

Pacific Crest Trail Water Report -- Part Two: Idyllwild to Agua Dulce

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Idyllwild, CA to Acton, CA

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8/16/18 (DoubleTap) : Both Halfmile & DoubleTap are out hiking right now. There will be no new updates until Friday, August 24th.

Never rely on water caches!!! Beware of contaminated water. Purify backcountry water.

Send email updates to water@pctwater.com or phone/text **619-734-7289** or **619-734-PCW** [voice mail/text only, no one will answer]. Mileages and waypoint names used in this water report are from Halfmile's PCT maps [www.pctmap.net]. Please send photos & videos of water sources, fires, passes, **Poodle Dog Bush**, and stream creek crossings to our **Facebook page** called "**PCT Water,Fire,Passes,Fords Update Group**"

Take fire safety seriously. Alcohol stoves start fires – go stoveless or carry a stove with a contained fuel source and a shut-off valve.

Water sources with blue text [marked with * or **] have historically been more reliable. Sources marked with ** are more likely to have water year-round than those marked with a single *. Water described as seasonal, usually dry, early spring, etc. are less reliable.

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CA Section B: Warner Springs to Highway 10 continued...

The Idyllwild Public Library [951-659-2300] prints free copies of the Water Report for hikers. The library is located near the center of town in Strawberry Creek Plaza with the Post Office, grocery store, pharmacy, natural food store, & Pizza Co. The library also has computers, wi-fi, paperback books. Trail register at the Post Office.

CRANSTON FIRE

PCTA : <https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures/southern-california/idyllwild/>

INCIWEB : <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6032/>

7/26/18 : Because of the Cranston Fire, the PCT is closed near Idyllwild North of Highway 74. Mount San Jacinto trail and area campgrounds are also closed. The town of Idyllwild has been evacuated. Please stay away from the area until further notice as the fire is not contained.

B9	179.4	SaddleJct	Idyllwild 4.5 mi W of Saddle Junction			
B9	181.2	WA0181	<i>*Wellmans Cienaga [7/10 mi N of PCT on trail to Wellmans Divide]</i>	6/9/18 (Hammer) : Good flow 1L in 90 seconds. 5/25/18 : Very low flow. 5/17/18 : Good flow.	6/9/18	Hammer
B9	182.1	WR182	Strawberry Cienaga	5/19/18 (Sue) : Flow still there from a tent take chute- 1 liter per minute. 5/13/18 (Jon) : Flowing. Clear and cool. 4/25/18 (Cloud Rider) : 1 liter / 40 seconds flow of clear water from chute. Very small pool that can be used to dip with a small bottle. 4/23/18 @ 1:30PM (Cowboy Katy) : Good flow from wall with tent stake spigot; 1 L/minute using large SW bottle; ice cold.	5/19/18	Sue
B9	183.3	CS183B	Marion Creek [200 yds E of Strawberry Jct Camp]	Couple of trickles cross the trail. First has 1 liter / 60 seconds of clear water. Can dip from some very small pools in the trail. Second is smaller.	4/25/18	Cloud Rider
B9	183.8		Spring	5/23/18 (Quinn/Cheryl) : Small trickle of water. robably dry soon but if you were desperate in the next couple of days you could get some water. 3/28/18 (Tripod) : Great flow.	5/23/18	Quinn/Cheryl
B9	184.1	WR184	Stone Creek	4/25/18 (Cloud Rider) : Small puddle near the trail just deep enough to dip a small bottle. No visible flow. 4/15/18 : Puddle of water. 4/13/18 (Campfinder) : Flowing at 1 Liter per minute.	4/25/18	Cloud Rider
B9	185.6	WR186	Deer Springs, N Fork San Jacinto River	6/7/18 : Slow flow. 5/15/18 (Peaches) : Dry. 4/25/18 (Cloud Rider) : 1 liter / 40 seconds of clear water. Very shallow with a couple of small pools next to the trail. 4/17/18 @ 10:30AM (Good Man Gramps) : Flowing well, scoop may be needed but otherwise a cold, clear source.	6/7/18	
B9	186.2	WR186B	<i>**Tributary of N. Fork San Jacinto River [best water in this area]</i>	6/24/18 (Dave) : Water flow is considerably less than it was about a month ago when I was there. Water is still available but I would classify it as "Slow Flow". 6/5/18 : Strong flow. 5/27/18 : Strong flow.	6/24/18	Dave

NOBO : WR186B is often the last reliable water northbound until WR206. The descent off San Jacinto can be very hot and dry, carry extra water.

B9	186.4	WR186C	Tributary of N. Fork San Jac River	Dry	4/25/18	Cloud Rider
B10	193.9	WRCS194	Seasonal Water, West Fork Snow Cr.	3/29/18 (Tripod) : 193.8 left side of the trail small puddles. Maybe upstream will be better. 193.9 Dry. 3/27/18 (Jason) : Dry-make sure to fill up in the San Jacinto Wilderness before heading downhill (Northbounders). 3/12/18 (Deb & Rick) : Dry.	3/29/18	Tripod
B10	190.5	FullerRidgeTH	Fuller Ridge Trailhead [150yds L, seasonal, often dry]	Dry	4/25/18	Cloud Rider

Just when PCT meets dirt parking area, go left past yellow post & 3 brown posts 150 yds down side trail to meadow with tiny pools in stream bed. Continue down Springbox canyon 1/8 mile on "use trail" to old group camp year-round spring.

