Toe dress socks
22	Gold Toe dress socks
23	Plaid Buff
24	Plaid Buff
25	Plaid Gaiters
26	Plaid Gaiters
27	Plaid Gaiters
28	Plaid Gaiters
29	Neutrogena Ultra Sheer Dry-Touch sunscreen
30	Repel 100 Insect Repellent
31	Sawyer Squeeze Water Filtration bottle (16 oz)
32	Zpacks Tarptent Screen material
33	Light plaid pillow case
34	Heavy black pillow case
35	Heavy black pillow case
36	Old green cord – two 6' lengths
37	Small PBJ jar
38	Old small PBJ jar (dirty inside)
39	Aquamira Chlorine Dioxide (2 small bottles)
40	Black garbage bag
41	Air pillow - 1
42	Air pillow - 1
43	Air pillow - 1

Gear at Home  
Ordered by Number





**California Section A - 109.5 miles**  
 Start - Mexican Border, mile 0  
 End - Hwy 79, mile 109.5 [near Warner Springs]  
 Elevation Gain +15,897'  
 Elevation Loss -15,780'  
 Elevation Change +117'

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 -Halfmile

**MexBorder** - Mexican Border, Southern Terminus of the PCT, trail register is behind the monument in the small metal box - mi 0 - 2925 ft  
**WR001** - Juvenile Ranch, faucet behind sign - mi 1.2 - 2621 ft  
**PO0001** - Campo Post Office, 2/10 mile NE of PCT - mi 1.4 - 2580 ft  
**TradingPost** - Trading Post Market & Liquor, small store - mi 1.5 - 2564 ft  
**Hwy94** - Hwy 94 - mi 2.3 - 2470 ft  
**RR0003** - Railroad tracks - mi 3 - 2461 ft  
**WR004** - Creeklet - mi 4.4 - 2335 ft  
**CS0005** - Campsite in dry meadow - mi 4.6 - 2384 ft  
**GT0005** - Pipe gate - mi 4.8 - 2415 ft  
**GT0009** - Pipe gate - mi 8.8 - 3349 ft  
**RD0009** - Unpaved jeep road - mi 8.8 - 3336 ft  
**GT0009b** - Pipe gate - mi 8.8 - 3357 ft  
**RD0009b** - Unpaved jeep road - mi 9 - 3339 ft

**Campo** [mile 1.4] is a small town on the PCT with a small store, pay phone and a post office. Campo Post Office [open M-F 8:30-11:30 & 12:30-4:30, Sa 9:30-12:00, 619-478-5466]  
 (Hiker Name)  
 c/o General Delivery  
 Campo, CA 91906

The Campo Diner [www.campodiner.com], a Subway Sandwich shop [open 24 hours], and a taco shop are 2.1 miles NE of the Trading Post Market at Hwy 94 and Buckman Springs Rd near a gas station/mini-mart.

Camping is possible near **RD0009**. Unfortunately the area was burned by a wildfire in Sept. 2010. The fire was caused by two stranded undocumented immigrants who set a signal fire for help.

**The first 20 miles of the PCT**

- Many hikers walk the first 20 miles from Campo to Lake Morena in a single day. Start early. If you are overloaded, less fit, get a late start, get lost, the weather is hot, or you just enjoy hiking a slower pace you might not make Lake Morena Campground in one day.
- Check the PCT Water Reports at [www.pctwater.com](http://www.pctwater.com) for the latest water information. The first 20 miles are often dry, although WR001 and WR004 sometimes have water. Many years Hauser Creek [mile 15.4] will be dry. In warm weather you need a lot of water, especially if camping S of Lake Morena.
- At mile 15.4 the PCT begins a 1,207 foot climb out of Hauser Canyon. This can be a challenging 2.5 mile section of trail for some hikers, especially on hot days for those running low on water.
- You will see signs of undocumented immigrants [trash, clothing and other items discarded along the trail]. I am not aware of any serious issues between hikers and undocumented immigrants. Occasionally hikers see or hear them, usually at night. If this makes you uncomfortable and you can not make Lake Morena the first night you might be able to camp with other hikers. In late April often a dozen or more hikers will begin the PCT each day. After Lake Morena undocumented immigrants are less common and I have never seen signs of them N of Mount Laguna on the PCT.
- A surprising number of hikers [maybe 3 - 5%] get lost in the first 20 miles. Carry maps. If you end up lost, it's better to be lost E of the PCT since paved Buckman Springs Rd is 2 - 3 miles E of the trail.
- It can be cold and sometimes rainy [or snowy] in Southern CA, especially in April. Carry a good shelter. Cold sleepers need a 20 degree [or warmer] sleeping bag. It can also be hot during the day, especially in May or June. Don't begin a PCT thru-hike in late May or June unless you are a very experienced hot weather hiker.
- Halfmile

