

Pacific Crest Trail Water Report -- Part One : Campo to Idyllwild

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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.

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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..

Map	Mile	Waypoint	Location	Report	Date	Reported By
California Section A: Campo to Warner Springs						
Start your hike with enough water to make it to the Lake Morena Campground.						
A1	1.2	WR001	**Cottonwood Community Day School (formerly Juvenile Ranch Facility) [faucet behind sign]	5/11/18 (PilotKurt) : Faucet is working. 3/15/18 (Scott) : Faucet working. 3/6/18 (Nick) : faucet is working water had some silt in it.	5/11/18	PilotKurt
A1	1.4		Campo			
A1	2.7		Seasonal creek [usually dry]	4/29/18 : Stagnant water. 4/20/18 : Stagnant water. 4/14/18 (Cloud Rider) : Stagnant pools. Water looks bad.	4/29/18	
A1	4.4	WR004	Creeklet [early spring only] <i>Beware of poison oak here.</i>	5/16/18 (Ryan) : Clear small flow. 5/11/18 (PilotKurt) : Clear small flow. 5/10/18 (DUCK!!!) : Still clear, small flow.	5/16/18	Ryan
5/4/18 (Nick) : Bee hive on trail at mile 9.1. Bushwhack to avoid.						
A2	~12.7		Seasonal creek [usually dry]	3/27/18 (Trixie) : Dry. 3/23/18 (Campfinder) : Dry. 3/21/18 (Nightcrawler) : Dry.	3/28/17	Trixie
BEE HIVE AT MILE 9.1						
5/9/18 (Haley) : There was a huge swarm (hundreds) of bees at mile 9.1 on the left in the rocks.						
4/18/18 (Smokebeard) : Bee hive uphill side of trail at around mile 14.5.						
Mile 15.36 : 3/10/17 (Rebo) : There is a water cistern 1.6 miles down Hauser Creek Road off trail starting at Mile 15.36. Go left (for Nobo's) on Hauser Creek dirt road and walk down past white tube gate. In ~1.4 miles the dirt road ends at two large boulders. Go past the two boulders and walk ~50 feet. Go to your right and then go up the ravine (listen for water). Video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eqXmBcfeAw						
4/11/18 (Sean) : Flowing well.						
4/5/18 (Dae-Suing) : Flowing according to another hike.						
3/29/18 (Nicole) : Flowing cold water.						
A2	15.4	WRCS015	Hauser Creek [early spring only]	5/9/18 : Dry. 4/28/18 (Bryce) : Dry. 4/20/18 (Paul) : Dry.	5/9/18	
If dry at creek crossing, try taking a right on the road E & walk up stream 200-300 yards. Periodically walk up to creek and check for pools. These last just a little longer than at trail. [Beware; it often has water in April, only to go dry just before ADZPCTKO]. WATCH OUT FOR POISON OAK in this area.						
A2	15.4	WACS016	Cottonwood Crk below Lake Morena [1.6miles W of PCT on dirt road]	5/1/18 (James) : Flowing great. 4/10/18 (Ethan) : Excellent flow, clear water. 3/21/18 (Nightcrawler) : Flowing. I didn't go there myself but I spoke to rangers who said it was flowing.	5/1/18	James
A2	20	LkMorenaCG	**Lake Morena Campground	5/17/18 (Ryan) : Flowing faucet with warning that water has been tested positive for coliform bacteria. 5/11/18 (PilotKurt) : Faucet on. 4/28/18 (Bryce) : Faucets on.	5/17/18	Ryan
A3	24.1	WR024	Cottonwood Creek Bridge	5/17/18 (Ryan) : Dry. 4/15/18 (Cloud Rider) : Dry. 4/13/18 : Dry.	5/17/18	Ryan
A3	25.5	WR026	Cottonwood Creekbed	5/18/18 : Slow flow. 5/17/18 (Ryan) : Stagnant. 4/22/18 : Water present but it's not very clean.	5/18/18	
A3	26.0	BoulderOaks CG	**Boulder Oaks Campground	5/28/18 : Faucet is on. 5/23/18 : Faucet is on. 5/18/18 : Faucet is on.	5/28/18	
NOBO:First spigot is hard to see - it's hiding on the back of a 2' brown post just as the PCT gets onto the CG road. A 2nd faucet is on a tall brown post further along the road. SOBO:Heading south the spigot is to the left of the trail just before exiting the campground. There are several other spigots in the campground.						
E. coli reared it's ugly head multiple times in the Mount Laguna area in the past. Please treat all water sources in this area.						
A3	~26.8		Kitchen Creek near I-8	3/12/18 (Nightcrawler) : There's water there but a lot of stagnant pools. Also the entire area around I-8 smells like diesel. I don't know where the smell is from but I'd avoid the water just in case. 3/11/18 (Don) : Flowing. 3/2/18 (Clay) : Flowing.	3/12/18	Nightcrawler
A3	28.5	KitchenCrFalls	*Kitchen Creek Falls [2/10 mi NW]	5/17/18 (Ryan) : Good flow. 5/10/18 (Girl Scout):Flowing minimally, enough to keep the pools from stagnating.Plenty of cool, clear water in pools. 5/3/18 (Colleen) : Good flow but trail down to water overgrown and hard to follow because of all the social trails cutting through it.	5/17/18	Ryan
A3	~30		Kitchen Creek [100 feet below trail]	5/23/18 : Good flow. 5/19/18 : Flowing well. 5/11/18 : Good flow.	5/23/18	
Or continue to paved road at 30.6 and take a left and then a dirt road down to the water [~0.4 mile].						
A3	30.2	WRCS030	*Kitchen Creek, Yellow Rose Spring [4/10 mile N of PCT on road]	Adequate water.	4/15/18	Gentle Oak