B10	190.7		BlackMtnCamp [Seasonal, 1.3 mi SW on Rd 4S01]	Black Mountain Group camp water is flowing fairly well in nearby stream.	3/26/18	Jean
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This is the signed group camp, not the numerous other yellow post campsites. Bathrooms are locked and spigots are turned off year-round.

CRANSTON FIRE (See update above)

SOBO : stock up water at WR206 as it's a long climb (~7,500ft) and distance (~19.5 miles) to the next reliable water source at WR186B.

MILES 200-202 WARNING : BEE HIVE VERY CLOSE TO THE PCT (Exact mileage point of beehive on Guthook is Mile 202.03).

5/27/18 @10AM : No bees.

5/26/18 (Ryan) : Bee free this morning. They are either scared of the crazy wind.

5/19/18 @ 11AM (Sue) : We came down from Idyllwild Saturday 5/19- no bees or hive- couldn't even find an active place on the mentioned section between 200-202. I talked with some others that had gone by 2 days after us and they also saw no bees. However, a variable was that their hike down had tremendous wind. We had no wind that day.

4/29/18 (Lucy) : Beekeeper, botanist here; I saw them; they are CA Carpenter Bees, the best way to pass is:

1. Cover your neck with your hands & look downward. (most non-allergic deaths are caused by restricted airways from sting swelling). Personally, I favor eye protection (sunglasses) as a sting swelling near the eyes can impede your vision.

2. WALK past the hive swiftly & calmly without stalling, stomping, running, kicking up dirt/rocks, making audible sounds, flailing, swatting (any of this will agitate them)

3. Use limited breathing; do not pant, take shallow breaths through the nose, avoid exhaling through the mouth (this is how they smell you coming from a distance)

* Covering your mouth with a handkerchief may help minimally to deflect some exhale. Covering your body with something is two-fold; while it can protect, they can sting through nearly anything that touches the skin and large coverings may make you appear as a bigger threat. A loose fitting hat may help as well.

If hiking in large groups, try to wait down trail and pass the hive 1-2 at a time. They can feel the vibration upon the ground for great distances.

They are least active outside the hive in darkness and near darkness, morning or night; coldness does not matter unless it is winter.

* The males are the ones you will see first, they do not sting. They will relentlessly pursue you in an effort to remove you from the area. If at any time they deem you unable to be removed in a timely manner, they will summon the females who will sting. The approximate distance at which the hunt will cease is +/-100'.

With the current traffic on the PCT, they are in a near constant agitated state. The BEST THING to avoid the wrath of the bees is: AWARENESS. Spread the word.

4/28/18 : Exact mileage point of beehive on Guthook is Mile 202.03.

4/26/18 @ 3:30PM (Cowboy Katy) : Bees attached, stung about 20 times; bee flew into buff and sounded the alarm to the hive; rocky cliff area, left turn about 50 meters up the PCT, they didn't follow beyond there; advise similar to current advice at 200. If swarmed, move fast to the turn.

4/26/18 (Cloud Rider) : Bees! The bee hive is exactly at mile 200 under a huge rock that overhangs the trail. A local biker gave me the following advice; "take down your umbrella, cover up, walk past calmly, don't swat, be careful not to breathe one in." That worked OK for me. Several bees followed me buzzing angrily around my head for 2-3 minutes but went away after a while. Two other hiker told the same type of story. Don't seem to be a threat and you will probably not be stung.

4/5/18 (Devilfish) : Numerous hikers stung by bees at mile 202. Trail traverses steep cliff here with no room to maneuver.

B11	205.7	WR206	**Snow Canyon Rd [Desert Water Agency faucet]	6/5/18 : Faucet is on. 5/18/18 : Faucet is on. 5/4/18 : Faucet is on.	6/5/18	
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The Desert Water Agency faucet is under video surveillance.

B11	207	RD207	Snow Creek community, 15881 Falls Creek Rd			
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B11	209.5	Hwy10	Cabazon [small town 4.5 mi W]			
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California Section C: Highway 10 to Highway 15 near Cajon Pass

C1	210.8	ZiggyBear	Whitewater Hiker House	Ziggy and the Bear is permanently closed to hikers.		
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C1	~211.2		Cottonwood Crk [almost always dry]	Dry	4/26/18	Cloud Rider
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C1	213.4	WR213	Mesa Wind Farm	5/3/18 (Cups) : Another hiker confirmed bottled water and snacks at the Mesa Wind Farm office. 4/25/18 (Avery) : The spigots here contain uranium and a high mineral content. Do NOT drink from spigots! The office is open ~5am-2pm and they have bottled water inside. After hours they leave 2 cases of bottles in the shade structure for hikers. 4/17/18 : Water available. 4/10/18 (Rebo) : Here at the Mesa Wind Farm Maintenance Building conditioning refrigerated sodas and ice cold water plus Hot Pockets and Burritos Powdered Electrolyte Gatorade. Be Sure to get to the maintenance building before 2:00 PM they lock up for the day. If you are here after closing hours there is still water and shelter plus free WiFi.	5/3/18	Cups
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Sometimes there is water available at the Mesa Wind Farm but don't rely on it. Sign posted on trail indicating shade & water available and a friendly "Stop by and say Hi". 100 yds E, then 80 yds N. Large (~1.5 inches) hose and valve by fence. Water is from tank (not ugly pond). Close valve tightly. Hiker Friendly.