**Driving directions to the Southern Terminus of the PCT**

At the intersection of **Hwy 94** and **Forest Gate Rd** in Campo drive SE on paved Forest Gate Rd [across the highway from the Trading Post Market & Liquor]. Mileage is the distance from Hwy 94:  
**4/10 mile** - pass the **Juvenile Ranch Facility**  
**6/10 mile** - continue S on the **unpaved road**  
**9/10 mile** - continue past the **Castle Rock Ranch**, the unpaved road curves to the left around the  
**1 mile** - turn right  
**1.2 miles** - corner  
**1.6 miles** - arrive

**North Bound Water Alert!**  
 Next water after WR001 may be the **Lake Morena Campground** in 18.7 miles

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PCT Hike Prep

Week Notes	Date	Holiday	Object	Wgt	Plan	Sun Trail	Mon Flat	Tues Hills	Wed Flat	Thurs Hills	Fri Off	Sat Long	Act	Sun Trail	Mon Flat	Tues Hills	Wed Flat	Thurs Hills	Fri Off	Sat Long	Route	Notes
1	09/01/13		Start	10	40	6	5	6	5	8	0	10	39.10	4.90	4.40	6.20	6.00	7.50	0.00	10.10	Lady Bird Lake Trail (from Rock)	
2	09/08/13	PTP Chicago	Start	10	40	6	5	6	5	8	0	10	40.76	6.60	4.43	6.22	6.01	7.50	0.00	10.00	St Eds (from Rock)	In Chicago, so no St Eds long
3	09/15/13		Weight	17	44	6	5	8	5	8	0	12	44.14	0.00	7.81	8.36	7.85	8.03	0.00	12.09	Lake Trail (from Rogue)	
4	09/22/13	Ohio Trip	Weight	17	44	6	5	8	5	8	0	12	43.42	6.25	5.65	8.00	5.14	0.00	6.06	12.32	South Austin (from Rock)	Traveling to Ohio, so no S. Austin long
5	09/29/13	Ohio Trip	Recovery	10	30	6	5	3	5	3	0	8	22.41	0.00	6.14	4.09	0.00	0.00	4.14	8.04	Wells Branch to Warehouses (from Home)	
6	10/06/13		Weight	20	44	6	5	8	5	8	0	12	45.95	6.45	5.71	8.36	5.27	7.90	0.00	12.26	Barton Creek Greenbelt Trail out & back (from Zilker)	
7	10/13/13		Weight	20	44	6	5	8	5	8	0	12	45.46	6.03	5.76	8.34	5.32	8.01	0.00	12.00	Hike From Hell (from Rock)	
8	10/20/13		Weight	25	48	8	5	8	5	8	0	14	43.79	8.44	5.32	8.34	5.46	8.00	0.00	8.23	To Far West and Back (from Rock)	Somerville Lake Trailway (Fri & Sat), Camp w/ Austin Backpackers, no planned long
9	10/27/13		Weight	25	48	8	5	8	5	8	0	14	48.26	5.00	6.20	8.44	6.25	9.05	0.00	13.32	Gomal-to-Shoal-Greek-Trail (from Rock)	Hill of Life and Barton Greenbelt, no planned long
10	11/03/13		Recovery	20	30	6	5	3	5	3	0	8	35.68	11.27	4.13	3.11	5.32	3.85	0.00	8.00	Jefferson to 35 <sup>th</sup> to Pecos (from Rock)	
11	11/10/13		Weight	30	44	6	5	8	5	8	0	12	46.20	6.05	5.35	8.37	6.02	8.41	0.00	12.00		Inks Lake State Park, Camp w/ Foxes, do 12 mi long in park, leave early Sunday for Matthew's Marathon
12	11/17/13		Weight	30	44	6	5	8	5	8	0	12	40.84	0.00	6.05	8.35	5.05	8.39	0.00	13.00	Josh's Eastside Loop (from Rogue)	See Notes
13	11/24/13	Thanksgiving	Weight	35	48	8	5	8	5	8	0	14	50.42	8.04	5.43	8.40	5.93	8.41	0.00	14.21	Scenic/Pecos (from Rogue)	
14	12/01/13		Weight	35	48	8	5	8	5	8	0	14	54.37	9.06	6.23	8.50	6.18	8.40	0.00	16.00	Barton Creek Greenbelt Trail 2 out & back (from Camp Craft Rd)	
15	12/08/13		Recovery	20	36	6	4	6	4	6	0	10	44.21	5.99	4.15	8.61	4.30	8.33	0.00	12.87	See Notes	Colorado Bend Park for weekend, Camp Solo, do 10 mi long in park
16	12/15/13		Distance	35	48	8	5	8	5	8	0	14	50.89	7.69	5.10	8.56	6.24	8.38	0.00	14.92	Town Lake Trail plus 4 (from Rogue)	
17	12/22/13	Christmas	Distance	35	48	8	5	8	5	8	0	14	50.86	8.00	5.73	8.45	0.00	8.38	6.24	14.06	Moon Tower	
18	12/29/13	New Years	Distance	35	53	9	6	8	6	8	0	16	53.30	8.00	6.26	8.49	6.19	8.36	0.00	16.00	Balcones Country Club (from Plaza Lot)	
19	01/05/13		Distance	35	53	9	6	8	6	8	0	16	54.88	9.80	5.50	8.40	6.66	8.41	0.00	16.11	To Far West and Back (from Rock)	
20	01/12/13		Recovery	20	40	8	6	4	8	4	0	10	41.59	8.05	6.26	4.21	8.02	5.05	0.00	10.00	See Notes	Lost Maples State Park for weekend, Camp Solo, do 10 mi long in park
21	01/19/13		Distance	35	58	10	7	9	7	9	0	16	62.00	10.00	8.00	10.49	6.28	11.14	0.00	16.09	South Austin (from Rock)	
22	01/26/13		Distance	35	58	10	7	9	7	9	0	16	59.04	5.67	8.32	10.63	8.19	10.08	0.00	16.15	Coaches Special (from Rogue)	
23	02/02/13		Distance	35	64	12	8	9	8	9	0	18	66.98	9.12	8.19	12.79	7.87	10.13	0.00	18.88	The Schrup (from Auditorium Shores)	Apply for Permits; Get prints of Half Mile Maps; Download latest Apps; Buy latest Yogi Trail Guide
24	02/09/13		Distance	35	64	12	8	9	8	9	0	18	63.07	10.05	8.05	10.35	8.01	10.13	0.00	16.48	Roguette (from Rogue)	
25	02/16/13		Recovery	20	50	9	7	5	9	5	0	15	54.48	8.22	0.00	11.00	9.90	10.00	0.00	15.36	See Notes	Big Bend National Park, Camp Solo w/ Kathy at lodge, Outer Mountain Trail
26	02/23/13		Distance	35	70	14	9	10	9	10	0	18	72.22	12.10	10.03	10.66	10.53	10.23	0.00	18.67	West Austin to House (way out Parmer)	
27	03/02/13		Distance	35	70	14	9	10	9	10	0	18	72.95	12.01	10.03	10.66	10.53	10.23	0.00	18.67	West Austin to House (way out Parmer)	
28	03/09/13		Distance	35	77	15	10	11	10	11	0	20	76.73	7.27	11.00	10.66	10.53	10.23	0.00	18.67	West Austin to House (way out Parmer)	
29	03/16/13		Distance	35	77	15	10	11	10	11	0	20	86.02	15.67	12.00	10.66	10.53	10.23	0.00	18.67	West Austin to House (way out Parmer)	
30	03/23/13		Recovery	20	50	9	7	6	9	5	0	14	54.87	16.57	6.00	10.66	10.53	10.23	0.00	18.67	West Austin to House (way out Parmer)	
31	03/30/13		Distance	35	80	16	10	12	10	12	0	20	77.81	9.09	12.00	10.66	10.53	10.23	0.00	18.67	West Austin to House (way out Parmer)	
32	04/06/13		Distance	35	18	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total					1610								1642.70									