4/20/18 (Adam) : Left side of trail at Mile 30.7 is a bee & wasp party.						
4/14/18 (Trixie) : Watch out for a bee hive right off the trail near Mile 30.7						
A4	32	WRCS032	Fred Canyon [usually dry]	4/29/18 (Bryce) : Dry. 4/15/18 (Cloud Rider) : Dry. 4/14/18 (Nightcrawler, Trixie) : Dry.	4/29/18	Bryce
Walk 500 ft downhill E, turn right at the first obvious place, almost immediately see a seasonal stream						
A4	32.6	CibbetsCG	**Cibbets Flat Campground [8/10 mi NW on Fred Cyn Rd]	4/15/18 (Amanda) : Faucets on. 4/14/18 (Trixie) : Faucets on. 4/12/18 (Hitch) : Faucets on.	4/15/18	Amanda
A5	36.9	WR037	Long Canyon [next is easier]	4/21/18 (Pilgrim) : Good flow. 4/10/18 (Philly) : Nice flow at the dead tree campsite. 3/31/18 : Good water.	4/21/18	Pilgrim
	~37.1		Long Creek	5/28/18 : Little flow: water is good. 4/19/18 (Emily) : Decent flow. 4/15/18 (Nightcrawler) : Good flow.	5/28/18	
A5	37.7	WR038	*Long Canyon Creek ford	5/19/18 : Ok flow. 5/12/18 (PilotKurt) : Small flow. 5/11/18 : Good flow.	5/19/18	
A5	38.8	WRCS039	*Lower Morris Mdw [trough 3/10 mi NW]	Trough overflowing, water still coming from pipe.	4/3/18	Lingo
Directions to trough: take side trail from PCT; walk west on path/road approx 150 yds to fence; go thru opening; continue approx 30 yds to a L on dirt road; head downhill approx 40 yds; look for fence posts on R. Tank to your R - 20 yds.						
Horse camp with a piped spring and water trough. Turn left & walk 0.15 mile up dirt road to fence, continue 50 yards, then left on dirt road to meadow trough.						
A5	41.4	BurntRanchC	Burnt Rancheria Campground	3/20/18 (Lucky Duck) : Faucets at the campground are on!	3/20/18	Lucky Duck
Turn left at signed junction where PCT joins the Desert View Trail [sign does not mention campground]. Faucet by site 48 at the south end of campground is closest to the PCT.						
A6	41.4	PO043	**Mount Laguna town, lodge, store [4/10 mi SW of WR043]	Spigot at Mount Laguna Visitor Center was on.	1/2/18	John
The easiest access to Mount Laguna is to follow the sign directing hikers down the trail through the Burnt Rancheria CG and then right on the Sunrise Highway. You will pass a restaurant, an outfitter, and another restaurant on the way to the Mount Laguna Lodge. Non-purist hikers can continue past the lodge to the Desert View Picnic area to rejoin the PCT, bypassing 1.2 miles of the trail, or you can backtrack on the highway to the campground.						
A6	41.4		**Mount Laguna Visitor Center [just north of the store]	4/18/18 (Cloud Rider) : Wet below the faucet but it was frozen shut when I was there. Pretty sure it is on though. 2/3/18 (Warner Springs Monty) : Visitor Center water is ON.	4/18/18	Cloud Rider
A6	42.1	WR042	Burnt Rancheria Drinking Fountain by CG jct	5/27/18 (Stephanie) : Covered in bees. 5/19/18 (Ryan) : Faucet is on. 4/4/18 (Lingo) : Faucet is on.	5/27/18	Stephanie
