

# Pacific Crest Trail Water Report -- Part Three: Agua Dulce to Cottonwood Pass

Acton, CA to Cottonwood Pass

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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
<b>California Section D: Interstate 15 near Cajon Pass to Agua Dulce continued...</b>						

### SAND FIRE CLOSURE UPDATE

See Mile update below mile 426.5 on Idyllwild - Agua Dulce page.

### California Section E: Agua Dulce to Highway 58 near Tehachapi Pass

E2	463.3	WR463	* <i>Bear Spring</i> <i>[can be trickle late season]</i>	flowing out of pipe at just under 1 L/min.	10/1/17	Montana Mike
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Spring is up the hill in the woods, a boxed area beneath a pipe. There is also a horse trough on the downhill side of the trail.

E2	465.6	RD0466	Bouquet Canyon [usually dry]	Dry	6/27/17	Chris Q.
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E2	~470		Seasonal flows between Bouquet & San Francisquito Rd (mile miles 470.41, 470.86, 471.31, 472.12, 475.64)	All dry or just wet patches of dirt except 471.3 had some barely b running water that might be usable in an emergency. I wouldn't rely on any of these.	6/27/17	Chris Q.
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E3	478.2	WR478	** <i>San Francisquito Canyon Rd</i> <i>2/10 mi SW</i>	<b>9/8/17 (Glenda &amp; Bruno):</b> Very helpful firemen, water spigots working <b>8/26/17 (Luiz):</b> Casa de Luna is still open. <b>6/27/17 (Chris Q.):</b> Casa de Luna is still open and will be for the foreseeable future. <b>5/13/17 (Andy &amp; Kate):</b> Spigot in box on side of Green Valley Ranger Station, adjacent to fire station. Fire Station has spigot near steps on southwest corner of building behind ranger station. Both on. Firemen recommended spigot by steps.	9/8/17	Glenda & Bruno
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Green Valley fire station, 2/10 mile SW of PCT along the road has a water spigo on the side of building, in a small enclosed box. If turned off, try fire hose in box in parking lot marked "Green Valley" turn on outside valve.

"The Lounge Is ALWAYS Open!" says Joe [But they may not always be home off season]

### POWERHOUSE FIRE UPDATE

<http://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/trail-condition/powerhouse-fire-closure/>  
**3/8/17: The PCT is OPEN again, no more closures due to this fire.**

4/17/16 (Peter): Powerhouse fire section: Poodle Dog Bush observed from approximately mile 488 to mile 492 (easily avoided on the trail).

[Robodoc reports that the yellow rope goes right through POISON OAK] An interesting trailside water source where the water trickled off a tree root, from a spring uphill, into a plastic bottle N34.66672 W118.46637

		RD486	Lake Hughes Road	<b>5/25/17 (Janos):</b> Dry at the road crossing, but a very small, but useable flow is just 20 yds upstream <b>5/3/17 (Trekever):</b> Nothing more than a wet spot in the sand <b>5/3/17 (Sprout &amp; Feather):</b> Seasonal stream is dry	5/25/17	Janos
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E4	487.1	WR487	Trailside Spring	Steady drip, but would be difficult to collect	10/6/17	Dysk
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E5	493	WRCS493	Maxwell Trail Camp guzzler [1/10 mi N on 1st of 2 dirt roads]	<b>9/10/17 (Glenda &amp; Bruno):</b> Big water tank on top of the dirt road visible from trail, the lid is heavy but we got it off, inside there was a rattle snake very quiet and just few inches of dirty water, we had to scoop it up from above with a chord and a bottle. <b>6/28/17 (Chris Q.):</b> Lid is still not coming off and looks like it's quite wedged in. Still, there's plenty of water and it's accessible right at the loop of the collection area. As Tim reported, the water is still yellow after filtering. I also treated the water with iodine and am feeling fine none hours later. <b>6/26/17 (Tim):</b> LID NOT COMING OFF had to scoop from fill point. Tea colored after scooping and even tea flavor/color after filter. No problems after a couple liters drank. <b>6/3/17 (Numbers):</b> guzzler is full, but the water is very unappealing, and lots of flies in the area. Used sawyer and aqua mira, drank 2 liters, feeling fine several hours later.	9/10/17	Glenda & Bruno
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20 yards below road with white concrete slab that channels water into underground tank. Gray guzzler can be seen from trail; this road is grassy dirt, not just dirt

