

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

Campo, CA to Idyllwild, CA

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Never rely on water caches!!! With the increase in the number of hikers, it's virtually impossible for anyone to maintain a cache that always has enough water (for more info visit <http://www.pcta.org/2015/problem-water-caches-pct-27677/>). Also, to reduce the impact at popular camping sites that offer natural water sources please consider dry camping (for more info visit <http://www.pcta.org/2015/dry-camping-away-from-water-30263/>).

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Beware of contaminated water. Things that could make you sick are too small to see. You don't know if a dead carcass was just removed from that tank/spring/creek or what's hidden upstream. Purify backcountry water. Close lids on springs and tanks to protect water quality.

Take fire safety seriously. Generally, there will be strong fire restrictions in place this summer. Campfires might be banned. Alcohol stoves and smoking may also be banned. Make do without and use extreme caution if allowed. Rules change as you cross agency boundaries. Don't be the one that destroys the trail. 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
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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	**Juvenile Ranch Facility [faucet behind Juvenile Ranch sign]	Water is off	5/12/17	Bob Riess
A1	1.4		Campo	Town - Faucet & Store		
A1	2.68		Seasonal Creek [usually dry]	Dry	8/25/17	Professor
A1	4.4	WR004	Creeklet [early spring only] Beware of poison oak here.	Soil moist just under surface; mud under boulder.	8/25/17	Professor
	5.2 - 7.8		Several small seasonal flows	Dry	8/25/17	Professor
A2	~12.7		Seasonal creek [usually dry]	Flowing	5/12/17	Sam Parks

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).

A2	15.4	WRCS015	Hauser Creek [early spring only]	medium flow	6/8/17	Jay D
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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 Creek below Lake Morena [1.6 miles W of PCT on dirt road]			
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A2	20	LkMorenaCG	**Lake Morena Campground	Faucets are on.	6/13/17	Mark H.
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Signs will lead hikers to the PCT camping area next to site 85 and still \$5 per hiker. Showers are \$0.50 for 4 min.

A3	24.1	WR024	Cottonwood Creek Bridge	Still plenty of water.	5/23/17	Jeff
A3	25.5	WR026	Cottonwood Creekbed	Still flowing about a foot deep.	6/8/17	Jay D
A3	26	BoulderOaksCG	**Boulder Oaks Campground	Spigots on	9/30/17	Winston L

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.

10/6/17 : Be sure to filter and/or boil all water in the Mount Laguna area. On October 6th, 2017, the Cleveland National Forest announced that the Mount Laguna Water System failed to meet bacteriological water quality standards required by the state of California. In addition, E. Coli has been detected multiple times in the Mount Laguna area in the past.

A3	26.5		Boulder-Oaks Store Closed permanently			
A3	~26.8		Kitchen Creek near I-8			
A3	28.5	KitchenCrFalls	*Kitchen Creek Falls [2/10 mi NW]	Dry	9/30/17	Winston L
A3	~30		Kitchen Creek [100 feet below trail]	Dry	10/1/17	Winston L

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]	Dry	10/1/17	Winston L
A4	32	WRCS032	Fred Canyon [usually dry]	Dry	10/1/17	Winston L

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]	Faucets are on	10/1/17	Offtrail
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Campsites are \$14 but may be shared by several hikers.

A5	36.9	WR037	Long Canyon [next is easier]	hard to get to, didn't see the flow but heard water flowing	10/1/17	Winston L
	~37.1		Long Creek	Very low flow, a few inches deep	10/1/17	Winston L
A5	37.7	WR038	*Long Canyon Creek ford	has water (see pic) but bugs intense - better flow south of the ford	10/1/17	Offtrail
A5	38.8	WRCS039	*Lower Morris Mdw [trough 3/10 mi NW]			

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.

E. coli reared it's ugly head multiple times in the Mount Laguna area in 2015. Please treat all water sources in this area.