Access on left 50 yards after you walk below a picnic table on the left or from the road N of the store. Three water sources here: 1) On SW side of loop at end of road [nearest PCT] is a small, two car parking pad. To left & forward a bit is a heavy metal pipe with faucet in small concrete circle, right next to a big tree. This faucet reported to be insulated and should be on year round. 2) Drinking faucet next to restrooms. 3) Sink in restrooms. Water is off in the restrooms during the winter.						
A6	42.6	WR043	**Desert View Picnic Area	Faucets are on including bathroom faucets.	6/20/18	Alireza
A6	47.5	LagunaCG	**Laguna Campground [7/10 mi SW]	Campground faucets are on.	6/20/18	Alireza
Leave trail near wooden overlook. Total walk to the campground and back to the faucet is one mile round trip.						
A6	47.8		Oasis Spring [1/2 mi down]			
A6	48.7	WR049	GATR faucet [1/10 mi W of PCT] Also known as Penny Pines	5/28/18 : Faucet is on. 5/18/18 (Ryan) : Nice flow. 5/16/18 : Flowing well.	5/28/18	
GATR road in WP guidebook is now a trail. At Penny Pines there are 2 trails to the W toward Sunrise Hwy. The S trail is the most direct. Both trails are marked with Carsonite posts with a Noble Canyon Trail decal. Go 100 yards straight; then 50 yards across Sunrise Hwy to trough and faucet. Water system is filled by portable generator and subject to outage.						
A7	52.6	WR053	Pioneer Mail Picnic Area	6/25/18 (Trixie) : Water running from faucet. 5/19/18 (Ryan) : Flowing. 5/11/18 (Will & Mila) : No water in tank. 5/6/18 (Brieuc) : No more water.	6/25/18	Trixie
At north end of parking area is a trough fed from a water tank [limited supply]. This tank is filled from a fire truck. Filter or treat the water before drinking.						
A7	57.6		Oriflamme Cyn [usually dry]			
A8	59.5	WRCS059	*Sunrise Trailhead [1/2 mi W] ----- Go directly to the trough, operate red handle for water. If no water check that valve on right side of tank is open (handle in line with pipe), in case someone has turned it off.	6/1/18 (Scooby) : Good flow from round trough. 5/29/18 (Ghost) : Storage tank 60 percent full. Go directly to the round trough, operate RED handle for water. If no water check that valve on right side of tank (handle in line with pipe), in case someone has turned it off. 5/28/18 (Will & Mila) : Was just dripping. Looked like the motor was on. 5/24/18 (Gary & Patty) : Storage tank empty 5/24. Someone had closed the inlet valve from the well, valve is now open and tank is filling. If the piping is not clogged there should be water tomorrow. Do not close any valves at the storage tank. Open the small valve with the Red handle at the livestock trough for water. 5/22/18 (Cooka) : There is no water in cistern, but valve is working as spigot. The water is murky. 5/20/18 : Water at trough but there is a leak in the line.	6/1/18	Scooby
Follow the trail marked with the sign "Sunrise Highway .25 Mi" on a post that travels along the 5,000-foot contour 1/4 mile SW to the highway. Across the highway to the South is a parking lot and outhouse. To W a well and tank are visible. Follow the old road marked "La Cima Trail" W 1/8 mile past the corrals to well.						
A8	62.4	WR062	Mason Valley Truck Trail [fire tank 75 yds E, usually dry]	5/18/18 (Ryan) : Dry. 4/28/18 : Dry. 4/25/18 : Dry.	5/18/18	Ryan

