

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

Idyllwild, CA to Acton, 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/>).

Send email updates to water@pctwater.com or phone/text 619-734-7289 or 619-734-PCTW [voice mail/text only, no one will answer]. Water reports are compiled from email updates, posts to the PCT-L, on-line trail journals, and other on-the-ground reports. 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**"

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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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. Library hours are Mo 10-6, Tu 12-8, We 10-6, Th 12-5, Fr 12-5, Sa 10-4, Su closed. The library also has computers, wi-fi, paperback books.

B9	179.4	SaddleJct	Idyllwild 4.5 mi W of Saddle Junction	No water on Devil's Slide Trail.	8/26/17	Matthew
B9	181.2	WA0181	*Wellmans Cienaga [7/10 mi N of PCT on trail to Wellmans Divide]	Water is flowing well, small pool under the drips. Water is cold and clear.	8/26/17	Matthew

Snow report, San Jacinto Peak trail:

5/18/17 (Chris): Still snow on San Jacinto but no need for micro spikes. Snow primarily a navigational annoyance making it hard to stay on trail at times.
 5/11/17 (Numbers): The portion of the trail southeast of summit is passable without microspikes. Poles become increasingly useful within approx. 0.5 mile radius of summit. On the portion of the trail west of the summit, the trail can be very difficult to find between approx. 0.5 mi and 1.4 mi east of PCT due to snow. Needed gps and poles on several occasions. Give yourself extra time to descend back to the pct from the summit.

B9	182.1	WR182	Strawberry Cienaga	dry	12/29/17	Ted
B9	183.3	CS183B	Marion Creek [200 yds E of Strawberry Jct Camp]	Light water flow. A patient and thirsty hiker could get water here.	8/26/17	Matthew
	183.8		Spring			
B9	184.1	WR184	Stone Creek	there was a good sized puddle to the right of the trail where I was able to get a couple gallons	8/15/17	BASEjumper
B9	185.6	WR186	Deer Springs, N Fork San Jacinto River	Water below trail.	12/29/17	Tea-Man
B9	186.2	WR186B	**Tributary of N. Fork San Jacinto River [best water in this area]	Frozen but could hear water.	12/29/17	Tea-Man

8/15/17 (BASEjumper) : trail maintenance crews were ordered to evacuate due to the fire. That's all I know about the fire.

WR186B is usually the best water in this area and often is 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	12/29/17	Tea-Man
B10	193.9	WRCS194	Seasonal Water, West Fork Snow Cr.	stream still flowing, pools	6/3/17	Mike T.
	~197+	Fuller Ridge	Approximately mile 197 - 190.5	5/14/17 (Michael): There are only a few patches of snow left, perhaps 20 feet in length at the longest. ----- 5/5/17 (Shades) : Fuller ridge was easily passable without any snow equipment. The snowpack ends at 187.5 apart from a few patches as of yesterday. We did need a gps to find the route off of the San Jacinto summit to the fuller ridge junction. ----- 5/4/17 (A-Team): Fuller Ride was no problem at all. Nothing needed anymore. Just some small snow fields. We crossed Fuller Ridge at around 09:30am.	5/14/17	Michael
B10	190.5	FullerRidgeTH	Fuller Ridge Trailhead [150yds L, seasonal, often dry]			

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.

Hiker Reports from the Black Mountain Road Alternate

12.0ish- trickle across the dirt road, could use if desperate
 12.8 - Poses Spring Water faucet is on (as of 5/1/17 per Hunter)

B10	190.7		BlackMtnCamp [Seasonal, 1.3 mi SW on Rd 4S01]	Dry	4/4/2016	Sneaky Elf
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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.