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	BurntRanchCG	Burnt Rancheria Campground	faucets are on	10/1/17	Winston L
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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]	5/9/16 (John & Tom) : Note Saturday hours for the Mount Laguna PO is 9-11AM.	5/9/16	John & Tom
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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]	Sinks were off, fountains were off but there is a hose that sticks out above the urinal if needed.	6/11/17	Will & Mila
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Per Charlie on 4/6/16: The Pine House Cafe in Mount Laguna will let hikers fill up with water in the bathroom sink. Anything too large to fill from the sink, they'll fill for you. According to the owners, they're on a well that's separate from the store/lodge/visitor center. The water definitely tastes better than the water at the drinking fountain. Current hours are 9A - 3P Monday-Wednesday, 8A - 2:30P/5-7P Thursday, 8-8 Friday and Saturday, 8-7 Sunday. The owners are just about the most hiker friendly people in the world.						
A6	42.1	WR042	Burnt Rancheria Drinking Fountain by CG jct	Faucet and water fountain is on.	10/1/17	Winston L
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	Water on at brass spigot	6/15/17	Mark H.
A6	47.5	LagunaCG	**Laguna Campground [7/10 mi SW]	everything working showers, sinks, toilets, faucets.	6/11/17	Will & Mila
Leave trail near wooden overlook. Total walk to the campground and back to the faucet is one mile round trip.						
A6	47.5		Al Bahr Shrine Camp	The Shrine camp was burned by the 2013 Chariot Fire and it is now closed.	7/13/13	News reports
A6	47.8		Oasis Spring [1/2 mi down]	Good flow	3/10/17	Pebble
A6	48.7	WR049	GATR faucet [1/10 mi W of PCT]	Faucet on	6/11/17	Will & Mila
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. 4/16/17 (Dan & Lisa) : Penny Pines water faucet still flowing strong.						
A7	52.6	WR053	Pioneer Mail Picnic Area	6/15/17 (Mark H.) : faucet on. 6/10/17 (Stone): Faucet is on at Pioneer Mail picnic area. 6/1/17 (Ten-Miler) : water is available. 5/29/17 (Haymaker) : Water is on. 5/24/17 (Katy): dry, nothing from faucet, sign says: "no water, this system has been temporarily shut down" 5/19/17 (Ray) : I just spoke to a ranger at Boulder Oaks. He says the water at Pioneer Mail is off for a week due to bad testing.	6/15/17	Mark H.
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]	5/24/17 (Hilary): Low but flowing a few minutes above the track. 5/18/17 (Jon): Water flowing well 30 feet above and below trail at 57.63. Water disappears at trail. How mysterious. 5/14/17 (Sam Parks): Flowing, light trickle 5/11/17 (Taylor): Low but flowing, algae present but clear flowing water	5/24/17	Hilary
A8	59.5	WRCS059	*Sunrise Trailhead [1/2 mi W]	6/13/17 (RJ): Trough full. Skimmed & bailed to below valve level. Water flowed clear from valve after a couple two liters direct from valve. No foul smell or taste after Sawyer Squeeze filtering. Fun to watch little bugs swimming in trough. Banged on tank. Sounds full. 6/9/17 (Stone): Trough is very green. Incoming pipe has good flow but water is mustard yellow/green. Filtered through cloth before Squeeze filter, still off-color. 5/29/17 (Haymaker) : Also the valve on the sunrise trailhead works. Good pressure from the tank. Trough is half full with murky water. 5/24/17 (Katy): Water in trough, nothing in tank. 5/12/17 (Noble Hiker): Water in horse trough, but no fresh water flowing from faucet or float valve. 5/11/17 (Taylor):Trough at sunrise trailhead is full, state park maintenance worker who was working on the trough said that the tank didn't have much if any water in it and that what was in the trough was likely all that was left.	6/13/17	RJ