A8	63.7	WR064A, B, C	Upper Chariot Cyn [8/10 - 1.4 mi N]	4/20/18 : Dry, no water. 4/18/18 (Smokebeard) : Water trickling at 64c in chariot canyon. 68b flowing clear at 2L/min. 1/12/18 (Brad) : Spring is dry.	4/20/18	
When you reach unpaved Chariot Canyon Rd go right to stay on the PCT. If you turn left you will go N down Chariot Canyon to possible seasonal water. WR064a is a seasonal creek crossing Chariot Canyon Rd, shade, 8/10 mile N of the PCT [2/10 mile N of the StatePark boundary sign]. WR064b is a Fire Tank, 1.2 miles N of the PCT. WR064c is Seasonal Chariot Canyon Spring, 1.4 miles N of the PCT [spring is on the W side of the road hidden from view by several large oak trees].						
A9	68.4	WRCS068	**Rodriguez Spur Truck Tr [Concrete fire tank visible 75 ft W] - We are especially interested in water reports about this location. Please send info.	6/6/18 (Patty) : Cache is no more for remainder of season. 6/5/18 (Maria & Derek) Tank dry, cache has only 5 gallons 6/4/18 @ 11AM (Brandon) : Tank is dry and cache is empty. ----- This water source went dry multiple times in 2017, plan accordingly as the next water source (in both directions) is a long distance from here. Please turn the knobs/valves off as hard as you can to minimize the leaking drips.	6/6/13	Patty
A9	68.4	WR068B	Spring 1.1 miles NW of PCT	6/7/18 : Spring has good flow. 6/4/18 (Brandon) : Spring is flowing cold and clear. 5/24/18 (Patty) : Flowing ~3 liters a minute. 5/9/18 (Patty) : Flowing. ----- Note: If spring is not flowing and you don't have enough to make Scissors Crossing, continue 2.2 miles down Rodriguez Spur Truck Trail to HWY 78. Banner Store is across the highway to the East about 200 feet. Water is available and hitching is easy to either Julian or Scissors Crossing. ----- If water-seekers take apart the piping to get direct access to the stream flow, then the residents have limited or no water available. If you MUST disassemble the piping, please return it to its original operating configuration. The residents have threatened to remove all access to the source.	6/7/18	Brandon
Spring on Rodriguez Spur Truck Trail, 1.1 miles NW of PCT, 70 feet from the large rust colored water tank.						
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A10	77.0	WRCS077	Scissors Crossing [Cache under a nearby highway bridge]	5/28/18 : Well stocked cache. 5/19/18 (Ryan) : Stocked. 5/17/18 (Quinn/Cheryl) : Stocked. 5/9/18 @ 8:45AM : Stocked. 5/5/18: Well stocked. ----- Stagecoach Trails Cg and Cabins 4 miles SE on Hwy S2. Store open till 5pm. NOTE : times can vary dependent on time of year.	5/28/18	
Water can also be found 12 miles West in the small town of Julian, or at the Stagecoach Trails RV park 4 miles S of the PCT on Highway S2.						
A10	77.1		San Felipe Creek, Hwy 78 [.24 miles W bridge, often dry]	4/18/18 (Cloud Rider) : Dry. 3/21/18 (Mr. Clean) : Good flow.	4/18/18	Cloud Rider
Cache well stocked.						
A11	91.2	WRCS091	Third Gate Cache [1/4 mi E]	6/8/18 : Cache is well stocked. 5/28/18 : Well stocked cache. 5/26/18 : Well stocked. 5/24/18 : Well stocked. 5/15/18 : Well stocked. 5/8/18 : Well stocked. -----	6/8/18	
The 3rd Gate water team is insulted by having to clean up hikers' poop and toilet paper. Please practice "leave no trace" principles. The 3rd Gate water cache is ¼ mile E down a side trail with "Water" sign. Take only what you need to hike 9.9 miles to Barrel Spring. If the cache runs out, the cistern has water. NO FIRES. Carry out your trash and toilet paper, bury poop 6 inches. Be alert. Mountain lions reside in the San Felipe Hills and throughout California. Only approach Grapevine Ranch buildings in an emergency. Vehicles are not allowed on the ranch without prior permission from owner.						
A11	91.2	WR091B	Underground Cistern [6/10 mi E]			
Follow the dirt road leading from the water cache about 4/10 mile to where the road turns right(E) but go left (N/NW) on an old unmarked trail for 1/10 mile to the underground cistern containing untreated water (a rope and bucket are supplied).						
A12	101.1	WRCS101	*Barrel Spring	6/1/18 (Brian) : Good flow. 5/27/18 : Good flow. 5/20/18 (Ryan) : Slow flow. 5/9/18 (Patty) : Flowing. 5/3/18 @ 11:50AM (Jon): Good flow, bees around water pipe. 5/3/18 (Bryce) : Good flow. 4/27/18 : Good flow. 4/8/18 : Dead mice in cistern above trough. Recommend chemical treatment.	6/1/18	Brian
A12	104	WR104	Cattle Trough [2/10 mi NE, visible from PCT]	Dry	12/23/17	Jason
A12	104.4	WR105	Concrete trough below mouth of San Ysidro Creek [2/10 mi W]	Dry	12/23/17	Jason