E5	493.5	WR494	Upper Shake Campground [6/10 mi N]	Not flowing, though still several large pools, scoop probably needed	6/22/17	Advisory
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From the spur trail to the PCT: follow the campground road down and to the right to the first picnic bench on the right. On the other side of the bench follow the unsigned and steep trail downhill. About 1/10 of a mile down you'll see a pink ribbon on the left. Shortly after that the creek crossed the trail you're on. Upper Shake CG is closed to vehicles, and campground water faucets removed. It still has a pit toilet.

E5	496.2	WR496	Concrete tank at Ridgetop jct [150 yds N]	Empty.	5/25/17	Janos
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At ridgetop jct of Maxwell TT 7N08, Burnt Pk Rd 7N23A, & Sawmill Mtn TT 7N23, follow Road 7N23 N for 90 yards, then follow the road to the left for 60 yards. Must lift heavy metal plate on top to access. (Len says these distances are 90 feet + 90 feet). Note that the heavy iron lid is secured with one bolt with a nut and another bolt without a nut. Lift the plate on one end just enough to clear to top of nutless bolt and then swivel the plate to reveal the water below. Per Janos (5/25/17): If you stand in the center pthe road crossing and look West, you can actually see the edge of the concrete tank. A small footpath leads up to it. Or you can go around as it is described in the water report.						
E5	498.2		Sawmill Campground [Wildlife guzzler near campground]	9/10/17 (Glenda & Bruno) : No water. 9/7/17 (Warrior) : plenty of water, I made a scoop and left it.	9/10/17	Glenda & Bruno
6/3/16 (Rover) : It is 0.91 trail miles up to Guzzler (and ~220 feet up). ----- Some hikers have been having difficulty finding this water source. Here are new directions to the wildlife guzzler water source near Sawmill Campground from Morning Star and Cookie Monster and Rover: 1. When you enter the campground, follow the road straight on (right from the picnic tables) to the toilet building. 2. Continue walking along the road (on right side of the toilet) until you come to a junction. 3. Take the road to the right that goes up. 4. After about a minute walking you come to a new junction (with the Sawmill Campground sign). Take the road to the left that goes up. 5. After about 300 feet you will pass a small turn around loop on the left side (north). 6. A little bit further is a wooden sign and you will see in front of you, on the right side, a group of pines on a cleared slope. Look for a worn path up through the grass and take the worn path. 7. Go up, just behind the pines, onto this grassy hill and walk towards the big solo pine on the top. (South) 8. Walk to the right of it to a pine with two tops (looks a bit crooked). The water is just behind it at 34.6975, -118.5702 (The low guzzler roof is flat ridged metal about 25/7.5m square).						
E6	502.4	WR502	Red Rock Water Tank	9/11/17 (Glenda & Bruno): Empty 9/6/17 (Warrior) : Dry 6/3/17 (Numbers) : 1 inch of water. I opted to use wr502b instead. 5/25/17 (Janos): 2 inches of water. 5/23/17 (Dan) : Couldn't see any dead animals in it but there was trash and only a very minimal puddle of water in the bottom. There was also a pretty foul smell from the tank when I stuck my head in the opening. Recommend serious filtering and chemical treatment if you get water here although I think it will be totally dry soon if it isn't already. 5/13/17 (Mike T) : Tank has some water, also trash and <b>dead bird</b> .	9/11/17	Glenda & Bruno
At high point on trail, where PCT nears road. Easy to spot. Pry metal lid (may be covered with rocks) off tank and filter water out. You may need rope to get down to water in tank.						