B10	193.9	WRCS194	W Fork Snow Creek [Seasonal]	still flowing but getting low and marked to the right of trail by stacked rocks & sticks.	6/6/17	Anthony
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The unmarked seasonal West Fork of Snow Creek is 1/10 mile S of the PCT on an unmarked use trail just before a small gap. You know you've gone too far when you pass thru the gap & very shortly enter the burn area - the character of the landscape changes abruptly. Just as the trail is curving left to enter the gap, turn right and walk cross-country down the slope through fairly open living (not burned) pine forest. A very short distance from the trail you'll drop into a small dry ravine. Go up the embankment on the other side to an old road bed. Turn left and follow the road another short distance down to the bottom of the drainage - you'll leave the road as it bears left. There will be a clearing on the right and a stream in the woods straight ahead. Total duration off the PCT just a few minutes. The creek drains a portion of N slope of Fuller Ridge. Lots of camping in the vicinity. The topography between the trail and the stream is very mellow. If you find yourself in very steep/sketchy terrain, you're in the wrong area. Return to PCT the same way. Do NOT go downstream as terrain gets VERY dangerous.) (Weathercarrot 5/2012)

B11	205.7	WR206	**Snow Canyon Rd [Desert Water Agency faucet]	Faucet is on	12/18/17	JimmyJam
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The Desert Water Agency faucet is under vidoe surveillance.

B11	207	RD207	Snow Creek community, 15881 Falls Creek Rd	6/9/17 (Shaun Papa Bear) : Rd207 was a good stop to chill, replenish water, and grab shade. 5/14/17 (Michael) : Tracker and Lance offer water, shade, citrus, & charging station. From trail road turn left onto Falls Creek, third house on right. Please respect privacy of neighbors.	6/9/17	Shaun "Papa Bear"
B11	209.5	Hwy10	Cabazon [small town 4.5 mi W]			
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 and they will not be operating in 2017.	12/30/16	Puppy
C1	~211.2		Cottonwood Crk [almost always dry]	Dry	5/15/17	Numbers
C1	213.4	WR213	Mesa Wind Farm	6/12/17 (Christopher): Water bottles available 6/9/17 (Shaun Papa Bear) : still has water bottles available. 5/1/17 (Shutterbug): The wind farm offered not only water but trail magic. The manager says they are committed to maintaining the water here, and check the outdoor cache daily to make sure it's reliable. If they're in the office, they'll happily hand you bottles of cold water from the fridge and let you sit in their air conditioning. They have hundreds of liters of bottled water in the office, clearly for hikers. The cache outside looks small because they fill it from the office all the time. ----- 4/15/17 (Sprout & Feather): Mesa Wind Farm has a couple packs of water bottles and shade to sit under. We were told if the office person is in they will fill bottle from cool tap inside. Do not rely on this location.	6/12/17	Christopher
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. Office open M-F 6-2. Large (~1.5 inches) hose and valve by fence. Water is from tank (not ugly pond). Close valve tightly. Hiker Friendly.						
C2	218.6	WRCS219	**Whitewater Preserve	Faucet is on.	12/18/17	JimmyJam
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 8 AM - 5 PM daily. Had a phone that was possible to use.						
C1	218.6		Old jeep road near Whitewater Creek	Flowing strong	5/8/17	Janos
C2	220.4	WR220	**Whitewater Creek [Fill up at the 1st water crossing about 200 yards W of Halfmile WR220 waypoint].	Flowing well.	12/26/17	DoubleTap
C2	226.3	WRCS226	**Mission Creek crossing	plenty of water too (over 10 gal./min)	10/21/17	Edward
C3	227.2	WR227	Mission Creek Crossing	plenty of water too (over 10 gal./min)	10/21/17	Edward