A13	105.0	WRCS105B	*San Ysidro Creek	6/3/18: Dry 5/27/18 : Good flow. 5/21/18 : Good flow. 5/18/18 (Quinn/Cheryl) : No water at San Ysidro Creek. Only a bit of mud. You might be able to get water if you dug down but don't count on it. 5/16/18 : Dry. ----- Lots of cattle in this area, be sure to treat water.	6/3/18	
A13	106.2	WR106	Eagle Rock Spring	Great flow, flowing ok from trough but even better from spring on the other side of the fence	4/12/18	Kevin
Spring-Fed Metal Trough - 3/10 mile N of Eagle Rock over hill near road						
A13	106.2	WR106B	Water Tank [visible 2/10 mi S of PCT at Eagle Rock]	Water tank at WR106B is full, algae on about 75% of surface, water is clear.	12/2/17	Jason
A13	107.9	WR108	Canada Verde <i>Maybe better access at mile 108.2 or 108.6</i>	5/20/18 (Ryan) : Definitely a nice healthy flow below trail. 108.2, 108.6 def easier access and nice flow. 4/19/18 (Cloud Rider) : Several liters/sec of clear water. 4/5/18 (Silver) : Still flowing well with easy access.	5/20/18	Ryan
A13	109.5	Hwy79	Hwy 79 [1st crossing, small seasonal creek nearby]	Dry	4/19/18	Cloud Rider
Warner Springs Community about 100 yards east of PCT on the N side of Hwy 79.						
A13	109.5		**Warner Springs [small town, 1.2 mi NE of PCT; WS Resource Center is at the 1st PCT crossing of Hwy 79 across from the Fire Station]	bathrooms open and water spigots on	1/15/18	Shelly & Michael
The hiker-friendly Warner Springs Resource Center [wsrcrcenter.org, 760-782-0670]. Hikers can camp by the bathrooms which are open 24 hours. No showers available pending septic approval. Fill water bottles behind the resource center or in bathrooms. Water doesn't need to be purified. 3/26/18 (Scott) : There have already been two pedestrian fatalities on the road through Warner Springs since the beginning of 2018 - not hikers, but a reminder that roadwalk is actually the most dangerous part of the thru hike. So, the Warner Springs Community Resource Center has asked us not to walk the road to the post office/grill/gas station. A trail marked w/pink ribbon goes from the resource center .75 miles to those locations (saving about .25 miles). Cross the parking lot, go through the athletic fields (you'll see the yellow goalpost), follow the trail to the top of the hill where you run into the golf course, and go right on the dirt road, soon hugging the fenceline, until you see the horse enclosure where you turn left, crossing the edge of the golf course (including travel over a sidewalk that disappears and reappears). You'll see the grill first, and the gas station and post office are just next door.						
A13	109.5	PO0110	Warner Springs PO			
CA Section B: Warner Springs to Highway 10						
B1	111.4	Hwy79b	Highway 79 [2nd crossing, Agua Caliente Creek]	3/11/18 (Unnamed) : Dry.	3/11/18	Dry
B1	112.6	WR113	Agua Caliente Creek [near picnic tables]	5/20/18 (Quinn/Cheryl) : Dry. 5/7/18 : Dry. 4/24/18 : Good flow.	5/20/18	Quinn/Cheryl
B1	114.7	WR115	Agua Caliente Creek	6/4/18 : No flow but puddles were present. 5/23/18 @ 7:30AM (Giggles) : Plenty of water flowing in creek, some nice clear and good pools in it also. 5/22/18 (Ryan) : Nice flow.	6/4/18	
B1	115.5	WR115B	*Agua Caliente Creek [last crossing]	6/10/18 : Low flow. 5/31/18 : Decent flow. 5/20/18 (Quinn/Cheryl) : Few inches of running water and although the first few crossings are dry, the last crossings (if NOBO) probably won't dry out for a bit.	6/10/18	
B2	119.6	WR120	*Lost Valley Spring [0.2 mi off trail]	6/6/18 (Ahjah) : No water (didn't go down, but two notes were left at post). 5/5/18 (Jon) : No flow, but plenty of standing water in trough. Did not drink, but sulphur taste was mentioned by others. 4/4/18 (Campfinder) : Water tastes like sulphur. 4/2/18 (Rebo) : No water flowing into trough. Ground seepage below the Trough. Water light stagnate requires filter.	6/6/18	Ahjah
The spring is 300 yds off trail and 80 ft lower in elevation. Trail signed - look for 3 foot high cement post, then follow the abandoned road downhill 0.2 mi. (PCT turns right before post.)						
B2	127.3	WR127B	**Chihuahua Valley Rd [water tank 2/10 mile E]	6/10/18 : Water is available. 6/6/18 (Phil) : Water in tank. 6/5/18 (Ahjah) : I arrived here at dusk 6/5 and, although hikers rave about this place online, it had a very creepy post apocalyptic vibe. No one was home, all the doors were open, trash everywhere. Update: some other hikers say the spigot is around the back of the third tank. 5/31/18 : Water in tank.	6/10/18	
A trail has been cut about 1/4 mile South of Chihuahua Valley Rd that will bring hikers down to the tank so we don't have to do the RD walk both ways. 0.2 mi E to driveway 31440 Chihuahua Valley Rd, then 0.1 m N to private NEW water tank above house. "water in tank should be filtered. If no water in tank there should be water on back porch - go through hole in fence next to water tank and down the trail to house there is a netted porch to keep the bugs off, and a shower out side." per Mike Herrera at the house. he is very eager to meet and assist hikers, they are welcome to stop by his place. (This is not an invitation to go in his house!)						
B4	136.5	WR137	Tule Creek [early season]	5/7/18 (Jon) : Dry. 5/6/18 (Crumbs) : Dry. 4/23/18 (Amanda) : Flowing well, sulfury smell but tasted ok. Captured a lot of sediment but filter did the job.	5/7/18	Jon