Preparation Week-by-Week: Mileage, Route, Recovery, & Camping; 10% increase per week



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE

**VISITOR'S PERMIT**  
(Ref. FSM 2323)

WHEN SIGNED, THIS SINGLE - VISIT PERMIT AUTHORIZES

(1) NAME (First, Middle Initial, and Last)  
Brian Watt

(2) MAILING ADDRESS (Optional)  
13313 Chasewood Cove

(3) CITY AND STATE  
Austin, TX 78727

(4) TO VISIT (and to build campfires in accordance with regulations)  
Pacific Crest Trail only

(5) DATES (Give best estimate of start and finish dates)  
From 4/16/2014  
Through 9/17/2014

(7) LOCATION OF ENTRY POINT  
Mexican border

(8) LOCATION OF EXIT POINT  
Canadian border

(9) PRIMARY METHOD  
Hiker or Equ

(10) NUMBER OF

(11) NUMBER

(12) NUMBER (Check)

(13) SI

**PACIFIC CREST TRAIL**  
NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Pacific Crest  
1331 Garden  
Sacramento, CA  
www.pcta.org

Canada Border Services Agency / Agence des services frontaliers

Please find attached your approved Pacific Crest Trail - Marker "78" at Manning Park, British Columbia

This application is to be used - **"ONLY FOR ENTRY INTO CANADA VIA THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL"**

It is - **"NOT TO BE USED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES VIA THE P.C.T., once you have entered Canada, it is to be used to re-enter Canada on the Pacific Crest Trail"**

**NOTE:** You must have this "APPROVED APPLICATION" with you at all times when you are on the Pacific Crest Trail within Canada on the Pacific Crest Trail.