C3	228	WR228	Stream	Flowing very strong	6/12/17	Chris Q.
C3	229.5	WRCS229	**Mission Creek	plenty of water too (over 10 gal./min)	10/21/17	Edward
C3	231.4	WRCS231	**Mission Creek	plenty of water too (over 10 gal./min)	10/21/17	Edward
C3	232.2	WRCS232	**Mission Creek	plenty of water too (over 10 gal./min)	10/21/17	Edward
C3	232.9	WR233	**Mission Creek Crossing	plenty of water too (over 10 gal./min)	10/21/17	Edward
LAKE FIRE CLOSURE UPDATE http://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/trail-condition/lake-fire-closure/ 9/10/16 : The PCT is open again for all users through the Lake Fire closure. However, camping is not allowed in the burn area and travel must be done in a day. Please do not leave the PCT as other trails and areas remain closed. Approximately four miles of PCT are within the burn perimeter. While the trail is open, this was a very intense burn in places and you should be careful. Hazards in recent burn areas may include: loose soils, rocks and trail tread, burned stump holes, hazard trees, unstable terrain and flash flooding and debris flows. Again, no camping is allowed in the burn area at this time. There has been some confusion about the status of the closure but the information above is correct and San Bernardino National Forest is working on clarifying the matter. 4/27/17 per Pika & Paw Patrol: Info on the Lake Fire closure doesn't specify which miles don't allow camping, which was a little nerve-wracking for some I know -- I'd say no camping from 236-241 to be safe.						
4/20/17 per Brian: absolutely saw 5-6 true Puddle Dog Bush very close to the trail, some needing to be maneuvered around, starting at about mile 235.						
C4	235.4	WRCS235	**Mission Creek, creekside camp	has enough water to filter, probably ~2 gal/min., but steady.	10/21/17	Edward
4/12/17 (Dalem) : watch out for bee hive in oak tree on right of trail at Mile 237.76.						
Beware of poodle dog bush and many downed trees from Mission Creek to Onyx Summit (per Robodoc 4/12/14).						
C4	238.6	WR239	Forested flats junction	Water flowing	9/3/17	Hammer
C4	239.9	WR240	**Mission Spring Trail Camp	Pass horse corral on right, big bucket catching water "Hammer"	9/3/17	Hammer
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	250.19		Water Pump on Rainbow Lane	5/16/17 (Numbers): Spigot is on, plenty of water. ----- See note below. Some hikers are having difficulty finding this water pump. If anyone has better directions from the PCT please let us know.	5/16/17	Numbers
Gene Collins (new manager of the Cienega Creek Ranch) and a former thru-hiker PCT '03 (aka The Good Woods Gnome) has installed a water pump that is available to PCT hikers on their property. At 250.19 on the Halfmile App, turn right (NOBO) / left (SOBO) at dirt road junction, then take the right fork (Rainbow Lane on the Guthook Maps). Travel uphill and at 0.20 miles pass paved driveway on right continue on and then seeing Kopitch Cottage wooden sign on right (mile 0.28), continue on Rainbow Lane approx 75 feet. Find the two ponderosa pine trees on the left, 8 feet off the road. They are spaced 8 feet apart from each other. Line up and look between the trees and the red handled spigot is 40 feet down the gully, half way between the road and the boulder patch further below the gully. Faucet at 34°10'18" N 116°42'31" W, UTM coords (wgs 84 to match Halfmile maps): 11S 0526865 / 3781224						
C5	252.1	WR252	Onyx Summit Cache	Cache no longer maintained.	3/14/15	Coastal
LAKE FIRE CLOSURE UPDATE See note below Mile 232.9 (WR233).						
C5	256.1	WR256	Arrastre Trail Camp at Deer Spring [faucet]	6/15/17 (Samu): spigot dry, moist at crossing 200 F north 6/14/17 (Chris Q): Stream 200 feet of camp is running 3-4 liters/minute 6/4/17 (Dayhike): faucet is bone dry	6/15/17	Samu