B4	137.0	WR137B	**Tule Spring & Fire Tank <i>[Tule Canyon Rd, 0.25 mi SE]</i>	6/6/18 (Ahjah): No water in tank. There is water in the spring, pulled a gallon out in about four minutes. Water is funky, I am double filtering and bleaching this Batch. 5/31/18 : Low flow but water in there; lots of sediment and cooper taste, no one fell sick though. 5/20/18 (Quinn/Cheryl) : Out of water in trough and only disgusting water in creek (according to both notes and people who walked down there). 5/20/18 (Rocket Daddy) : Good flow. 5/17/18 : Low flow. ----- Be sure to close the valve tightly to minimize leaks. In 2017 multiple hikers got sick shortly after drinking water from the creek below the fire tank at Tule Spring. Both reported filtering the water, but not treating it chemically. Report of feces found in the fire tank, be sure to filter and treat water from this source.	6/6/18	Ahjah
B4	139.5	WR140	Guzzler	5/6/18 (Crumbs) : There's water in there but it doesn't look good. And you have to find a way to get it out of there. 4/22/18 (Mike) : Has water, some gallons, looks bleak, murky, but if desperate. 4/21/18 (Cloud Rider) : Plenty of water that looks very bad. Filled with super tiny swimming things. ----- Top of Guzzler is fragile & unsafe. Dont' stand on it. Be sure to treat this water as multiple reports state dead animals have been found inside the guzzler.	5/6/18	Crumbs
B4	140.2	WRCS140B	Nance Canyon [early season]	4/21/18 (Cloud Rider) : Dry. 4/6/18 (Campfinder) : Dry. 3/26/18 (Tripod) : Dry.	4/21/18	Cloud Rider
B4	143.1	RD0143	Table Mtn Truck Trail AKA Sandy Jeep Road	The Sandy Road Water Cache at mile marker 143 is officially closed until next spring.	7/14/18	Chip & Vicky
B4	145.4		Muir Wood (South) Cache, on private land about 50 feet off trail.	5/22/18 (Ryan) : Water in tank. 5/16/18 : Water in tank. 5/8/18 (Jon) : Water in tank. 5/6/18 (Crumbs) : Plenty of water. 4/25/18 : Water in tank.	5/22/18	Ryan
B5	151.9	Hwy74	<i>Pines-to-Palms Hwy 74</i> <i>[*Paradise Valley Cafe, 1 mi W]</i>	1 mile detour off mile 150 will fill bottles during business hours but there's no outside faucet	2/13/18	Ridge Route
CRANSTON FIRE PCTA : https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures/southern-california/idyllwild/ INCIWEB : https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6032/ 7/26/18 (PCTA) : 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.						
B6	155.4		Penrod Cyn [usually dry]	5/8/18 (Jon) : Dry. 4/27/18 : Dry. 4/22/18 (Cloud Rider) : Two stagnant pools (~30 gallons) with an unhealthy looking sheen on top of the water.	5/8/18	Jon
B6	158.4	WR158	*Live Oak Spring [1.0 mi E]	5/18/18 : Flowing well. 4/11/18 (Matthew) : Flowing. 4/7/18 (Martin) : 2L/min. 3/30/18 (Unnamed) : Good flow.	5/18/18	
Descend from saddle on trail 1 mile to metal tub fed by metal pipe in middle of trail.						
B6	158.4	WR158B	*Tunnel Spring [0.3 mi W]	6/2/18 (DoubleTap) : Flowing well. 5/18/18 (BigBro) : Flowing with about 1l/min. 5/15/18 (Montana Mike) : Pipe flowing at 0.5 L/min. Tank full of cool, clear water! 5/9/18 (Jon) : Other hikers told me it was flowing with at least 2 liters a minute.	6/2/18	DoubleTap
There is no sign for Tunnel Spring trail junction but there is an obvious trail to the west of the PCT. If you pass the Cedar Spring sign (NOBO) you have gone too far. Make sure you take the RIGHT fork of the trail once you reach the bottom. Spring is 40 yards upstream along use trail and dry creek. The trough is slowly fed from spring by pipe. Most report a sulfur taste. Steep trail down to the spring. ----- If you head about 150 feet NE from the trough; low on the east embankment of the dry creek bed you will find an opening (about 2' wide X 1.5' high) to the tunnel. Inside is a long, narrow, shallow pool filled with GREAT tasting cool water. The only caveat: the bottom of the pool is very fine, easily disturbed sediment. You will need a long suction tube on your filter system and some means of getting the business end of the tube far into the tunnel. Use a long stick or a trekking pole to get the tube placed in the middle, and raised off the bottom of the pool. Harold on 6/20/13						
B7	162.6	WR162	*Cedar Spring [Trail 4E17, 1 mi N]	5/22/18 (92) : Slow but steady flow, pipe barely above trough with bugs and debris. 4/27/18 : Good flow. 4/22/18 (Cloud Rider) : Good flow from pipe. 4/15/18 : Good flow. 4/12/18 : Good cold flow. 4/3/18 : Good water.	5/22/18	92
500' drop on rocky trail, 200 gallon piped tank, 50' up canyon. After Cedar Spring sign, look for path going up to the left and follow it to the water. 3/23/18 (DoubleTap) : Seen multiple ticks this past week on the PCT near Mount Laguna and in Section B. Check often for tick bites.						
B7	163.3	WR163	Eagle Spring [1/4 mi S, seasonal]	Dry, no water.	6/2/18	DoubleTap