WHITewater CANYON FIRE

<https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures/southern-california/whitewater-fire-risk/>

6/18/18 (PCTA) : The Pacific Crest Trail remains open, but it passes through an area (from mile 217 to mile 219) which is otherwise closed to the public due to fire danger. Please stay on the PCT or the connector trail that leads to the Preserve visitor center. Whitewater Preserve remains open during the closure but some trails near the visitor center are closed.

C2	218.6	WRCS219	**Whitewater Preserve	6/5/18 : Faucet is on. 5/16/18 (Jon) : Faucets on. 5/4/18 (Cups) : All faucets producing potable water at the Whitewater Preserve.	6/5/18	
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Former trout farm now owned by Wildlands Conservancy. Ranger Jack [760-325-7222] welcomes all PCT hikers from the trail. They have shade, water, toilets, and overnight camping for PCT hikers ONLY. They do NOT have showers or package dropoffs. Ranger Station open daily. Had a phone that was possible to use.

C1	218.6		Old jeep road near Whitewater Creek			
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C2	220.3	WR220	*Whitewater Creek [Fill up at the 1st water crossing about 200 yards W of Halfmile WR220 waypoint].	5/16/18 (Jon) : Flowing well. 5/10/18 : Good flow. 5/4/18 (Cups) : Flowing very well. 4/27/18 (Cloud Rider) : Many liters/second of clear water.	5/16/18	Jon
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C2	226.2	WRCS0226	**Mission Creek crossing	Flowing adequately.	6/11/18	Ahjah
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C3	227.2	WR0227	Mission Creek Crossing	Flowing adequately.	6/11/18	Ahjah
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C3	228.0	WR0228	Stream	Flowing adequately.	6/11/18	Ahjah
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C3	229.5	WRCS0230	**Mission Creek	Flowing adequately.	6/11/18	Ahjah
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C3	231.4	WRCS0231	**Mission Creek	Flowing adequately.	6/11/18	Ahjah
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C3	232.1	WRCS0232	**Mission Creek	Flowing adequately.	6/11/18	Ahjah
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C3	232.9	WR233	**Mission Creek Crossing	Flowing adequately.	6/11/18	Ahjah
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C4	235.5	WRCS0235	*Seasonal Creek, creekside camp	6/5/18 : Decent flow. 6/4/18 (Wraps) : Flowing just a trickle, looks like will dry up soon. Suggest loading up at previous mission creek crossings or plowing on to campsite at 240. 5/17/18 (Jon) : Flowing more than a trickle. Clear and cool.	6/5/18	
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C4	238.7	WR0239	Forested flats junction	6/5/18 : Good flow. 5/29/18 (Ryan) : Good flow. 5/17/18 (Jon) : Flowing well. Clear and cold.	6/5/18	
C4	239.9	WR0240	**Mission Spring Trail Camp	Abundant clear water	6/12/18	Ahjah
When trail reaches dirt road, turn left SE thru 4x4 wood railing at end of road, then 60 yds up closed road to table. Then turn left E and walk 110 yards past horse corral. At end of corral turn right & follow path 100 yds to water in a gully, dripping off root into blue bucket. [Spigots at corral are capped off, but there may be a very slow gravity flow from a hose there.] Another possible source: at wood railing at end of road, turn 90 degrees right SSW up hill, then W 75 yds from road to concrete horse trough marked "USFS"						
C5	256.1	WR256	Arrastre Trail Camp at Deer Spring [faucet]	5/29/18 (Ryan) : Faucet is off. 5/19/18 (Jon) : Faucet off. As mentioned before, the spring 3 minutes walk north at 256.26 is flowing with a trickle and has a pool that you can dip a water bottle into. 4/28/18 (Cloud Rider) : Faucet is off. Stream is flowing at mile 256.26 a 3 minutes walk N from the camp. 1 liter / 2 seconds flow with a deep pool for dipping.	5/29/18	Ryan