This faucet is probably unreliable and only works intermittently. We have received 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	256.6	WR256B	**Spring N of Arrastre Trail Camp	Running well.	9/4/17	Hammer
C5	257.8	WR258	Creek crossing N of Arrastre Camp	Flowing 1-2 gallons/minute	6/14/17	Chris Q., John D.
C5	258.5	WRCS258	Creek crossing N of Arrastre Camp	Flowing 1-2 gallons/minute	6/14/17	Chris Q., John D.
HOLCOMB FIRE UPDATE (6/30/17) - 100% contained. https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/5256/ --> No mention of PCT closure any more on the Inciweb webpage. https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/trail-condition/holcomb-fire-near-big-bear-calif/ 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	just a trickle at spigot, <1L/min	6/16/17	Samu
C7	272.7		2nd jeep rd [Saragossa Spr 0.67 mi N]	Dry	5/31/16	Maria
C7	274.9	WRCS0275	Caribou Crk at Van Dusen Cyn Rd	6/16/17 (Samu): water present 6/15/17 (Chris Q): Only stagnant pools	6/16/17	Samu
HOLCOMB FIRE UPDATE (6/20/17) - see above						
C9	281.1		Delamar Spring [Rd 3N12, 0.9 mi W]			
C9	285.6	CS286	Little Bear Springs Trail Camp	Clear water in trough	9/22/17	Hammer
Faucet is slightly uphill & to left from new picnic table						
C9	285.7	WR286	Holcomb Creek	Good flow at about 2 gallons/minute; I saw human feces and toilet paper on bank at 285.85, so possible contamination from here downstream	6/15/17	Chris Q
C9	286.7	WRCS0287	Side Creek	Dry	5/20/17	Numbers
	287.1		Holcomb Creek	good flow	5/22/17	Chris
	287.5		Holcomb Creek	good flow	5/22/17	Chris
C10	292.13	WR292B	Creek	Flowing great	9/22/17	Hammer
C10	292.4	WRCS292	*Holcomb Creek at Crab Flats Rd.	Good flow, there is a beehive in a log in the campsite.	5/22/17	Chris
C10	293.24	CS293	Campsite, seasonal creek	Creek flowing	9/22/17	Hammer
C10	293.7	WR294	**Holcomb Creek at Hawes Ranch Trail	Very strong at multiple gallons per minute	6/15/17	Chris Q
C10	294.6	BenchCamp	**Holcomb Crossing [Trail Camp]	Very strong at multiple gallons per minute	6/15/17	Chris Q
	295.3		Seasonal Stream	Not flowing. Some stagnant water.	6/6/17	Kevin
	295.87	WR296	Piped Spring	Pipe has a slow drip, not a usable source. Some water in the creek but hard to access.	6/6/17	Kevin
C11	298.5	WR299	**Deep Creek Bridge	Deep Creek Bridge plenty of running water - also Splinters Trail head 0.2 miles past bridge had picnic tables and pit toilets.	9/23/17	Hammer
	301.3	RD0301	Unpaved road to Deep Creek day use area. Access to Deep Creek.	Running strong	5/21/17	Numbers
	305.96		Willow Creek	Willow Creek had water but it was slow and full of algae. We found access to Deep Creek a hundred yards or so before Willow Creek. Lots of sketchy plants to avoid but others had clearly done this before us.	6/8/17	Just Jon
C12	308	WR0308	**Deep Creek Hot Spring [Use water upstream from bathers]	Good flow	6/19/17	Chris Q
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)	Running 2L/min but pretty deep semi-stagnant pools of water.	5/21/17	GoalTech
C13	313.6	WR0314	**Deep Creek ford	flowing but lots of trash on sides of banks and some algal growth	6/19/17	Chris Q
C13	~314		W Fork Mojave River	Great flowing water just past hwy 173.	10/29/17	Rogue
C13	315.8			Water trickling by trail.	10/29/17	Rogue
C13	316.2	WR316	Trailside spring in canyon [seasonal]	dry	6/19/17	Chris Q
C13	317.4	WR317	Piped spring before Grass Valley Creek	dry	6/19/17	Chris Q
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.						
	317.97			running clear at 4+ liters per min. Very easy fill.	6/5/17	Kevin
C13	318	WRCS0318	Grass Valley Creek	shallow at parts but running at a couple gallons per minute. Go upstream for good cascades	6/19/17	Chris Q
At the power line around mile 318 - 318.5: Beware of target shooting from N side just off Hwy 173 toward the trail. Not sure if this is a regular issue or not, but was on 10/10/12 per Steve. Scrub reported the same issue with target shooters on 5/25/13.						
	319.3			dry	6/19/17	Chris Q
	320.12			a trickle, bring a scoop	5/22/17	Numbers
C13	320.3		Summit Valley Store closed indefinitely		-	-
C13	323.6	WR324	Cedar Springs Dam Outlet [pools below dam at PCT]	not a very fast flow and hard to get to, plus it's the drainage from the reservoir, so I wouldn't drink it ---- WR324 is usually the nastiest water. Filter it 1,456 times before drinking it.	6/19/17	Chris Q
C14	325.4	WR0325	Trail side beach on the lake	Filtered the water and was fine.	10/28/17	Rogue
TOWER FIRE UPDATE (5.3.17) Inciweb : https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/5170/ --> Fire is 100% contained, PCT is open.						