E6	502.4	WR502B	Guzzler	10/5/17 (Dysk): Some water at bottom of guzzler, had to tie bottle to a stick to fill. 10/4/17 (Mountain Mike): maybe 8" of water, orange tint and lots of floaters, but best water for miles! 9/11/17 (Glenda & Bruno): Guzzler not visible from the trail but just a few steps after red rock water tank, right next to a pct trail post uphill, has plenty of nice rain water pretty clear and covered by a roof. 9/6/17 (Warrior) : still has water. 6/16/17 (Ty): Guzzler is a quarter of the way full with murky water but had no problems after filtering 6/13/17 (Haymaker): Has plenty of water left but it's pretty nasty. A lot of dead flies in every scoop. 6/13/17 (:): 2" of water in tank plus some bottles and small animal skeleton 6/3/17 (Numbers) : still ~10 inches of water at deep end.	10/5/17	Dysk
NOBO directions to WR502B : From where you see a side trail from the PCT to the concrete water tank, stay on PCT. In a minute or two, look for a typical brown plastic PCT trail post on your right with: a hiker, word "trail," double arrow, & no motorcycles. Guzzler is not visible from the trail. The Red Rock Water Tank is a great way to know that you are close., coordinates: 34.704581, -118.617473.						
E6	504.6	WR505	Tank [guzzler] near Liebre Mtn Truck Trail 7N23 [100 yds E]	from trail downhill to the left side, not visible from trail, has plenty of water pretty clear and covered by a roof.	9/11/17	Glenda & Bruno
From trail crossing walk downhill 125 yards on the dirt road. The guzzler will be 50 yards to your left off the						
Another guzzler is east of the road and south of the other guzzler, 0.13 mile down a road spur across from the entrance to Bear camp, that leads to a horse camp with broken corral. 11 S 0350718 3842608 -- 0.26 miles 350 deg NNW of mile 504.0 -- guzzler is full to the lip and water may be accessed from there by cup or pump per Pathfinder on 4/3/13						
E6	508.1	WR508	Canyon 2/10 mi below Horse Camp	I found nothing but hoses. One was leaking water.	9/6/17	Warrior
Sign at the camp points to seasonal spring which is 160' below and SW of Horse Camp. Route thru blowdowns is flagged with pink ribbons as of April 8, 2016. At the end of a very steep faint side trail, not accessible for stock, riders would need to hand-carry water up to camp. Be advised of presence of nettles and friendly flying insects at spring. Per GoalTech on 5/18/15 : It's ~3 min down (~225 ft down over ~0.2 miles) and a ~6 minute climb back up without a pack on. Don't go in your flip flops as it's not the PCT.						
E6	510	TR0510				
E6	510.7	WR511	Pine Canyon creek and sag pond			
E6	511	RD0511	Pine Cyn Rd [100 yd SW]	one small pool of clear water deep enough to scoop from	6/19/17	Sarah
Seasonal water downhill on road a few 100 yds from PCT to red mile marker 12.64 where a streamlet passes under road which pools on uphill side. Store in Three Points mentioned in guidebook is now a private home, so continue on to Hikertown.						
E7	512	WR512	Seasonal Stream	Dry	8/25/17	Luiz
E7	517.6	Hwy138B	<b>**Hwy 138 - Hikertown</b>	A paradise after the deadly dry desert, has water and very welcoming owner.	9/11/17	Glenda & Bruno
Hikertown is on the N side of Hwy 138, NE of the PCT crossing. There's no check in, and no charge but donations are always appreciated (Bob Mayon 4/21/09). Hikers report \$10 "donation" suggested to stay. www.hikertown.com						
E7	517.6		Gils Country Store is CLOSED	-	-	-
E7	518.5	WR519	<b>**Aqueduct</b>	California Aqueduct has no access points on the Southern shoreline except for a single one just before crossing it on the bridge at mi 520. It is dangerous to try to access the aqueduct anywhere but at the access point (a metal ladder leading down the steep concrete riverbed).	5/26/17	Janos
	520.9		Faucet from aqueduct	Dry! Tried opening every valve.	5/3/17	Dalem