This faucet is probaly unreliable and only works intermitantly. We have recieved a number of conflicting reports from hikers about this location. Faucet in camp labeled non-potable, for horses only. Trail crosses creek-bed several times for ~mile before camp & several miles after.						
C6	256.7	WR0257	**Spring N of Arrastre Trail Camp	6/12/18 (Ahjah): 2 liters/minute fresh and clear 5/29/18 (Ryan) : Very small trickle, can obtain from scooping from small pool. 5/19/18 (Jon) : Flowing. 5/16/18 (Walnut & Pecan) : Flowing at 1 Liter / 30 seconds.	6/12/18	Ahjah
C5	257.8	WR258	Creek crossing N of Arrastre Camp	6/5/18 : Good flow. 5/29/18 (Ryan) : Good flow. 5/19/18 (Jon) : Flowing.	6/5/18	
C5	258.5	WR0258B	Creek crossing N of Arrastre Camp	6/12/18 (Ahjah): Flowing water, but foamy and weird 6/5/18 : Good flow. 5/19/18 (Jon) : Flowing. 5/11/18 : Good flow.	6/12/18	Ahjah
HOLCOMB FIRE TRAIL CLOSURE https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures/southern-california/holcomb-fire-closure-near-big-bear-calif/ 5/21/18 (PCTA) : The Holcomb Fire started on June 19th near Big Bear, California. The fire is out but the trail remains closed and will likely remain closed throughout 2018. The Pacific Crest Trail is closed for about one mile from Holcomb Valley Road (paved road 3N08) at mile 268 to about mile 269. The fastest detour is hike up Forest Road 3N16 to 3N69 (Gold Mt) and up to the PCT junction.						
C7	268.5	WR268	**Doble Trail Camp			
HOLCOMB FIRE TRAIL CLOSURE						
C7	272.7		2nd jeep rd [Saragossa Spr 0.67 mi N]			
PCT Hiker David O'Sullivan (Class of 2017) went missing in this area last year (somewhere between Big Bear & Idyllwild). Any information you have on this topic, please contact Cathy Tarr at 703-334-1770 or via email at catarr210@aol.com						
C7	274.9	WRCS0275	Caribou Crk at Van Dusen Cyn Rd	Dry	6/7/18	
C9	281.1		Delamar Spring [Rd 3N12, 0.9 mi W]	Dry	4/6/18	Tripod
C9	285.6	CS286	Little Bear Springs Trail Camp	dry stream bed and dry spigot	6/30/18	Shaker
Faucet is slightly uphill & to left from new picnic table						
C9	285.9	WR0286	Holcomb Creek	5/31/18 (Ryan) : Dry. 5/9/18 (Pilgrim) : Bone dry. 5/1/18 (Cloud Rider) : Dry.	5/31/18	Ryan
C9	286.7	WRCS0287	Side Creek	5/31/18 (Ryan) : Dry. 5/9/18 (Pilgrim) : Bone dry. 5/4/18 (Ocean) : Dry at trail crossing but stagnant pools 0.4 mi NOBO if needed.	5/31/18	Ryan
C9	287.1		Holcomb Creek	6/10/18 : Flowing. 5/31/18 (Ryan) : Dry. 5/23/18 (Socrates) : Large pools.	6/10/18	
C9	287.5		Holcomb Creek	6/10/18 : Flowing. 5/1/18 (Cloud Rider) : Several liters/second. 4/19/18 (Devilfish) : Great flow.	6/10/18	
C10	292.1	WR292B	Creek	flowing @ 2L/m	6/30/18	Shaker
C10	292.4	WRCS292	**Holcomb Creek at Crab Flats Rd.	6/10/18 : Flowing. 5/23/18 (Socrates) : Tons of water. 5/13/18 (Mike) : Flowing strong 8ft wide 6 inches deep.	6/10/18	
C10	293.2	CS293	Campsite, seasonal creek	5/23/18 (Socrates) : Tons of water. 5/2/18 (Cloud Rider) : Many liters/second of water.	5/23/18	Socrates
C10	293.7	WR294	**Holcolmb Creek at Hawes Ranch Trail	6/10/18 : Flowing. 5/31/18 (Ryan) : Flowing. 5/23/18 (Socrates) : Tons of water.	6/10/18	
C10	294.6	BenchCamp	**Holcomb Crossing [Trail Camp]	6/10/18 : Flowing. 5/23/18 (Socrates) : Tons of water. 5/2/18 (Cloud Rider) : Many liters/second of water.	6/10/18	
C10	295.3		Seasonal Stream	5/2/18 (Cloud Rider) : Full of stagnant water with lots of algae. 4/21/18 (Silver) : Stagnant pools with very very low flow. 4/19/18 (Devilfish) : Stagnant water.	5/2/18	Cloud Rider
C10	295.9	WR0296	Piped Spring	5/2/18 (Cloud Rider) : Pools I nearby creek bed. 1 liter / 120 seconds trickle of water coming out of the pipe just past the creek crossing. 4/21/18 (Silver) : Small, slow trickling pools on trail. 4/19/18 : Dry.	5/2/18	Cloud Rider
C11	298.5	WR299	**Deep Creek Bridge	deep creek lots of dogs and kids in the water. I collected upstream..	7/1/18	Shaker
C11	301.3	RD0301	Unpaved road to Deep Creek day use area. Access to Deep Creek.	Flowing	7/1/18	Shaker