C14	328.7	WR329	**Cleghorn Picnic Area <i>[two-lane bike path, 0.5 mi E]</i>	Water is on at faucets and water fountains at Cleghorn Picnic Area. Not too cold but tastes good.	6/19/17	Chris Q
	329.78		stream flowing under bike path	Great flow	5/25/17	Sam Parks
C14	333.1	WR333	Small stream	Dry	6/20/17	Chris Q
Watch for poison oak at WR333.						
C15	335.6		Little Horsethief Canyon [dry creek]	Didn't see anything but I passed it at 5 a.m.	6/20/17	Chris Q
C15	341	WR341	Crowder Canyon	Flowing strong but I did see some trash around	6/20/17	Chris Q
C15	342	Hwy15	**Interstate 15 in Cajon Canyon [4/10 mi NW, McDonalds, Mini Mart]	Water at McDonalds	4/19/17	Dalem
California Section D: Interstate 15 near Cajon Pass to Agua Dulce						
D1	347.2	RD0347	Swarthout Canyon Road	10/27/17 (Rogue) : 20 gallon water cache. 9/22/17 (Mountain Mike) : had at least 6-8 gallons at water cache	10/27/17	Rogue
D1	347.7	WR348	Bike Spring [block trough just below trail, usually dry]	Dry	6/21/17	Chris Q
Per Daddie Gizmo on 4/14/17: One particular note about Miles 350 through 354. The recent fire has created a lot of soot on the ground. The trail makes an artificial bench along the hillside and with a little bit of rain, it washes right down into a gully in the middle of the bench which is where we all walk. Please advise to not walk directly behind someone in these very sooty areas as you will be breathing in a heavy carcinogen. Also be aware that many areas the trail are totally covered with the decomposing granite tailings from above and very difficult to traverse some areas safely. From about Guffy springs into Inspiration point there is still a lot of snow and ice on the north and shaded sides of the trail.						
D3	363.5	AcornTr	Wrightwood [Acorn Cyn Tr, 4.5 mi N or hitch from Hwy 2 @ mile 369.48]	Acorn Trail down to Wrightwood is safe	4/22/16	Widowmaker
D3	364.3	WR365, GuffyCG	*Guffy Campground Spring <i>[Spring ~1/10 mile N of the PCT, follow use trail about 1/10 mile before campground]</i>	9/23/17 (Mountain Mike) : Dry. 6/16/17 (Corona) : No flow, a bottle of stagnant water. 6/14/17 (Swingman): Drip from pipe now only 1 drip per 3 minutes. Water in pan about 2" deep. Won't be there by end of tomorrow. 6/11/17 (Jon): Only one drop observed every 20 seconds. Small basin is half empty. Estimate 4 usable gallons left 6/9/17 (Haymaker) : trough only has a few gallons left, very low. Water dripping from pipe at 10 seconds per drop. 6/3/17 (Bolts & Cactus) : Basin is full, water is clear with some bugs. Not sure if pipe is running, as there is no overflow and water level covers pipe.	9/23/17	Mountain Mike
Please send frequent updates about Guffy Spring. We want to monitor this critical water source closely. Thanks, Halfmile.						
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.						
	369		Wrightwood	Community Center (0.2mi from hardware store) has public restrooms with running water if you just want to tank up on your way out.	6/13/15	Two Wars