Canada Border Services Agency / Agence des services frontaliers  
NEALUS CAMPUS Processing Center  
28 - 176th Street, Surrey, BC V3S 9R9

**BRIAN WATT**  
13313 CHASEWOOD  
AUSTIN TX  
USA

Canada  
28 - 176th Street, Surrey, B.C., V3S 9R9 (604) 538-3689 / Fax (604) 535-7215

**CALIFORNIA CAMPFIRE PERMIT**

Permit Expires December 31 of the year in which it was issued

Brian Watt

Permit Holder's Name

is authorized to build a campfire on federal public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management or the USDA Forest Service subject to restrictions in place at the time. National and State Parks require special campfire permits.

**USING A CAMPFIRE SAFELY**

Go to [www.PreventWildfireCA.org](http://www.PreventWildfireCA.org) for more campfire information.

"Campfire" means a fire which is used for cooking, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes, including fires contained within outdoor fireplaces and enclosed stoves with flues or chimneys, stoves using gel, liquid, solid, or gaseous fuels, portable barbecue pits, and space heating devices, which are used outside any structure.

- Know and comply with all current fire restrictions for the area where you plan to use a campfire.
- Clear all flammable materials from the ground for 5 feet in all directions from the edge of the fire. Keep a shovel and water nearby.
- Keep the fire small - Think of the fire in a cube 2 feet x 2 feet x 2 feet.
- Always personally supervise the campfire until it is completely extinguished, or ensure that another knowledgeable and responsible adult supervises the fire.
- Always personally make sure the fire is dead out and completely cold before you leave it unattended. Extinguish the fire with water and a shovel using the "brown, stir, and leaf" method.

You are legally responsible and may be liable for fire suppression costs if your fire escapes.

Prevent the spread of invasive species. Get your firewood near where you burn it. Don't bring firewood from home and don't take it home with you. Learn more at [www.firewood.ca.gov](http://www.firewood.ca.gov)

Brian D Watt  
13313 Chasewood Cove  
Austin, TX 78727  
California Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (CWCG)

THIS PERMIT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE

Permits



# Southern California



566.5 Miles  
Mile 0 to 566.5





Leaving 4/16 from PCT  
Southern Terminus  
Mile 0





I'm Tartan,  
A Solo Hiker





My Home: A ZPacks Hexamid Plus tarptent





Wind and Snow on Mt. San Jacinto  
First Bad Weather; Tent Rips at 2 AM  
Mile 190





Repaired 8" Tent Rip from Snow Load  
At Ziggy and the Bear's home  
Mile 210.8





Typical Southern  
California Trail  
Mile 361



# Central California



528 Miles  
Mile 566.5 to 1094.4





First Crossing  
Afterwards Toes Numb  
Mile 769





Forester Pass - Mile 779.5  
Can you see the switchbacks?