C11	305.9		Willow Creek	5/9/18 : Dry. 5/2/18 (Cloud Rider) : >1 liter/second flow with big pools. 4/27/18 (Campfinder) : 5 liters of per minute.	5/9/18	Cloud Rider
C12	308.0	WR0308	**Deep Creek Hot Spring [Use water upstream from bathers]	Many liters/second.	5/2/18	Cloud Rider
Per http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sbnf/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=34152&actid=50 The Hot Springs pools of Deep Creek contain a rare and sometimes fatal disease called primary amoebic meningoencephalitis. The disease is apparently contained in contaminated soil and transmitted to the Hot Springs pools as the warm water flows through and over the soil. It is advisable not to submerge your head. Due to the large number of visitors to the Hot Springs, human and organic pollution are increasing in the Deep Creek drainage. The highest Fecal Coliform counts are found in the Hot Springs area.						
	309.3	WR0309	Small Creek (Watch out for poison oak)	5/23/18 (Socrates) : Stagnant pools at the trail. Didn't check upstream. 5/13/18 (Mike) : Flowing 5 liter per minute, hike past stagnant pools to the south, water feeding the pools is flowing. 5/2/18 (Cloud Rider) : 2 liter/second flow with big pools and small waterfalls upstream.	5/23/18	Socrates
C13	313.6	WR0314	**Deep Creek ford	Flowing.	7/1/18	Shaker
C13	~314		W Fork Mojave River	Several liters/second near the confluence with Deep creek. Deep creek water looks better. At 313.6, the creek and river come together and you can take your pick. Upstream, the Mohave river is just occasional stagnant pools.	5/3/18	Cloud Rider
C13	315.8			5/12/18 (Picnic) : Lots of algae but plenty of water if needed. 5/11/18 : Seasonal stream trickling with some. Larger pools for scooping lots of algae. 5/7/18 (Ocean) : Trickle but lots of algae.	5/12/18	Picnic
C13	316.2	WR316	Trailside spring in canyon [seasonal]	5/23/18 (Socrates) : Not much more than mud. 5/3/18 (Cloud Rider) : Very shallow trickle. Difficult to collect, only pool is among thick poison ivy. 4/8/18 (Tripod) : Barely flows. 315.8 is much better source	5/23/18	Socrates
C13	317.4	WR317	Piped spring before Grass Valley Creek	5/23/18 (Socrates) : Dry. 5/9/18 : Dry. 4/22/18 (Silver) : Seep. would get you out of trouble though.	5/23/18	Socrates
To find the piped spring, look for a big clump of long green grass 6 feet to the north side of the trail. Look for black tube and wooden arrow with "H2O" on it. If you are hiking northbound, there is a sandy campsite down below the trail immediately before the spring. If you reach the signed connector trail to the Mojave River Campground at mile 317.6, you have missed it.						
4/20/18 (Marcel) : Poodle Dog Bush on both sides of the road.						
C13	318.0	WRCS0318	Grass Valley Creek	6/6/18 (Ryan) : slow flow, lots of algae, somewhat difficult to collect 5/28/18 : Good flow but also Poodle Dog Bush in area. 5/23/18 (Socrates) : Good flow. 5/21/18 : Good flow.	6/6/18	Ryan
C13	323.6	WR324	Cedar Springs Dam Outlet [pools below dam at PCT]	Flowing, but nasty. ----- WR324 is usually the nastiest water. Filter it 1,456 times before drinking it.	5/3/18	Cloud Rider
5/3/18 (Cloud Rider) : WARNING at Mile 324.00 - At the SW corner of the hwy bridge next to the spillway (far L corner for NOBO) there appears to be a bee hive. Hikers may want to cross to the N side of the road near there.						
C14	325.4	WR0325	Trail side beach on the lake	A whole lake of water, but there seems to be some type of film on the surface being blown downwind into the coves. Water looks much better along some parts of the lake.	5/3/18	Cloud Rider
C14	328.7	WR329	**Cleghorn Picnic Area [two-lane bike path, 0.5 mi E]	6/10/18 : Faucet is on. 5/3/18 (Cloud Rider) : Faucet is on in the picnic area. 4/26/18 (Lickity Split) : Bathrooms unlocked and water on, red handled faucet is on in the picnic area.	6/10/18	
C14	328.8			5/5/18 (Mustache) : Stream flowing well. 5/4/18 (Cloud Rider) : Several liters/second flow. 4/23/18 (Silver) : Flowing well.	5/5/18	Mustache
C14	333.1	WR333	Small stream	5/9/18 : Very low flow. 5/5/18 (Mustache) : Still has flow and large pools. 5/4/18 (Cloud Rider) : 1 liter / 3 seconds of flow.	5/9/18	
Watch for poison oak at WR333.						
C14	333.5		Seasonal Stream	5/4/18 (Cloud Rider) : Dry. 4/22/18 (Devilfish) : Dry. 3/19/18 (Karma & Scott) : Good flow.	5/4/18	Cloud Rider
C15	335.6		Little Horsethief Canyon [dry creek]	5/4/18 (Cloud Rider) : Dry. 4/22/18 (Devilfish) : Dry. 4/16/18 : Dry.	5/4/18	Cloud Rider
C15	341.4	WR341	Crowder Canyon	5/9/18 : Dry. 5/4/18 (Cloud Rider) : 1 liter / 2 seconds of clear water. Still very shallow. May be easier to collect at 341.55 where there is more flow and a little waterfall. 4/28/18 : Low flow.	5/9/18	
C15	342.0	Hwy15	**Interstate 15 in Cajon Canyon [4/10 mi NW, McDonalds, Mini Mart]			
California Section D: Interstate 15 near Cajon Pass to Agua Dulce						
5/18/18 (DoubleTap) : The first natural water source northbound from I-15. Guffy Campground Spring (mile 364.3) has gone dry in 2018. There is also a very big climb out of Cajon Pass (~5,400 ft) so CARRY A LOT OF WATER OUT OF CAJON PASS and plan for your first water source to be Wrightwood (off-trail). If you hike to Wrightwood via the Acorn Trail that is a ~25.9 miles from I-15. If you hitch to Wrightwood from where the PCT crosses Hwy 2 (Mile 369.4) that is a ~27.4 mile stretch from I-15.						
4/10/18 : Poodle Dog Bush in this area from a fire 2 years ago here, be on the lookout.						