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 "El Cigna Trail" W 1/8 mile past the corrals to well. Push down float valve at the trough down to get fresh water, or just filter from trough.						
Note that WRCS068 has gone dry. No water northbound after Sunrise Trailhead until Scissors Crossing in 17.6 miles. We know of at least one hiker rescued in this area due to dehydration and several close calls.						
A8	62.4	WR062	Mason Valley Truck Trail [fire tank 75 yds E, usually dry]	Faucet and tank completely dry	6/1/17	Ten-Miler
A8	63.7	WR064A, B, C	Upper Chariot Cyn [8/10 - 1.4 mi N]	6/15/17 (Mark H.) : water in natural spring. Per Evan, smells sulfuric. Orange algae and an oil film on top. Bad taste even after filtering with Sawyer. Took "Numbers" suggestion and tried 50ft on the left, but unfortunately was dry at this time. 4/29/17 (Numbers): Despite Evan's report, I and several others used that source on 4/29 and we're all fine. Go 50 ft past where the water crosses the road and filter from the stream on the left. ----- 4/27/17 (Evan): The stream at 0.8 miles down the side road is polluted. It was red tinted, soapy, and smelled like rotten eggs. The fire tank at 1.2 miles was dry and the tank had trash and shotgun shells dumped into it. Would definitely say this water source is a no go. ----- 4/26/17 (Amelia): Seasonal spring down the dirt road at mile 63.7 is still flowing	6/15/17	Mark H.
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	<p>**Rodriguez Spur Truck Tr [Concrete fire tank visible 75 ft W]</p> <p>- <i>We are especially interested in water reports about this location. Please send info.</i></p>	<p>10/13/17 (Righteous!) Flowing. Close the valve before your bottle is full, water continues to for from the pipe for several seconds. 6/16/17 (Mark H.) : Dry in trough, water not flowing. 5/30/17 (Ten-Miller) : Dry. 5/20/17 (Eric): Dry 5/19/17 (Jon): Dry 5/12/17 (Rockhead): RODRIGUEZ WATER TANK IS EMPTY!!! Recent rain notwithstanding, the tank will REMAIN EMPTY until well into the next rainy season. 5/9/17 (Malcolm): Dry as of 4 pm 5/8/17 (Erin): Good water from pipe as of 1700 5/8/17 (Jake Rabbit): Water flowing, pretty good too. 5/8/17 (Rachel&Libby): Rodriguez Fire Tank has been replenished after yesterday's rains. Flowing 5L/min at the valve 10am today. 5/7/17 (Keesha): The tank had water and good flow as of 2 pm. 5/5/17 (Judd): A few inches of water about 8 feet down in the tank, but no flow from the valve and no access to the water. Someone left both the red and black valves open. If they aren't left closed the tank won't refill from this incoming storm. ----- 1/29/17 (Professor & Rockhead) : Water tank has 9 inches (~1,400 gallons) of water due to recent rains. Faucet has slow leak, more when turned on. We attached a smaller faucet and hose to outlet however valves are temperamental. Please be sure to turn valve as close to 90 degrees in order to stop flow. We will be making additional repairs next week. ----- Please turn the knobs/valves off as hard as you can to minimize the leaking drips.</p>	10/13/17	Righteous!
<p>Target shooting by multiple parties continues on BLM land below (east of) trail just south of Rodriguez Spur Truck Trail crossing (mile 68.4) per Daytripper on 1/4/14. Just south of the Rodriguez Spur Truck Trail intersection, people were target shooting from the dirt road towards the PCT, which zigzags above and parallel to the road. While their trajectory was lower elevation than the trail (I think), there did not appear to be much margin for error. 11/4/13 per Aaron</p>						