Nearly to the Top  
Snow Chute to the Left  
Mile 779.5





At the Top Looking North  
13,200 Feet & No trail!  
Mile 779.5





East Vidette in  
the Sierra Nevada  
Mountains - Mile 787





Bullfrog Lake in  
the Sierra Nevada  
Mountains - Mile 788.5





Panoramic View from  
Kearsarge Pass  
Going to Independence CA  
Mile 788.5





150 miles with my son Justin  
from Yosemite to Tahoe  
Mile 942 to Mile 1092





Crossing Snow Fields  
Mile 1012



# Northern California



632.5 Miles  
Miles 1094.5 to 1727.0





Heather Lake in Desolation Wilderness  
Mile 1103





PCT  
midpoint

PCT  
Midpoint  
Mile 1326.6



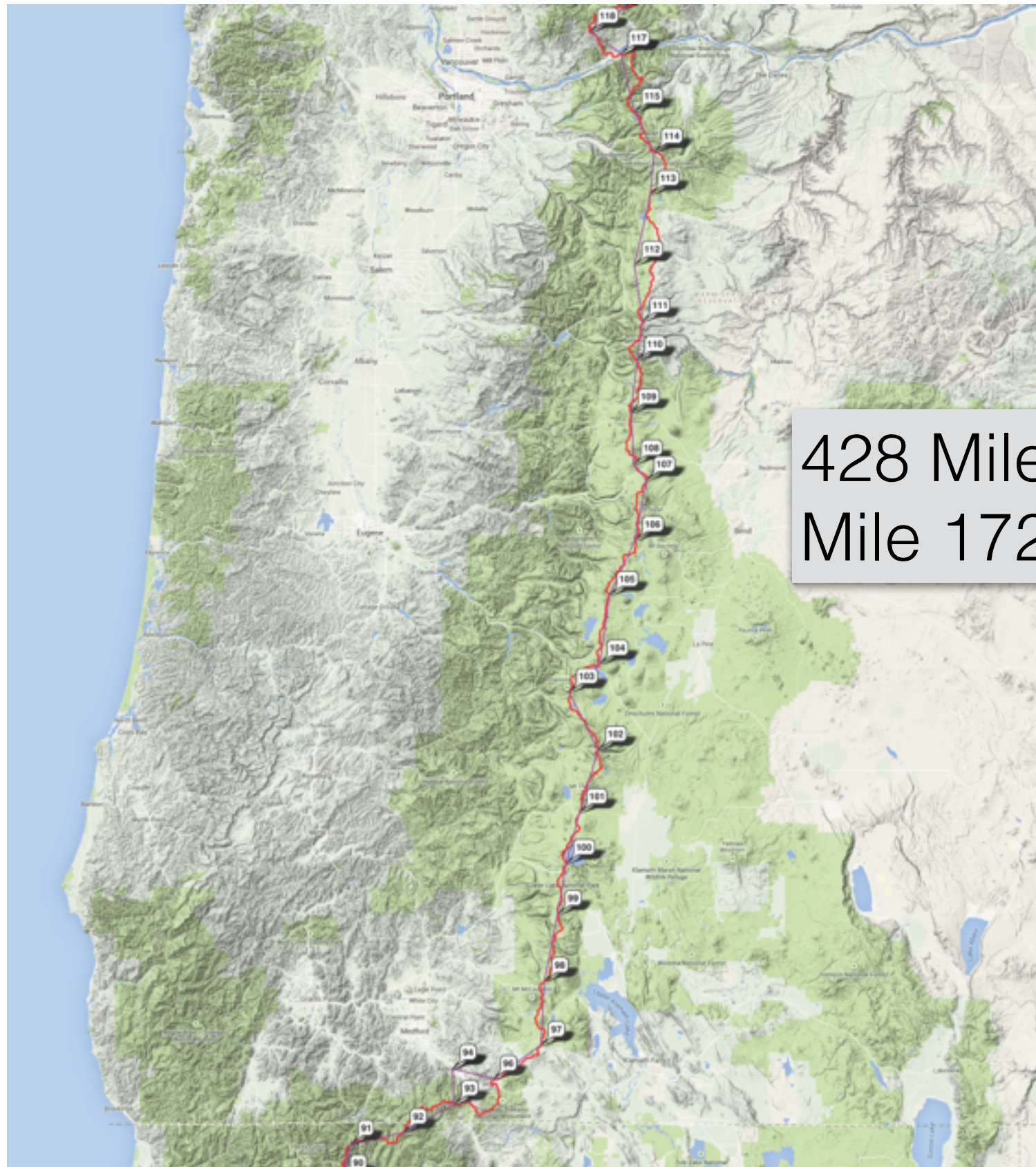


OREGON / CALIFORNIA

California / Oregon Border  
Mile 1698.9



# Oregon



428 Miles  
Mile 1727.0 to 2155.0





166 miles with my son Matthew  
from Sisters to Cascade Locks  
Mile 1989.5 to Mile 2155