E9	534.9	WR535	Cottonwood Creek bridge [Faucet may be on if Aqueduct is flowing, creek usually dry]	<p>10/17/17 (Unnamed) : Slow trickle from faucet, small pools of water in creek.</p> <p>10/13/17 (Fashion Mom): Just a few muddy dribbles from faucet but creek still flowing maybe 2 lpm.</p> <p>10/5/17 (Montana Mike) : Faucet On, Cottonwood Creek flowing 1.5 ft wide a couple of inches deep</p> <p>9/28/17 (Righteous!) : faucet is on.</p> <p>6/29/17 (Chris Q.) : Good cool water running from faucet.</p> <p>6/25/17 (Advisory) : Creek dry, faucet is on.</p> <p>6/18/17 (Pika &amp; LaundryMat): Creek flow slowing, still plenty of water though</p> <p>6/8/19 (Mittens) : Faucet is on.</p> <p>6/5/17 (Numbers) : Faucet is still on.</p> <p>6/2/17 (Sam) : Faucet is on. Can hear water in aqueduct flowing strongly miles before.</p> <p>5/28/17 (Drum Solo) : Water is plentiful but I am fairly sure I saw a meth-head defecating into the tank nearby.</p> <p>DEFINITELY FILTER</p> <p>5/26/17 (Janos) : faucet is on</p>	10/17/17	Unnamed
<p>I checked with DWP about the water flow through the LA Aqueduct No 1 running past Cottonwood bridge below Tylerhorse Canyon. No surprise, no water flowing. This year there is no water flow all April in both legs of the LA Aqueduct system. They said their snowpack was even lower than last year, and it may surpass their record low from winter 1976-1977.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Assume no water, the aqueduct is often dry here. Maintenance of the aqueduct can shut off water here. 100 yards south of the bridge look right for a small concrete building and a conspicuous "Trail Camp - Water" sign. Faucet is 15 yards downslope to your right. Sign says not potable but can be treated. ALSO, just north of the bridge behind the open shade shelter is a pipe that may drip water.</p>						
E10	536.9	IberdrolaWF	Manzana / Iberdrola Wind Farm water well 1.3 miles East of PCT	<p>8/23/17 (Luiz) : water, Gatorade, and coffee.</p> <p>6/29/17 (Chris Q.) : The wind farm office is usually open until only 3:30 p.m. but occasionally it will be open until 5 p.m.</p> <p>5/3/17 (Dalem): Water outside fence of main building, but clean, filtered water and great people inside! They housed us in an air conditioned room with cots to nap away the hot part of the day, gave us access to bathroom and kitchen. They are very pro-PCT.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>10/17/16 (Huckleberry &amp; Macro) : 2.3mi dirt road walk if follow SOBO signs from PCT to office. Dave says hikers are welcome to walk directly across wind farm property to shorten route, easiest point to exit is at green equestrian gate near 536 and head towards visible low building near substation, 1-1.3mi off-trail.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>10/1/16 (Dave) : We have a 150 gallon tank at our office, ~1 mile due east of mile 537. It is on the south fence line of our building and the faucet goes through the fence, so it's available 24/7. During the workweek, our building is open for visitors and we can supply even more. Always happy to help!</p>	8/23/17	Luiz
<p>Well is ~2.0 miles off trail at the operations and maintenance building (south side of the building with the spigot going through the fenceline). Signs will be posted to get you to the water.</p>						
E11	541.6	WRCS542	*Tylerhorse Canyon	<p>10/17/17 (Unnnamed) : Small stream still flowing.</p> <p>10/5/17 (Mountain Mike) : small stream, 6" wide, 0.75 " deep. I filled 100 yards upstream, 0.75 L/min.</p> <p>9/28/17 (Righteous!) : small trickle at the trail crossing, but may be easier to collect up or downstream.</p> <p>8/22/17 (Luiz) : water flowing.</p> <p>6/29/17 (Chris Q.) : A but full of algae but there's a couple good spots to collect and the water is clean, cool, and refreshing.</p> <p>6/17/17 (Ty) : flowing well</p> <p>6/9/17 (Mittens) : flowing well.</p> <p>6/6/17 (Numbers) : Good flow.</p> <p>6/2/17 (Picnic) : still flowing and looks like it will be for a while</p> <p>6/2/17 (Sam) : Strong stream flow.</p> <p>5/30/17 (Squarepants) : good flow.</p> <p>5/26/17 (Janos) : good flow.</p> <p>5/23/17 (Gravy Train) : Creek is flowing! 2in deep and about 1.5ft wide.</p> <p>5/21/17 (HoneyBee&amp;Django): Good flow</p> <p>5/17/17 (Pinepple): Good flow</p> <p>5/12/17 (Scribbler): Best water around. Strong flow, clean water, easy to fill bottles.</p>	10/17/17	Unnamed
	545.12		Seasonal Creek	Dry	5/26/17	Janos
<p>4/29/17 (Peter): No trail washouts observed between mi 541 and 548 . Places where the trail crosses steep sand slopes may be difficult for equestrians due to sloping sand on the trail.</p> <p>4/4/17 (Jesse) : multiple washouts with a bad one at 543.52.</p> <p>3/31/16 (Rustic &amp; Teatime): The trail is extremely damaged from the huge storm that came through a few weeks ago, with lots of washouts and uneven trail, especially between mi 541 and 548. Impassable for horses and some people might have trouble too, per Teatime.</p>						
E12	555.6	WR556	"Tiger Tank" & shower [Permanently shut off]	Dry	5/27/16	Janos
E12	558.2	WR558	Oak Creek	Dry	5/27/17	Janos
E12	558.5	RD0558	Tehachapi-Willow Springs Road	Small water cache	5/24/17	Judd
<p>Tehachapi is 9.1 miles NW on Tehachapi Willow Springs Rd; Mojave is 11.5 miles E of the PCT on nearby Oak Creek Rd. Exiting the PCT here will be easier hitching to town, but adds 8 miles to the very long dry stretch of trail N of Hwy 58.</p>						
E13	566.5	HWY58	Highway 58	Three gallons of cached water.	5/8/17	Dalem