D4	370.4	WR370	*Grassy Hollow Visitor Center	9/23/17 (Mountain Mike) : Almost dry. Took about 30 min to get 5 L. Fill, let recharge, fill, let recharge. 6/14/17 (Swingman): Drinking fountain at visitor center not working. Did not evaluate spigot 5/22/17 (Mike): Water faucet on. Clear, cold, abundant. 4/12/17 per RockDoc, GapPal, Woodrat: Spigot near trail is on. Treat the water...it is cloudy and has a strange taste.	9/23/17	Mountain Mike
D4	371.6		Jackson Flat Group Campgrd [spur road]	Spigot is on	5/10/17	Cosimo
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) Mile 1.4 - Good flow from small stream flowing across the trail (4/12/17 per RockDoc, GalPal, Woodrat) Mile 2.8 - Dorr Canyon Creek - strong flow (4/12/17 per RockDoc, GalPal, Woodrat) Mile 3.7 - Creek, dry, though I could hear water running up hill and off trail -- 4/10/15 per Haiku Mile 5.8 - South Fork Campground - The stream at the south fork campground on the manzanita trail/endangered species detour is flowing well. --- 5/13/17 per Scott						
D4	375.9	WR376	Lamel Spring [150 yards S pf PCT]	Dry	9/23/17	FS
	377.9	MTBadenPowell	Mount Baden Powell [0.14 miles S of PCT, 9,390 feet]	See next line below		
Mount Baden Powell hiker reports: 5/28/17 (Numbers): Very little snow remaining, no problem finding/following trail 5/17/17 (Janos): trail lost at 9100 feet in a snowpack, but tracks were easy to follow. The trail reappears ca. 50 yds uphill. 2-3 snowpacks to cross on the ridge leading W of the peak, but nothing to worry about. No special equipment needed. 5/4/17 (Todd): No spikes no axe needed. Route finding was easy. Descended of the summit ridge in bare tread to rejoin PCT. 4/24/17 (Aaron) : Microspikes and hiking poles a must, ice axe and crampons not needed. Recommend having Guthooks or route finding skills as the trail disappears from time to time. Ground was consistently covered in slushy snow starting at 8500 ft which is when the trail disappears for the most part. Lots of footprints going in various directions. Kicking steps rather than following others' footprints often made for better traction. Due to an injury, I also descended today with glissading being the easiest way down. Ice axe would have been nice but poles did the job in terms of controlling the short glissades. No need to take the alternate route. Brave the snow and enjoy the amazing view from the top!!						
D5	384	WR384	**Little Jimmy Spring	Great flow.	9/24/17	Mountain Mike
Endangered Species Closure - In order to protect the mountain yellow-legged frog, the PCT is closed between Eagles Roost (390.2) and Burkhart Trail (393.8). Instead of a dangerous road walk, the following detour is in place: From Islip Saddle leave PCT and go N on the South Fork Tr 4.8 miles to South Fork Campgrd, then W on High Desert Natl Rec Trail & then the Burkhart Tr back to PCT, a total detour of 18.2 miles. Angeles National Forest. Closure order thru 12/31/11. See Halfmile's detour maps.						