Mt. Jefferson  
Mile 2036





Crossing Mountain Glacial Streams by Rocks  
Russell Creek - Mile 2039.5





Mt. Hood First Sighting  
Mile 2093





Crossing Mountain Glacial Streams By Logs  
Mile 2114

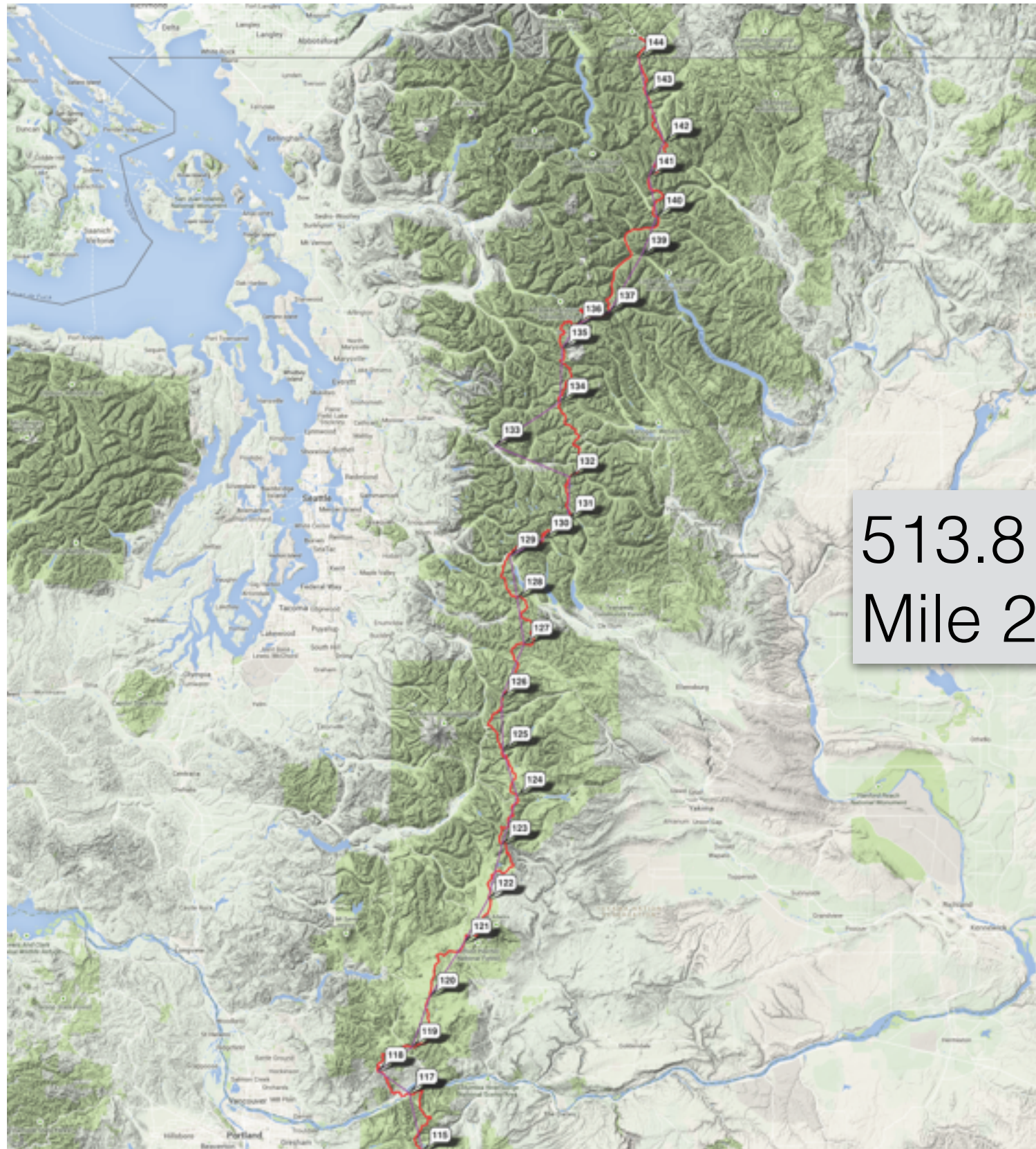




Crossing Columbia River  
Entering Washington - Mile 2155



# Washington



513.8 Miles  
Mile 2155 to 2668.8





Goat Rocks Wilderness  
Above the Clouds - Mile 2283  
Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens





Mt. Rainier  
Mile 2284





Goat Rocks Knife Edge  
w/ Mt. Rainer Mile 2285





Rain Gear  
Mile 2363





Tree Blow Downs  
Mile 2451





Heading Down to a Crossing  
Mile 2452





Panoramic View of  
Northern Cascade  
Mountains - Mile 2622





Panoramic View of  
Northern Cascade  
Mountains - Mile 2648





Last Night's Campsite at Woody Pass  
Mile 2649





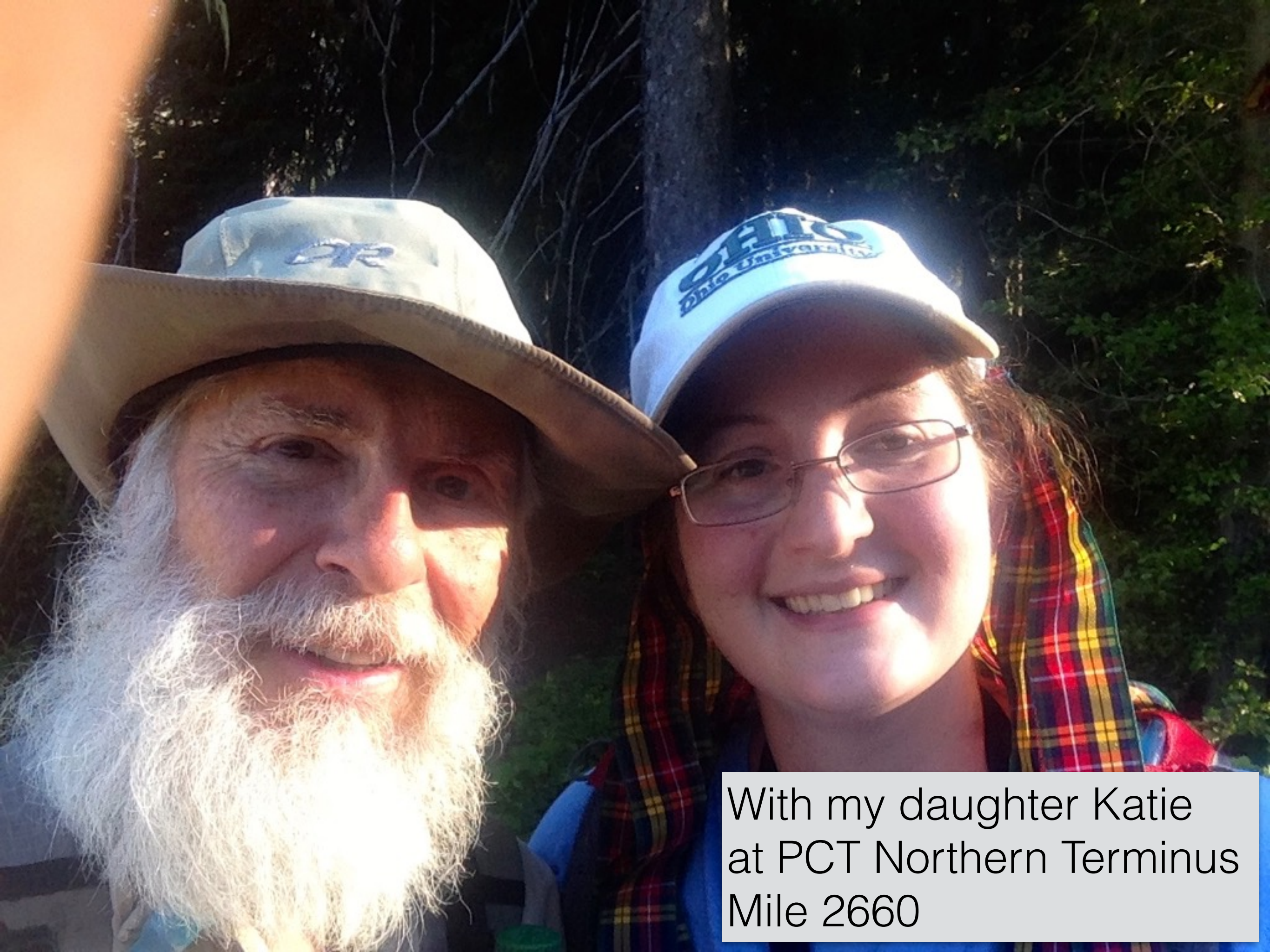
Last Day's Sunrise at Woody Pass  
Mile 2649