**F: Highway 58 near Tehachapi Pass to Highway 178 at Walker Pass**

**Tehachapi to Walker Pass is the driest section of the Pacific Crest Trail. This section is also much more remote than any of the previous PCT sections with fewer road crossings, and almost no cell phone service. Mary, who once maintained several water caches in this section, is no longer able to maintain them. A reliable water cache in this area will require more than 1,000+ gallons of water per hiking season and to the best of our knowledge no one is currently able to provide that much water in this remote section of the PCT. Carry extra water and don't expect to find any reliable water caches in this section of the PCT.**

**SECTION F CLOSURE (7/11/19) - PCT reopened between Hwy 58 (Mile 566.5) and Kelso Valley Road (Mile 615.9).**

<https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/trail-condition/trail-closure-california-section-f/>

<http://www.tumto23.com/news/local-news/kcso-investigating-incident-involving-search-and-rescue-crews>

**7/11/17 : <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/07/11/pacific-crest-trail-reopens-after-armed-holdup-rescuers.html>**

**7/8/17 : So.CAL TRAIL CLOSURE in SECTION F: Saturday evening, July 8, the Kern County Sheriff's Department (KCSO) initiated a public safety closure of the Pacific Crest Trail between Hwy 58 (east of Tehachapi) and Kelso Valley road (Mile 566-616). This is in response to the armed **robberies** of a civilian user and civilian members of the KCSO search and rescue team, which occurred on the PCT. KCSO has posted closure signs at the above locations, and will be initiating a law enforcement response to address this criminal activity. The closure will lifted by KCSO after the threat has been mitigated.**