Detour Mile 0.9 -- Creek -- Dry -- 9/11/16 (Rustic)						
Detour Mile 1.1 -- Reed Spring: good flow -- 5/17/17 (Hunter)						
Detour Mile 5 -- South Fork of Big Rock Creek near campground -- Dry -- 9/11/16 (Rustic)						
Detour Mile 5.3 -- South Fork Campground -- stream has crazy good flow -- 4/27/17 (Pineapple)						
Detour Mile 5.5 -- Big Rock Creek -- good flow -- 5/17/17 (Hunter)						
Detour Mile 7.7 -- Holcomb Canyon -- good flow -- 5/18/17 (Hunter)						
Detour Mile 10.5 -- Punchbowl Canyon Creek -- good flow -- 5/18/17 (Hunter)						
Detour Mile 10.8 -- Devils Punchbowl County Park (0.8 mile off detour, worth seeing) - A sign said that the drinking fountains were out of order. Only water is from visitor center -- when it's open. No hours posted. 5/19/13 per Hikin' Jim.						
Detour Mile 13.6 -- Cruthers Creek -- clean and flowing well -- 5/23/17 (Crash)						
Detour Mile 19 -- Tributary of Little Rock Creek -- clean and flowing well. -- 5/23/17 (Crash)						
D7	391.8		Little Rock Creek	within endangered species closure area	-	-
D7	~392.5		Rattlesnake Spring	within endangered species closure area	-	-
	~393		Buckhorn campground	6/26/17 (Anthony) : once you follow the path past the portapotties & old campground kiosk, follow sticks pointing to W by picnic table, follow trail about .3 & look for pools on right, take steep path & < 1L/m 6/6/17 (Mercury) : the faucet by campsite 18 in Buckhorn Campground on the endangered species reroute was on. 5/22/17 (Mike) : Water faucets are on. 5/21/17 (Shakedown) : Has water at spigot between sites 17 and 18.	6/26/17	Anthony
D6	394	BurkhartTr	L.RockCrk past Burkhart Tr	Creek flowing	10/24/17	Rogue
D6	394.3	BurkhartTr2	<i>*Cooper Creek at Burkhart Trail</i>	Good flow	5/21/17	Shakedown
D6	394.3	WR394	<i>*Seasonal Spring on Burkhart Trail [7/10 mile S of PCT on the old endangered species detour]</i>	Very good flow, clean water	5/10/17	Honeybee & Django
D6	395.5	WR396	<i>*Cooper Canyon Trail Campground</i>	No flow, but pools 3 inches deep. I filtered and it tasted great	9/4/17	jimhandy.
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.						
D6	397.5	WR398	Headwaters of Cooper Canyon	Dry at trail crossing	6/23/17	Chris Q.
D6	~399.9		Seasonal Stream	Just near mile 399.9, there is a small stream and you can hear trickling above the trail.	11/2/17	American Idol
D7	400.9	WR401	Camp Glenwood	10/24/17 (Rogue) : Spigot on. 9/25/17 (Mountain Mike) : spigot on with hole-drilling pressure	10/24/17	Rogue
D7	401.4	RD0401B	PCT joins an abandoned roadbed	Dry	6/23/17	Chris Q.
	401.6		Spring box and pipe	Definitely a great water source! SOBO's, you will cross a muddy part of the trail. Look to your right. There's a cement box with a pipe and valve. Turn the valve, but be careful, she's got flow!!	11/2/17	American Idol
D7	401.77		Spring box & pipe.	Dry	6/23/17	Chris Q.
There are four "water boxes" about 100 yards apart. May have to get creative to collect.						
D7	403.5	Hwy2i	Three Points Trailhead	Dry	6/14/16	Maria
There isn't any water available at this trailhead (there used to be a spigot here, but it's no longer in service)						
Poodle Dog Bush updated by Skittles on 5/10/17: Even in 2017 poodle dog is present from mile 403-440. Watch for bushes growing on the side of the trail, but they are easy to avoid while staying on trail. About 435.5 the poison oak starts through mile 444. Growing right on the side of the trail, could hit it if not paying attention, but easily avoidable without leaving trail.						
	406.48		Small pool of water	A couple very small stagnant pools. Not recommended.	6/24/17	Chris Q.
	407.1	WR407	Sulphur Springs Camp	Producing a steady trickle, 6 min to get a Liter, but it's steady.	9/26/17	Mountain Mike
D7	~407.5		Stream n/o Sulphur Springs Camp [seasonal]			
D7	410.4	WR410	Fiddleneck Spring	Dry	6/24/17	Chris Q.
D7	411.2	WR411	<i>*Fountainhead Spring</i>	Trickling still but would probably take 1L/10mins. However, the flow across the trail and rocks is great and a lot faster at 1L/min.	11/3/17	American Idol
	417.79		Small trickle	Dry	6/24/17	Chris Q.
D8	418.8	WR419	<i>**Mill Creek Summit Fire Station</i>	10/31/17 (Frank) : Spigot on, no E. Coli sign but would treat anyway in case wind blew it off. 10/23/17 (Rogue) : Faucet on, no longer any Ecoli sign. 9/28/17 (SoHo) : I was on the road and stopped by the water faucet at Pony Park had a sign that it was contaminated with Ecoli.	10/31/17	Frank
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.						
9/30/17 (DoubleTap) : Treat all water in this area, Ecoli has been detected this 2017 hiking season in this area.						
Poodle-dog bush report: 7/12/16 (Rustic) : PDB starts right out of the gate from Three Points TH heading north and doesn't fade out until a bit north of the North Fork Ranger Station. There are absolutely places where it encroaches on the trail, but I was able to dance around it all...although it made for exhausting work in the thick, overgrown brush that's in this area right now. 5/9/16 (John Shelton) -- Now, through the entire section of mile 410 -- 437, Poodle Dog Bush (PDB) it is still present but easily avoidable.						
	424.9			Dry	10/25/17	JimmyJam
D9	425.8		Big Buck Trail Camp [usually dry]	Dry	10/25/17	JimmyJam
D10	~426.5		Old Big Buck Trail Camp site [early spring]	Dry	10/25/17	JimmyJam