D1	347.3	RD0347	Swarthout Canyon Road Cache	<p>8/4/18 (Elizabeth) : 34 gallons water. 7/3/18 (Shaker) : Cache completely stocked with 60 gallons! 6/17/18 (Ahjah) : Full cache, about 40 gallons. 6/14/18 (Brian) : Full cache. 6/13/18 (Skirrrt) : At least 35 gallons. 6/10/18 : 24 gallons.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>5/4/18 (DoubleTap): Reports of the water here being urinated in. Please use caution. This cache has been the target of theft and vandalism in past years unfortunately. With Guffy Spring already going dry it is wise to plan for no water between I-15 and Lamel Spring. In addition, it's a big climb up out of the I-15 area.</p>	8/4/18	Elizabeth
D1	347.7	WR348	Bike Spring [block trough just below trail, usually dry]	<p>5/5/18 (Cloud Rider) : Dry. 4/23/18 (Silver) : Dry. 4/15/18 : Stangant water, don't rely on it.</p>	5/5/18	Cloud Rider
D3	363.5	AcornTr	Wrightwood [Acorn Cyn Tr, 4.5 mi N or hitch from Hwy 2 @ mile 369.48]			
D3	364.3	WR365, GuffyCG	<p>Guffy Campground Spring [Spring ~1/10 mile N of the PCT, follow use trail about 1/10 mile before campground]</p> <p>-</p> <p>We are especially interested in water reports about this location. Please send info.</p>	<p>7/4/18 (Shaker) : 25 gallons Cache under blue tarp next to large rusted cistern. 6/18/18 (Ahjah) : About 35 gallons near water tank. 6/3/18 : Spring is dry. 6/3/18 @ 6:20PM (BeaverStick): 32 gallons behind tank next to trail. 6/1/18 @ 10AM (Catherine) : ~22 gallons at cache.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Guffy Campground Spring went dry already for 2018.</p>	7/4/18	Shaker
<p>Guffy Campground water is down a semi-steep slope to old red pump house in Flume Cyn. The spring is not in the old pump house, but is about ten feet above that and consists of a 1 inch pipe coming from the spring (to the left of the of the pump house close to the trail). Take wide use trail at rock cairn on the right (N) below guard rail just before PCT enters the campgrd ~50 yds E of the water tank. Spring UTM 0439545, 3800530 elev. 7724.</p>						
	369		Wrightwood			
D4	370.4	WR370	*Grassy Hollow Visitor Center	<p>4/26/18 @ 6AM (Silver) : Faucet is dry, no water. 4/24/18 (Devilfish) : The guy at the Big Pines Visitor Center thinks they're going to have to drill a new well at Grassy Hollow, so that sounds like a long-term situation. 4/22/18 (Kyri) : Water faucet is OFF.</p>	4/26/18	Silver
D4	371.6		Jackson Flat Group Campgrd [spur road]	water off, bathrooms locked	6/6/18	Ryan
<p>OPTIONAL High Desert/Manzanita Trail Alternate, 5.8 miles long, connects Vincent Gap to the South Fork Campground at mile 5.3 on the official Endangered Species Detour, Halfmile map D4A. A useful and pleasant route to avoid the climb/descent of Mt Baden-Powell. (All per Andrew)</p> <p>Mile 1.4 Mile 2.8 - Dorr Canyon Creek Mile 3.7 - Creek Mile 5.8 - South Fork Campground</p>						
D4	375.9	WR376	Lamel Spring [150 yards S pf PCT]	flowing slowly	8/12/18	Travis
	377.9	MTBadenPowell	Mount Baden Powell [0.14 miles S of PCT, 9,390 feet]	See next line below		
Mount Baden Powell Snow Conditions --> See Snow Report page for updates						
D5	383.7	WR384	**Little Jimmy Spring	flowing well	8/12/18	Travis
<p>Endangered Species Closure - The Endangered Species Detour starting at Islip Saddle to S Fork Campground and the Punchbowl Trail is no longer recommended due to severe erosion. Hikers can bypass the Endangered Species Closure by continuing on the PCT to Eagles Roost [mile 390.2], then road walk 2.7 miles along Hwy 2 to Buckhorn Campground, then follow the campground road and Burkhart Trail 2.2 miles to rejoin the PCT.</p> <p>Detour Mile 2.0 5/11/18 (Devilfish) : Two miles into the endangered species detour there is water in a ravine on the trail-west (south) side of the road, not only from a pipe but from a spring that presumably supplies it.</p> <p>Detour Mile ~3.0 -- Buckhorn Campground 7/5/18 (Shaker) : faucets are on at buckhorn campground. 6/4/18 (Jon) : I used the faucet at site 17. It's on with great flow. 5/18/18 (The Prodigy) : All faucets on and all restrooms open. 5/12/18 (Devilfish) : Campground is open, which means among other things the restrooms are unlocked! The faucet at 28 is on, but somebody overtightened it so much, so if you think the faucets are off down here, consider instead the possibility the tap is just really tightly closed. 5/8/18 (Cloud Rider) : Faucets are on. Bathrooms are locked. Creek has Several liters/second. 5/7/18 (Devilfish) : Faucets are on at sites 17 and 28 (at the end of the campground where hikers congregate), stream is flowing well across the road just beyond site 17, restrooms still locked. 4/28/18 (Silver) : Stream at Burkhart CG is flowing well, faucets appear to be dry/off. 4/24/18 : Campsite water available at Campsite 17. 4/14/18 : Campground has running water and a flowing stream. 4/8/18 (All Day Long) : Per Ranger @ CG: Area closed & water off until leak is fixed & water tests as good to drink. However, at site 24 a creek with great flow crosses the CG road on the way to The Burkhart trailhead which is our route back to the PCT in 1 mile. They expect the CG to be open within 2 weeks. The ranger didn't mind me camping overnight. All bathrooms were locked.</p> <p>Detour Mile 4.1 (WA394) -- Seasonal Spring</p>						
D6	394.0	TR0394	Burkhart Trail, 2nd junction	this little stream had water yes and also trash (mini pringles can, empty cheese-it bag, candy wrappers) so I went upstream and sure enough right in the middle of the stream on a rock are a couple pieces of toilet paper.	7/5/18	Shaker
D6	394.3	WR394	*Seasonal Spring on Burkhart Trail [7/10 mile S of PCT on the old endangered species detour]	plenty of water	8/12/18	Travis
D6	395.2	WRCS0395	*Cooper Canyon Trail Campground	A couple of nice pools, but barely flowing at this point.	6/20/18	Tortuga
<p>Turn left (south) from the PCT and enter the camp area. Water will be on your left down in creek bed. There's an outhouse here, too.</p>						
D6	397.3	WR398	Headwaters of Cooper Canyon	<p>5/14/18 (Meditation Man) : Small flow. 4/22/18 (Tripod) : Dry.</p>	5/14/18	Meditation Man