Seasonal. 3/4 mile N past Cedar Spr jct, where PCT becomes 10' wide on a ridge "hogback", on left a 2" dia 4'tall white PVC post, ~6-8' off on a side trail, marked "Eagle Spring, 1/4" with an arrow pointing W (easy to miss as sign got burned during a fire). Trail is reasonably clear as of 6/2/18, however a little rocky in spots. At a lone Spruce tree at dry creekbed, trail resumes past tree thru small overgrown section of trail another 300' to deadend at a 200 gallon cattle trough, perched on hillside, with horizontal pipe tap drizzling into it. [In past rarely used]

HIKER ACCESS: If problem tap is clogged, or tank either stagnant or dry, access Spring Box directly. 15' directly behind tank is pile of large rocks. At the center is a 25 lb 9" x9" nearly square stone, 5" thick. CAREFULLY remove the stone and set it to side. Under it is 4"x12" slot between large rock slabs that access natural rock spring box holding 5-7 gallons of fresh water. The slot is large enough to dip a quart bottle. REINSTALL & ALIGN the square stone back over access slot to keep frequent cows away from water.

Note: Lion Spring the other side of PCT is dismantled and dry.

B7	166.5	FobesRanchT	Fobes Saddle (0.5 m S)			
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Walk down old Fobes Trail [NW] ~0.8 mile to Scovel Crk (usually running during thruhike season, may go dry in summer). 100 ft past that creek crossing a forest service spring w/a 70-gallon rubbermaid tub w/pipe. Nice flat camp spot.