Sand Fire Closure (432 - 444)

The PCT through the Sand Fire Closure area is open as of 4/29/17. The Forest surrounding the PCT is still closed. There is no camping permitted in the section of PCT with in the Sand Fire Burn except for at North Fork Station. You are permitted to camp at North Fork.

 A portion of the PCT is closed in the Angeles National Forest starting near Mt. Gleason/Messenger Flats (~mile 429.5) to Soledad Canyon Road (~mile 444) due to the 2016 Sand Fire. PCTA closure info: <https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/trail-condition/sand-fire/>
 Official Angeles NF closure order: http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd522195.pdf
 Inciweb info: <http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/4878/>
 For questions about the Sand Fire Closure, contact District Ranger Matthew Bokach, matthewbokach@fs.fed.us or 661-269-2808 x 225.

D10	430.6	Messenger Flat	Messenger Flats Camp USFS.			
D10	432.1	WR432	Moody Cyn Rd [stream 50' before Rd]	Dry	10/25/17	JimmyJam
D10	436.3	WR436	<i>*North Fork Ranger Station BPL Rd 4N32</i>	<p>11/2/17 (American Idol) : Two 20L bottles thanks to the station ranger! What a Champ!</p> <p>10/31/17 (Frank) : Caretaker still putting water out. He told us he's seeing SOBO hikers every</p> <p>10/23/17 (Rogue) : Cache still good.</p> <p>9/26/17 (Mountain Mike) : Caretaker Todd is keeping the water jug full.</p>	11/2/17	American Idol
Good camping nearby at the horse corral area, less wind per Rebo on 4/18/15.						
D11	440.2		Mattox Canyon	Dry	11/2/17	American Idol
D11	444.4		Santa Clara River	<p>11/2/17 (American Idol) : Flowing pretty decently across the trail. The water source itself is covered in leaves, but was definitely clear. If you have time, I'd suggest going to the KOA. I didn't need water, so I didn't fill at either.</p> <p>11/1/17 (Frank) : Flowing at trail crossing through algae-covered pool. Opted for water at KOA.</p> <p>9/3/17 (Warrior) : great flow.</p> <p>6/25/17 (Chris Q.) : Flowing at more than 2 gallons/minute but the Acton KOA just put down a bunch of fertilizer and my guess is that it's running off into the creek so I'd strongly suggest treating as well as filtering. Or better yet, just go to the Acton KOA :)</p> <p>5/20/17 (Janos) : Good flow, suggest filtering. I explored the abandoned RV park on far side of river and found construction waste and paint cans being dumped uphill of water.</p>	11/2/17	American Idol
	444.5	KOA	KOA Campground	Open, PCT-friendly, convenience store available, water spigots on.	11/1/17	Frank
6/8/17 (Mercury) : Acton KOA *posted* store hours are 9-5 Su-Th, 9-7 Fr-Sa, but today it was open til 20:00 (and "Will Return" sign on door says 08:00). 9-5 appears conservative.						
----- The Acton KOA is a hiker-friendly campground 2/10 mile E of the PCT. The KOA will accept and hold packages for PCT hikers in 2016, 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 [store hours are 9am - 5pm]. 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. [The Robin's Nest RV Park west of the KOA closed in 2011]						
D12	451.1	Hwy14	Escondido Cyn just past tunnel under Hwy 14	barely flowing	9/3/17	Warrior
	451.7		Seep	Useable flow, lots of tadpoles and algae. Better flow at second crossing.	5/30/17	Numbers
	~452.5		Vasquez Rocks Picnic Area	Spigot and fountains both dry	6/25/17	Chris Q.
D12	~453.4		Ranger station	<i>once on pavement, 0.2 miles on left by Park exit on Escondido Cyn Rd</i>		
D12	454.4		<i>**Agua Dulce</i>	Sweetwater Farms Market has everything to eat & drink that a hiker desires.		
D12	454.5	HikerHeaven	<i>**Hiker Heaven</i>	Will be open in April 2017 (www.hikerheaven.com). See http://hikerheaven.com/2017/02/20/hello-world/ for new policies.	12/15/16	Donna Saufley

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