A9	68.4	WR068B	Spring 1.1 miles NW of PCT	<p>5/20/17 (Eric) : Good flow 5/19/17 (Jon): Good flow 5/16/17 (Rainman): Good flow 5/12/17 (Taylor): Flowing well 5/9/17 (Malcolm): Flowing well ----- 1/29/17 (Professor & Rock Head) : Spring has strong flow, about 8 gallons per minute. 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.</p>	5/20/17	Eric
<p>Spring on Rodriguez Spur Truck Trail, 1.1 miles NW of PCT, 70 feet from the large rust colored water tank. 2017 Banner Store hours are 8am-6pm, closed Wednesdays, from May 15 through Labor Day. Off season hours 8am-6pm, closed Tues/Wed. Take off-season hours with a grain of salt, it's open when the purveyor feels like opening it. (Professor on 5/31/17)</p> <p>10/6/17 : Be sure to filter and/or boil all water in the Mount Laguna area. On October 6th, 2017, the Cleveland National Forest announced that the Mount Laguna Water System failed to meet bacteriological water quality standards required by the state of California. In addition, E. Coli has been detected multiple times in the Mount Laguna area in the past.</p>						
A10	77	WRCS077	Scissors Crossing [Cache under a nearby highway bridge]	<p>Cache 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.</p>	6/16/17	Mark H.
<p>The Scissors Crossing water cache [under a nearby highway bridge] will be maintained in 2017. The cache is maintained 3 times weekly in peak months, and stocked year around by Shelter Valley Civic group. This cache is in the shade under a highway bridge. Please escape the desert heat... Shelter Valley Citizens Corp. (Rockhead 2005, Professor 2014). 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.</p>						
A10	77.1		San Felipe Creek, Hwy 78 [.24 miles W bridge, often dry]	Creek has slow flow 0.1 miles upstream of bridge. Moderate flow, two feet wide 1.5 inches depth 0.25 miles upstream of bridge.	3/28/17	Professor
Cache well stocked.						
A11	91.2	WRCS091	Third Gate Cache [1/4 mi E]	The cache is well-stocked, with enough to take care of fall southbounders as well. I haven't checked the cistern since early May.	7/19/17	Jan
<p>The 3rd Gate water team is insulted by having to clean up hikers' poop and toilet paper. Please practice "leave no trace" principles. A water cache can usually be found 1/4 mile E of the PCT down a side trail labeled with "Water" sign. It's a lot of work getting the water out there, so take only what you need to hike the 9.9 miles to Barrel Spring. Make NO FIRES and carry out your trash.</p>						
A11	91.2	WR091B	Underground Cistern [6/10 mi E]	Underground has plenty of water. Be careful when using the bucket and bring something for shade	5/22/17	Vallerie
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	We cleaned out the spring box on 6/17 and water is flowing well. Advise hikers to treat water from the pipe. It is not pure.	6/17/17	Jan
Some hikers are washing unmentionables in the trough. Please don't do this, since at some point the pipe may stop running and people will need to use the trough water on 4/26 per Cuddles. Ranchita store [4 miles E] may pick up hikers if you call their number 760-782-3476 [ATT has service at the spring area, Verizon and T Mobile no].						
A12	104	WR104	Cattle Trough [2/10 mi NE, visible from PCT]	80 gallon galvanized steel tub with slow but adequate water flow from natural spring. Clumps of algae on 40% of surface and some in tub but the water looks very clear. Fresh water available directly from pipe feeding tub.	3/18/17	Chunks