D6	399.9		Seasonal Stream	6/4/18 (Jon): Small trickle and some moving pools. 5/18/18 (The Prodigy) : Good flow. 5/14/18 (Meditation Man) : Good flow.	6/4/18	Jon
D7	400.9	WR401	Camp Glenwood	water faucet is turned on	7/5/18	Shaker
D7	401.6		Spring box and pipe	6/6/18 (Ryan) stagnant water - difficult to collect 5/26/18 (Walnut & Pecan) : Strong flow. 5/14/18 (Meditation Man) : Flowing strong. 5/9/18 (Cloud Rider) : 1 liter / 2 seconds from the faucet on the pipe.	6/6/18	Ryan
D7	401.8		Spring box & pipe.	Dry	6/6/18	Ryan
There are four "water boxes" about 100 yards apart. May have to get creative to collect.						
POODLE DOG BUSH : Be on the lookout north of here, lots of Poodle Dog Bush on or near the trail.						
D7	406.5			5/9/18 (Cloud Rider) : Large stagnant pools of water. Algae in water but plenty of clear water for dipping. 5/4/18 @ 11:20AM (Verde) : Stagnant mossy/algae pools but plenty of water. 5/1/18 (Lickity Split) : Flowing gently with clear pools. Some algae. Viable source. It was at a bend in the trail.	5/9/18	Cloud Rider
D7	406.6	WR0407	Sulphur Springs Camp	7/6/18 (Shaker) : the hose bib at 406.6 white sulphur camp is not working!! The top knob handle piece is gone so unless you have pliers or the like you're not turning the stub. 6/20/18 (Tortuga) : Faucet still on about 2 liters per minute, could retrieve water from trough but it will be gone within a few days of the faucet drying up. 6/6/18 (Ryan) : Faucet on at NE end of the camp.	7/6/18	Shaker
D7	410.4	WR0410	Fiddleneck Spring	6/20/18 (Tortuga) : Flowing, but less than 2 liters/minute. 6/6/18 @ 6AM (Martin) : Dry. 5/18/18 (The Prodigy) : Pool of water present but no flow.	6/20/18	Tortuga
D7	411.0	WR411	<i>*Fountainhead Spring</i>	Bees bees bees and water. Collected with a cup @ 1L/min	7/6/18	Shaker
D8	418.8	WR419	<i>**Mill Creek Summit Fire Station (Per Rebo) : Go up the road towards the power lines where the fire station is located. Water is up above the fire station at the Pony Day Use Area there is a water spigot next to the pit toilet and picnic table.</i>	Faucet by picnic table and pit toilet on. ----- E. Coli detected at this water source in 2017, be sure to treat water from here.	7/6/18	Shaker
Water spigots are located behind the Mill Creek Fire Station and at the Pony Park Day Use Area next to the fire station (spigot near the restroom). Mill Creek Station have posted a sign at the cut off trail and cleared the pony park area near the toilet and added another picnic table for through hikers. The access to water is next to the tables next to the toilet. Also overnight camping is down the drive way at the picnic area.						
Treat all water in this area, Ecoli has been detected in the 2017 hiking season in this area.						
D9	425.8			6/5/18 (Jon): Still Dry 5/18/18 (The Prodigy) : Dry. 5/15/18 (Meditation Man) : Now dry only damp soil.	6/5/18	Jon
D10	426.5		Old Big Buck Trail Camp site [early spring]	5/10/18 (Cloud Rider) : Dry. 4/10/18 (All Day Long) : ON-trail Water. Small stream; minimal flow. Need a cup or scoop.	5/10/18	Cloud Rider
D10	430.6	Messenger Flat	Messenger Flats Camp USFS.	No water.	5/10/18	Cloud Rider
D10	432.1	WR432	Moody Cyn Rd [stream 50' before Rd]	Dry	5/10/18	Cloud Rider