F3	583.3	WR583	Golden Oaks Spring - <i>We are especially interested in water reports about this location. Please send info.</i>	<p>10/17/17 (Whistler) : slow flow from pipe into trough full of gnarly water.</p> <p>10/17/17 (Gretel ~ American Idol) : Water in trough and flowing across trail is 'funky as' - but thankfully the pvc pipe flowing into the trough seems fine. About 1L/2mins.</p> <p>10/15/17 (Unnamed) : Slow trickle of good but pipe-flavored water. Plenty of trough water.</p> <p>10/3/17 (Dysk) : Slow trickle, trough full of kinda gross water</p> <p>9/18/17 (Jimhandy) : Flowing 1 liter per 90 seconds into trough. 500 gallons of filterable water in trough.</p> <p>8/27/17 (Thomas) :flows slowly, maybe a liter every 2 minutes.</p> <p>8/24/17 (Kramers) : flowing at 1 Liter per minute.</p> <p>8/19/17 (Dusty) : good flow inside the barbed wire, 1.5L/min</p> <p>7/2/17 (Mark the Shark) : It was flowing at about 2 lpm.</p> <p>6/16/17 (Vortex) : still flowing, 2-3 LPM</p> <p>6/10/17 (Numbers) : pipe flowing at 2 to 3 lpm, trough is full</p> <p>6/6/17 (DK) : good flow from pipe 2-3l per min</p> <p>6/6/17 (Picnic) : trough is full and the pipe is still flowing into it</p> <p>6/5/17 (Seabiscuit) : good flow at about 2L per minute.</p> <p>6/3/17 (Shakedown) : Good flow from pipe, trough is full but has some algae in it.</p>	10/17/17	Whistler, Gretel ~ American Idol
F5	602.1	WR602	<b>**Robin Bird Spring [0.1 mi W]</b> - <i>We are especially interested in water reports about this location. Please send info.</i>	<p>10/17/17 (Whistler) : cross wooden gate and follow trail up to pipe flowing 2lpm.</p> <p>10/17/17 (Gretel ~ American Idol) : Jump the wooden fence, follow trail to a source flowing from a pipe. Great flow!</p> <p>10/15/17 (Unnamed) : Strong flow from pipe just up the hill from the trough, over the wooden fence.</p> <p>10/2/17 (Dysk) : Steady flow from pipe</p> <p>9/17/17 (Jimhandy) : Flowing ~3 l.p.m. from pipe into trough.</p> <p>8/28/17 (Thomas) : Flowing strong.</p> <p>8/25/17 (Kramers) : flowing at 2 Liters per minute.</p> <p>8/18/17 (Dusty) : good flow, 3L / minute.</p> <p>7/4/17 (Anthony) : Flowing at 3L per minute.</p> <p>7/2/17 (Mark the Shark) : Flowing at about 2-3 lpm.</p> <p>6/21/17 (Ty) : flowing at 5 Liters per minute.</p> <p>6/12/17 (Numbers) : 3 to 4 lpm from pipe a few feet downstream of trough.</p> <p>6/6/17 (Picnic) : still flowing very nicely at the pipe above the trough, and the trough is full.</p> <p>6/4/17 (Shakedown) : Good flow from pipe at the trough, no need to go up to tank.</p>	10/17/17	Whistler, Gretel ~ American Idol
New stile allows easy access through the fence. Follow galvanized pipe uphill for 20 yards to gushing pipe. Face lower barb wire fence, left corner has a gate that was wired shut such that it cannot be opened. Climb gate or fence. Climb uphill (150 ft?) toward tank. Below tank (75 ft?) is a black PVC pipe that feeds spring.						
F6	604.1	WR604	Cottonwood Creek branch [Usually Dry]	pools of water, no flow	8/26/17	Kramers
F6	605.7	WR606	<b>**Small concrete dam of spring uphill from PCT</b>	Lots of water in pool, thick layer of algae on top. No flow.	10/2/17	Dysk
F6	607.1	WR607	Landers Creek	Dry	8/26/17	Kramers
F6	608.1	WR608	Landers Meadow drainage at 1st Piute Mountain Road crossing	pools of water trickle	8/26/17	Kramers
F6	608.9	WRCS609	<b>**Landers Camp fire tank, Forest Road 29S05 [2/10 mi N].</b>	<p>10/16/17 (Whistler) : good flow from pipe.</p> <p>10/14/17 (Unnamed) : Excellent, strong flowing spring here by tank just north of campground.</p>	10/16/17	Whistler
<b>Study the latest water reports carefully, it's possible that WRCS609 Landers Camp fire tank may be only reliable water for 42.4 miles until Walker Pass!!!</b>						
F7	615.9	WR616	Kelso Valley Road	<p>10/16/17 (Whistler) : 45 gallons.</p> <p>10/16/17 (Gretel ~ American Idol) : still about 45 gallons of water cache.</p> <p>10/1/17 (Dysk) : Cache stocked</p> <p>9/15/17 (Jimhandy) : 80 gallons cached here.</p> <p>9/11/17 (Warrior) : about 60 gallons left.</p> <p>8/28/17 (Thomas) : Still a lot of water left at the cache.</p> <p>8/26/17 (Kramers) : 100 gallons.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>There is sometimes a cache here but given it's in the middle of a long dry stretch of trail the cache will get depleted quickly so do not rely on water being here when you arrive.</p>	10/16/17	Whistler, Gretel ~ American Idol