A12	104.4	WR105	Concrete trough below mouth of San Ysidro Creek [2/10 mi W]	Plenty of water flowing out of pipe, and trough is full. This was actually much easier to access from 104.45 because you can see it from the trail. When I tried at 104.40, I couldn't find it because the view was obstructed by a big tree.	3/16/15	Haiku
A13	105	WRCS105B	<i>*San Ysidro Creek</i>	Stream dry. Local said it may run in early morning. I was there in evening.	6/8/17	Stone
San Ysidro Creek often has cattle nearby.						
A13	106.2	WR106	Eagle Rock Spring			
Spring-Fed Metal Trough - 3/10 mile N of Eagle Rock over hill near road						
A13	106.2	WR016B	Water Tank [visible 2/10 mi S of PCT at Eagle Rock]			
A13	107.9	WR108	Canada Verde <i>Maybe better access at mile 108.2 or 108.6</i>	stream flowing strong with many access points	6/2/17	Chris Q.
WARNING per 1 Speed (9/26/15) : I was day hiking in this area 2 months ago and saw the Bees/Hornets. As I walked past I notices a small inconspicuous sign "BEE TREE", you have to look for it and moving quickly to get away from insect attackers you wouldn't see it. Bees, Hornets what ever they are there just look in the crotch of the Oak. ----- 5/26/15 (Tuna Helper): Just after gate at mile 109.3, was attacked by hornets while walking by, they were swarming the crotch of a large oak tree 8' off the ground. Stung in the back of the neck while running away.						
A13	109.5	Hwy79	Hwy 79 [1st crossing, small seasonal creek nearby]	Flowing	3/17/17	Halfmile
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]	3/17/17 (Halfmile) : Resource Center open but has limited hours, water spigots on outside, camping area, restrooms open, hot/cold water working behind building.	3/17/17	Halfmile
Warner Springs Post Office is open M-F 8-4 & Sat. 8-1:30. Warner Springs Grill (by the golf course) is open and serving food. The gas station/store (next to Post Office) is rumored to reopen around April 1. ----- The hiker-friendly Warner Springs Resource Center [wscrcenter.org, 760-782-0670] is open daily starting April 1, 2017 to May 31, 2017* from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Resource Center has small store, wi-fi, AC outlets, computers, inside; restrooms [accessible at night] with running water are open across the small parking lot in the building with double green doors; designated camping area is to the left of the restrooms near the large tree (look for small blue tent sign); hot/cold running water, buckets and outdoor shower stalls behind community center building (use buckets to bring water into the stalls).						
A13	109.5	PO0110	Warner Springs PO	Water spigot across the street of Post office in parking lot of Warner Springs Resort. Flows great.	2/15/15	Rainman
LOST FIRE UPDATE http://www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/1693 https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/trail-condition/lost-fire-warner-springs/ 7/29/17 : Fire is 100% contained. PCT is open.						
CA Section B: Warner Springs to Highway 10						
B1	111.4	Hwy79b	Highway 79 [2nd crossing, Agua Caliente Creek]	fraction of a liter per minute. Would require a scoop.	5/3/17	Numbers
There is a spigot just south of Hwy 79 near a tire swing at about mile 111.3 (Spigot turned off as of 4/27/14 per Alia B.)						
B1	112.6	WR113	Agua Caliente Creek [near picnic tables]	Dry	7/4/17	Hypsy-Gypsy
B1	114.7	WR115	Agua Caliente Creek	Dry	7/4/17	Hypsy-Gypsy
B1	115.5	WR115B	<i>*Agua Caliente Creek [last crossing]</i>	Dry however, a little ways up (maybe .25 miles) directly on the trail to the left; was water coming out the hillside. I would say at a rate of 20sec/1liter.	7/4/17	Ryan
B2	119.6	WR120	<i>*Lost Valley Spring [0.2 mi off trail]</i>	7/4/17 (Ryan) : The tank was about a quarter full of clear water, but invested with fleas, bees, mosquitos and some other type of live larva in the water. I treated 4 liters with aquamira and had no issues. 7/4/17 (Hypsy-Gypsy) : tank 3/4 full but infested with insects (wasps, bees, flies, etc). Heard some water flow but didn't get close enough to find out from where! 6/8/17 (Stone): Box 3/4 full of clear water. Looked good. 6/3/17 (Chris Q.): trough mostly full, but also teeming with flies and dead insects - filter and treat	7/4/17	Ryan, Hypsy-Gypsy
The spring is only 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	WR127, B	**Chihuahua Valley Rd [water tank 2/10 mile E]	Cache seemed well maintained with plenty of water in the water tank above house. I would highly suggest hikers to fill up several liters of water at Chihuahua Valley Rd(water tank 2/10 mile E) to last until Pines-to-Palms Hwy 74 [*Paradise Valley Cafe, 1 mi W].	7/4/17	Ryan
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 (10/30/09). 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]	6/4/17 (Chris Q.) : dry from what I can tell. 5/28/17 (Katy) : creek is dry. 5/24/17 (Jon & Tara) : looks and tastes bad. Foam and residues on surface. 5/20/17 (Trail Angel Mary) : I maintain the cache at 145.4. Two hikers the morning of 5/20/17 reported starting to vomit shortly after drinking water from the creek below the fire tank at Tule Spring. Both reported filtering the water, but not treating it chemically. It would be prudent for hikers to BOTH filter and treat water from that source.	6/4/17	Chris Q.