5/16/18 (Meditation Man) : Poison oak navigable (not as bad as many trails closer to coast). Didn't see any poodle dog bush mixed in, contrary to earlier report. 5/10/18 (Cloud Rider) : There was certainly poison oak on the last 1.5 Miles or so before the ranger station. With a careful eye and careful step I was able to avoid touching any of it. 4/29/18 (Marcel) : There is a TON of poison oak between 435.0 and the ranger station at 436. Hundreds of plants directly on the trail, and one spot where it's impossible to avoid touching some due to 5 foot high plants on both sides hanging into the trail. To top things off there are a few poodle dog bushes hiding within regular bushes, often at face level.						
D10	436.3	WR436	<i>*North Fork Ranger Station BPL Rd 4N32</i>	7/7/18 (Shaker) : 5 gallon water jug set out. 6/15/18 : Water available. 6/6/18 (Jon): Water available 6/5/18 (SugarBear/Pink Panther): The north fork ranger station was decommissioned ~30 years ago. A guy who makes forest service signs lives here, and a hiking group uses it in the summer months for helping PCTers. They have chips and soda \$1 each. Water is free. No need to filter. WARNING!!!! Big BLACK WIDOW SPIDER in the bathroom. It doesn't seem aggressive, just keep your distance.	7/7/18	Shaker
Good camping nearby at the horse corral area, less wind per Rebo on 4/18/15.						
D11	440.2		Mattox Canyon	5/19/18 (The Prodigy) : Dry. 5/10/18 (Cloud Rider) : Dry. 5/9/18 : Dry.	5/19/18	The Prodigy
D11	444.4		Santa Clara River	5/11/18 (Cloud Rider) : Nasty. Go to the KOA. 4/28/18 : Nasty water. 4/24/18 @ 8AM (Rebo) : Water flowing.	5/11/18	Cloud Rider
D11	444.5	KOA	KOA Campground	water e'rwhere	7/8/18	Shaker
The Acton KOA is a hiker-friendly campground 2/10 mile E of the PCT. KOA has hiker camping [\$15 per tent, includes hot showers], shade trees, swimming pool, coin laundry [\$2.50 per load], Wi-Fi, and a small store. To reach the campground cross Soledad Canyon Rd and walk N on the PCT down the embankment. Look to the right and you will see the KOA campground across the flat open area. If you cross the creek you have gone too far. Hikers usually camp in the grassy area near the basketball court. The office and store is up the wooden stairs E of the basketball court.						
D12	451.1	Hwy14	Escondido Cyn just past tunnel under Hwy 14	Dry.	5/19/18	The Prodigy

D12	451.7		Seep	<p>5/11/18 (Cloud Rider) : Tiny flow with many shallow pools, some full of tadpoles.</p> <p>5/3/18 (Tripod) : Very small flow. Less than a litter a minute. Need scoop to get water.</p> <p>5/2/18 (Silver) : Has small but clear puddles with a slight trickle. Could definitely fill up if needed.</p>	5/11/18	Cloud Rider
D12	~452.5	WR0453	Vasquez Rocks Picnic Area	No water.	5/19/18	The Prodigy
D12	~453.4		Ranger station - <i>once on pavement, 0.2 miles on left by Park exit on Escondido Cyn Rd</i>	Water in the Interpretive Center bathroom.	5/11/18	Cloud Rider
D12	454.4		**Agua Dulce	Sweetwater Farms Market has everything to eat & drink that a hiker desires.		
D12	454.5	HikerHeaven	**Hiker Heaven	Will be open March 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 (www.hikerheaven.com)		
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