MOUNTAIN FIRE CLOSURE
[https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures/southern-california/mountain-fire-san-jacinto/](https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures/southern-california/mountain-fire-san-jacinto)
<https://www.pcta.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Mountain-Fire-Closure-map-November-2017.jpg?x75295> (Fire Closure Map)
5/21/18 (PCTA) :The Pacific Crest Trail is closed for 8.7 miles from Spittler Trail (mile 168.6) north to Tahquitz Valley Trail (mile 177.3). This closure will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

B8	169.2	WRCS169	Apache Spring (Trail DOWN 0.5 mi E)			
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3 x 3 foot spring box, steep rocky trail down to it.

B8	177.2	WR177	Tahquitz Creek			
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Unofficial Mountain Fire Alternate (Spittler to Idyllwild Alternate):
Detour Mile 0.9 -- Spring
 6/3/18 (DoubleTap) : Running well, good flow at multiple spots across the trail.
 5/12/18 (Hannah & Marley) : Spring at mile 0.9 crosses the trail a total of 5 times. It's flowing well and is easiest to collect at the 3rd (mile 1.05) and 5th (mile 1.24) crossings.
 5/5/18 : Flowing well.
 5/3/18 (Picnic) : Spring flowing across the trail. It crosses several times in the next mile or so and the flow gets much better.
 4/24/18 (Mike) : Flowing across trail at 5L / minute.
 4/23/18 : Good flow.
Detour Mile 4.7 -- Spittler Peak Trailhead
 6/3/18 (DoubleTap) : Flowing well.
 4/22/18 (Cloud Rider) : Stream with > 1 liter/second of clear water.
 4/22/18 (Trash Mule) : Great flow.
 4/10/18 (Silver) : Flowing well.
 4/2/18 : Good flow.
 3/31/18 (Scott) : A large stream follows apple canyon road as far as the alternate follows it.
Detour Mile ~6.0
 4/22/18 (Cloud Rider) : Creek W of road - Several liters/second of clear water.
 4/22/18 (Trash Mule) : Great flow.
 4/10/18 (Silver) : Good flow.
Detour Mile ~7.0 -- Herkey Creek Campground
 4/23/18 (Cloud Rider) : Faucets on.
 3/31/18 (Scott) : All taps on.
Detour Mile 7.6 -- Herkey Creek
 4/11/18 (Silver) : Flowing.
Detour Mile 8.5 -- Fork 1
 3/31/18 (Scott) : If you incorrectly turn right here, you should reach water at Herkey Creek.
Detour Mile 8.8 -- Fork 2
 3/31/18 (Scott) : If you incorrectly turn right here, you will reach water at Herkey Creek in a few tenths of a mile - the alternate leaves the dirt road here on a trail that looks like a game trail - the trail from here to may valley road would be bushwacking if not for a couple of bike tracks. The low ridge in front of you with the power line is May Valley Road, your target.
Detour Mile 10.2 -- Spring
 4/23/18 (Cloud Rider) : Water is coming out of the pipe. Trough is full. Algae on bottom and sides.
 3/31/18 (Scott) : Trough full of algae and water.
Detour Mile 13.0 -- Water Tank
 4/17/18 : No water.

MOUNTAIN FIRE CLOSURE (see note above)

B8	177.3	TqtzValTr	Little Tahquitz Valley (Trail, 0.33 mi N)	Mile 177.2 Tahquitz Creek (right before the fire closure sign). Good flow. Water is clear. Also, there are many snow patches around. ----- 6/13/17 (Lonewalker) : In Tahquitz Valley (Tahquitz Meadow), the Forest Service water tap is ~200 yds past Tahquitz Creek. Running approximately 4 gpm. As you walk North from the creek, look for a large log to your right (east) about 60' off the trail in the meadow. Walk towards it. When you get to the log, turn L (due north). You will hear water gurgling about 10' from the north tip of the log. Look down and you will see a 1" pvc tap from which water is running. If you miss the log from the trail and hit the 4 way junction (which will take you to Saddle Junction), walk back south approx 100 yards back towards the meadow. You will pass through a small, shaded ravine on your way back. The log will appear in the meadow just past that ravine, now on your L.	3/28/18	Super Vegan
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PCT Hiker David O'Sullivan (Class of 2017) went missing in this area last year (somewhere between Idyllwild & Big Bear). Any information you have on this topic, please contact Cathy Tarr at 703-334-1770 or via email at catarr210@aol.com

B9	179.4	SaddleJct	Idyllwild 4.5 mi W of Saddle Junction			
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