B4	137	WR137B	**Tule Spring & Fire Tank <i>[Tule Canyon Rd, 0.25 mi SE]</i>	6/7/17 (Stone): Trickle. Rusty looking. Down canyon a bit stream is flowing. Not sure of water quality. 6/4/17 (Chris Q.): dry from what I can tell. 5/28/17 (Katy): water in creek below is of questionable quality but if you continue out to the right past the valve, past the sandy trail down to the water, there's a little trickle out of the side of the hill, looks better the creek below. 5/24/17 (Mittens): Tule creek water tank dry. there is water in the stream below but it's of extremely questionable quality.	6/7/17	Stone
Fill up at the usually reliable and excellent Tule Spring for the 14.9 miles to Hwy 74. The water caches a few miles to the north probably will not be able to keep up with the demand from hikers & may run dry, especially during the peak of the herd.						
B4	139.5	WR140	Guzzler	Guzzler had water, surface 24" down from broken top.	6/7/17	Stone
CAUTION - top of Guzzler is fragile and unsafe, do not stand on it. In Section 16 just after PCT goes sharp right to follow just below 2,600' contour on Map B4, beside trail on left. (Cistern is underground, looks like an 12x24' old broken parking lot) 1-foot diameter eyebrow opening with new (as of 4/9/14) chrome hand pump with 3-gallon bucket						
B4	140.2	WRCS140B	Nance Canyon [early season]	Dry	5/14/17	Mr. Clean
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.	7/6/17	Chip & Vicky Hum
A seasonal water cache can sometimes be found here (DO NOT RELY ON WATER CACHES as water availability changes very quickly dependent on the number of hikers).						
B4	145.4		Walden Water Cache, on private land about 50 feet off trail.	cache flowing well ----- 2/15/17 (Jon): Trail Angel has created a trail stop named Walden. 2 picnic tables, lending library, and 550 gallon water tank. Not possible to determine volume of water in tank. But this stop gives the appearance of being well maintained and that trail angel probably will maintain supply of water. Sign says "Water should be filtered".	6/23/17	Frank
B5	151.9	Hwy74	<i>Pines-to-Palms Hwy 74</i> <i>[*Paradise Valley Cafe, 1 mi W]</i>	Outside faucet is turned off, but Cafe will fill water containers inside when the cafe is open.	6/3/17	Avner
The hiker-friendly Cafe is open Wed - Sun 8-8, Mon, Tues 9-3. Phone 951-659-FOOD. The Cafe accept hiker resupply packages sent to: Paradise Valley Cafe, 61721 State Highway 74, Mountain Center, Ca 92561. The hose out back has been removed, health dept issues.						
B6	155.4		Penrod Cyn [usually dry]	Large puddles, not flowing.	5/8/17	Numbers
B6	158.4	WR158	<i>*Live Oak Spring [1.0 mi E]</i>	Very strong flow	4/26/17	Cody
Descend from saddle on trail 1 mile to metal tub fed by metal pipe in middle of trail.						
B6	158.4	WR158B	<i>*Tunnel Spring [0.3 mi W]</i>	flowing at greater than 1 liter per minute	6/23/17	Frank
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. ----- 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	<i>*Cedar Spring [Trail 4E17, 1 mi N]</i>	Cedar spring flowing next to but no into rusty tank. Water is cold, clear and tastes great. Long, steep trek down. ----- 2/22/16 (Warner Springs Monty): At the PCT and Cedar Spring trail junction, a trail on left Drops down west for 1 mile to continue north on Morris Ranch Rd toward Idyllwild. At bottom of hill is a spring box as you enter the grassy meadow. To your left 45 degrees and about 100 yds away is a VISIBLE spring and trough. You will hear the water as you get close to it. Excellent water with strong flow	4/6/17	Dalem
500' drop on rocky trail, 200 gallon piped tank, 50' up canyon.						
B7	163.3	WR163	Eagle Spring [1/4 mi S, seasonal]	Dry, Trail down hill burned from forest fire. Very dangerous, rocky terrain, overgrown. PVC pipe marker melted. Spring extremely difficult to find. Still dry, from what we know.	6/2/17	ARFF & DeepBush
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 (signpost obscured by bushes & easy to miss). Trail is reasonably clear 4/30/11, 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.						
Poodle Dog Bush Report from Pano on 5/14/17: We encountered living (and a lot of dead) poodle dog bush on the ridgetop north of Eagle Spring (approximately miles 163 and 164).						
B7	166.5	FobesRanchTr	Fobes Saddle (0.5 m S)			
The PCT remains closed from Fobes Ranch Trail (mile 166.5) north to Tahquitz Valley Trail (mile 177.3). Reportedly, two hikers received fines of \$2,500 each for hiking through the closed section in April 2014. An unofficial Halfmile map around the Mountain Fire closure can be found at www.pctmap.net/corrections/						
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.						
B8	169.2	WRCS169	Apache Spring (Trail DOWN 0.5 mi E)	Water in the spring box is stagnant, smells pungent from ten feet and has lots of dead material in it. Drinkable if you're keen, water much better at 177 mile stream in meadow or at cistern 166.5		
3 x 3 foot spring box, steep rocky trail down to it.						
B8	177.2	WR177	<i>Tahquitz Creek</i>	Dry	8/23/2016	Rustic