Arriving 9/6 at PCT  
Northern Terminus  
After 144 days  
with 7 zero days  
Mile 2660





With my daughter Katie  
at PCT Northern Terminus  
Mile 2660





The Hike Completed  
Manning Park BC - Mile 2668.8

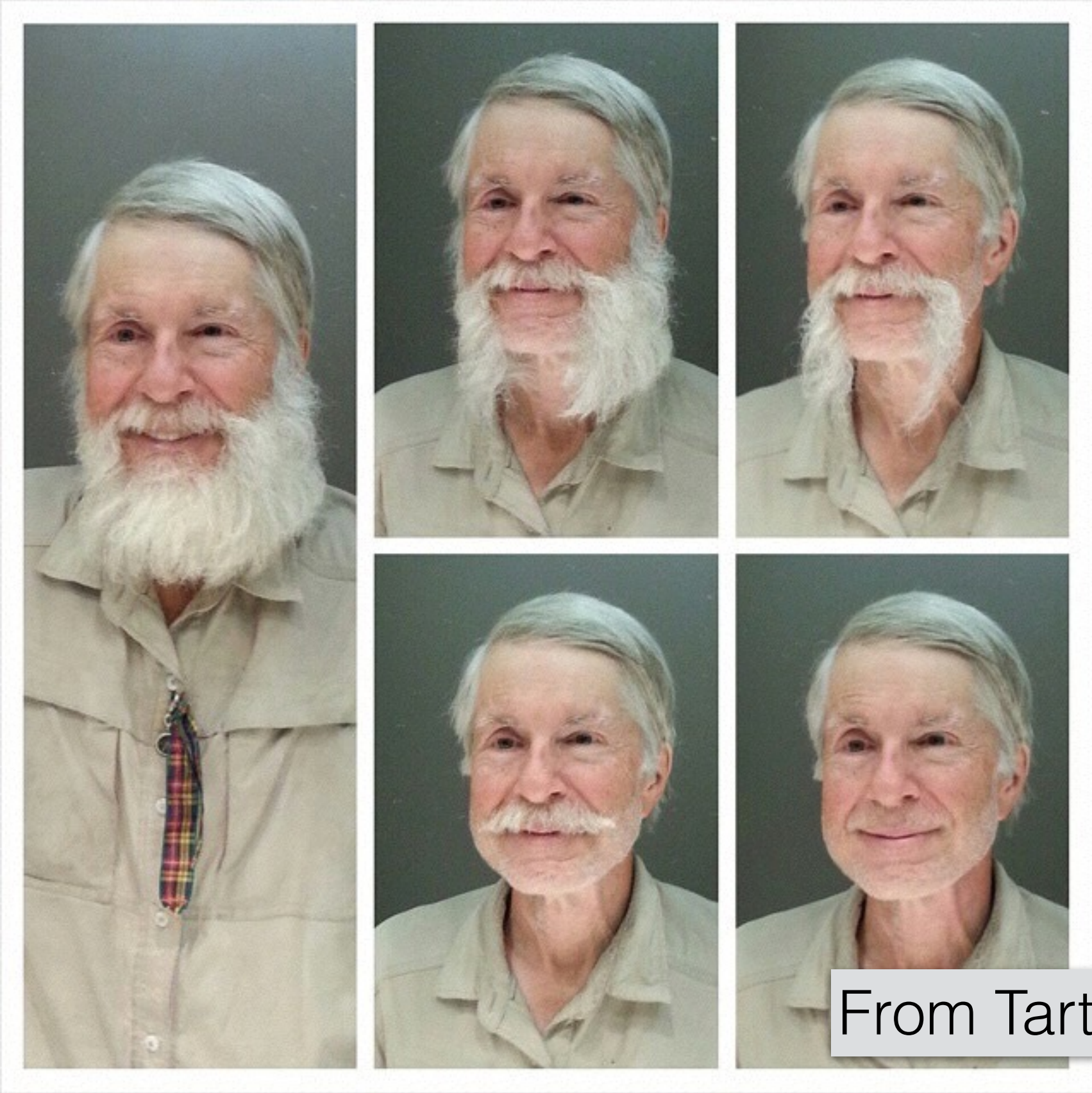


# Post-Hike

In Vancouver BC Canada

Reintegrating back into society after five months on the trail





From Tartan to Brian





No BAD DAD No!





No BAD DAD No!





No BAD DAD No!





No BAD DAD No!





No BAD DAD No!





Poster of  
Mile Markers  
On The Trail





PCT Hike Completion Medal



# To those whose journeyed with me

Here are a smattering of the others that have journeyed with me on the PCT.

Root Beer Float, Bilbo, Nobody's Friend, Wasabi, Borealis, Roi & Sarit, Colonial, Snail Trainer, Ninja Tank, Random, Tent Stake, Stumbles, Solitude, Rock Steady, Southpaw, Cheetah, Joaquin & Use It Up, Frenchman Paul, Estero & Acorn, Indie & Art Gypsy, Peru, Mountain Goat, One Speed & Just Paul, Mulberry, Pedi, Soapbox, Quinoa, Half And Half, Hog, Ella & Louisa, Scorpion, Princess & Mr. Sandals, Rice Crispies, Caboose, Lorax & T-Fox, Tarzan & Ass Waggin', Rocket Lama, Free Refill, Shredder, Freedom, Watermelon, Juke Box, Quiet Man, Carlos, Mermaid, Happy Pants, Halfmile, Jolly Lama, Carrot Quinn, Not A Chance, Sheriff Woody, Gear Slut, Splat, Timberline, Whitewater, Red, Daniel, Salsa, Liverpool, Lightened Up, 10K, Smokes, Charlie Day Hiker, String Bean, Scott Williamson and many more whose trail names elude me.



Root Beer Float



At White Pass WA

Coach, Peru, Tartan, Hardway, Twinkel Toes, Snail Trainer, 1st Class, Lorax, Pillsbury, TFox, Watermallon, Shredder, Freedom



Bilbo



Nobody's Friend



# Thanks to all who helped me



To my hiking buddies, Bilbo and Nobody's Friend, who spent time with me as I hiked. Your companionship helped ease some of the lonely nights with shared talk and friendship. I appreciated the time together however short. Best wishes to you both and as always I wish you "safe journeys".

To my chief and lieutenant resupply officers, Kathy, my wife, and Katie, my daughter, you were essential in my completing this epic journey. From sporadic telephone calls I would receive food resupplies, replacement gear, medicine, and all sorts of things that kept me going. You were my anchor and steadfast "base" as I hiked the trail

To my children, Justin, Matthew, and Katie, who shared miles and sights and obstacles galore with me. Who helped me stay focused and who I hope enjoyed some of this adventure in their own way. If any of their children or their children's children stand anywhere on this 2660 mile Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail let them know that their ancestor at one time was on that same spot too and he hopes that they may find the courage, interest, and time to hike its length as he did.

To my family, friends, and acquaintances I enjoyed your blog comments. Although I only responded to a few of them, I read them all when cell / mobile phone reception allowed. Your interest helped keep me going.





# Resources

- Pacific Crest Trail Association - <http://www.pcta.org/>
- Pacific Crest Trail Listserve - [pct-l@backcountry.net](mailto:pct-l@backcountry.net)
- Pacific Crest Trail on Facebook
  - group: Pacific Crest Trail - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PCNST>
  - group: PCT Class of 2014 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/573346889342374/>
  - group: PCT Class of 2015 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/608334832544246/>
- Yogi's Pacific Crest Trail Handbook (\$40.00) - <http://www.yogisbooks.com>
  - Also get printed Halfmile PCT Maps (wait for latest version) (\$38.00)
- Craig's PCT Planner - <http://www.pctplanner.com/>
- Halfmile's PCT Maps (wait for latest version) - <http://www.pctmap.net/>
- Halfmile's PCT Free App - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/halfmiles-pct/id521937514?mt=8>
- Guthook PCT 5 Apps (Southern, Central, & Northern California, Oregon and Washington: PCT Thru-Hiker Special \$24.99) - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/guthooks-pacific-crest-trail/id843792262?mt=8>
- PCTHYOH Free App - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/pcthyoh/id461413265?mt=8>
- Pacific Crest Trail Water Report - <http://pctwater.com/>



The End