Unofficial Mountain Fire Alternate (see www.pctmap.net/corrections/):

Detour Mile ~1.4 -- 5/26/17 (Jon & Tara): Water flowing well at 166 + about 1.5 dow:

5/9/17 (Numbers): Alternate 1.4 mi from mtn fire closure (on fobes trail), stream is shallow but flowing. Easier to refill 1 or 2 tenths downstream.

Detour Mile ~1.9 -- 5/9/17 (Numbers): Just before parking area, good flow. Right before a road/parking area. The road crosses this stream again, but the first time is the best water per Pika & Paw Patrol on 4/15/17-----

Detour Mile ~2.5 -- Small patches of Poodle Dog Bush. per Brian on 4/15/17-----

Detour Mile 6.2 -- Garner Valley Fire Station #53 (Riverside County) at corner of Morris Ranch Rd & CA-74: (benches & picnic table with hose bib (24/7) out front near fire truck doors (source front desk). It's 1.1 miles south from Fobes Trail crossing hwy CA-74. per Linda on 8/13/16 -----

Detour Mile 10.2 -- Lake Hemet Market is open Mo - Thu 8-5, Fri and Sat 7 - 7, Su 7-5 per Pika & Paw Patrol on 4/16/17; Grill at the store doesn't open until 10am but frozen foods and microwave in the back per Pika & Laundry Mat on 5/10/17 -----

Detour Mile 10.7 -- Hurkey Creek Campground -- open 12 months a year & 24/7. Flush bathrooms & water spigots available year round (source park range).

5/10/17 (Pika and Laundry Mat): We didn't check out site 66 but instead found Coyote Run trailhead next to site 130. The main trail of Coyote Run is wide and easy to follow so be sure to take the (small) left trail at the first trail junction to get to May Valley road.

4/9/17 (Dalem): water faucets at Hurkey Campground are on. The next water is on Bonita Vista road starting at the junction of May Valley Rd. The streams runs down the rut in the road but was sufficient to give me a liter of water in less than a minute. Big Cedar tank is dry and the spring appears to be only a damp spot.

8/13/16 (Linda): Walk through campground to camp sites 65-66. Go between camp sites to fence line gate in rear. Zig-zag opening beginning of bike path

Detour Mile ~13.5 -- If you are going into Idyllwild via May Valley Road/Saunders Meadow Road: There is water right after junction between 5S05 (May Valley Road) and 5S21 (Saunders Meadow Road, road you turn left on to go down to Idyllwild). The stream on road is located maybe 2.5 miles before Idyllwild. There isn't much water, but it is a fine flow right now. per Pika & Paw Patrol on 4/16/17 -----

B8	177.3	TqtzValTr	Little Tahquitz Valley (Trail, 0.33 mi N)	<p>Little Tahquitz Valley (Trail, 0.33 mi N) Little Tahquitz Valley is running with water. Walk over to the creekbed to find water as needed, when the trail begins to parallel the narrow grassy meadow to your R. If you continue down the trail N another 1/3 mi into Tahquitz Valley (Tahquitz Meadow), the creek in Tahquitz Valley is also running well and is approx 12" w X 2-3" deep, fast moving, clear (you are walking N from the PCT towards Skunk Cabbage on the Tahquitz Valley-Little Tahquitz Valley trail).</p> <p>In Tahquitz Valley (Tahquitz Meadow), the Forest Service water tap is approximately 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.</p>	6/13/2017	Lonewalker
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Snow report from Numbers on 5/11/17: South Ridge trail from Idyllwild to PCT is passable without microspikes.

B9	179.4	SaddleJct	Idyllwild 4.5 mi W of Saddle Junction	<p>5/13/17 (Michael): Water at approximately 1 mile up from Humber Park and 1.5 miles up. 1.5 mile steam was the best, with a pool above the trail. 2/5 on reliability/flow</p> <p>4/17/17 (Pika & Paw Patrol): Devil's Slide Trail water: 1.57, 1.28, 1.14, .82 (This the mile is in order starting from Humber Park leaving Idyllwild)</p>	5/13/2017	Michael
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