3/31/17 (Cinnabun) : Kelso river 1 mile north of Kelso Road crossing flowing wide and clear all the way to hwy 178-good emergency water source off trail. -----						
5/26/15 (Devilfish) : There is a pond 1.5 miles north (trail-west) of the PCT down Kelso Valley Road towards Weldon. Follow the paved road until 0.3 miles after Butterbred Canyon Road (signed SC123) joins it from the right (this could be used as an alternate to rejoin the PCT @ mile 618); water is on the left. The cattle-trod stream that starts flowing only shortly above this point in the valley is collected by an earthen dam here. Murky, reedy, etc. but judging from its design as a bovine watering hole, presumably a reliable source. There's no fence where hikers would descend the embankment, but a few hundred feet downhill, where vehicles would approach the water, a sign says "no trespassing", "keep out". Per Sierra Steve on 6/17/15 : Cow pond on Kelso Rd is murky but the stream going in is clear, ~0.25 - 0.5L/minute.						
<b>SECTION F CLOSURE (7/11/19) - PCT reopened between Hwy 58 (Mile 566.5) and Kelso Valley Road (Mile 615.9).</b> <a href="https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/trail-condition/trail-closure-california-section-f/">https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/trail-condition/trail-closure-california-section-f/</a> <a href="http://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/kcso-investigating-incident-involving-search-and-rescue-crews">http://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/kcso-investigating-incident-involving-search-and-rescue-crews</a> <b>7/11/17 : <a href="http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/07/11/pacific-crest-trail-reopens-after-armed-holdup-rescuers.html">http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/07/11/pacific-crest-trail-reopens-after-armed-holdup-rescuers.html</a></b> <b>7/8/17 : So.CAL TRAIL CLOSURE in SECTION F: Saturday evening, July 8, the Kern County Sheriff's Department (KCSCO) initiated a public safety closure of the Pacific Crest Trail between Hwy 58 (east of Tehachapi) and Kelso Valley road (Mile 566-616). This is in response to the armed robberies of a civilian user and civilian members of the KCSCO search and rescue team, which occurred on the PCT. KCSCO has posted closure signs at the above locations, and will be initiating a law enforcement response to address this criminal activity. The closure will lifted by KCSCO after the threat has been mitigated.</b>						
F8	620	WR620	<b>**Willow Spring</b> <i>[1.4 mi N of PCT down gully]</i> - <i>We are especially interested in water reports about this location. Please send info.</i>	There are 2 options here, the first is a pond full of leaves inside the barbed wire. The second is a sort of a well with a faucet. The water in the faucet ran out quickly and I was able to refill 1.5L. You can identify this faucet by a rock placed on it's trigger preventing the water to flow.	8/17/17	Dusty
Willow Spring can be reached as a 3.2 mile alternate bypassing 1.9 miles of the PCT. Follow the unsigned gully at PCT mile 620.03 [wooden PCT posts and Carsonite PCT markers are on either side of this gully] for 1.4 miles N to unpaved Dove Spring Canyon Rd [SC103]. The gully is mostly easy walking, but does have 2 or 3 short boulder scrambles that some hikers will find uncomfortable. After reaching SC103, walk right [SE] for 2/10 mile to reach Willow Spring. From WR620 continue 1.6 miles SE on SC103 to rejoin the PCT at mile 621.9. Skillful navigators can walk cross country east toward WR620 2/10 mile before the gully reaches SC103, shortening the alternate by about 4/10 mile. It can be difficult to find the correct point to exit the gully before reaching SC103 because your view is blocked in the gully. Spring has faucet and cattle trough outside of fenced spring, look for the only willow trees at the spring location. - If you would rather not hike down the gully, continue on the PCT to RD0622 and then follow SC103 1.6 NW miles to Willow Spring.						
F8	621.9	RD0622	Dove Spring Canyon Rd [SC103]	<b>6/2/17 (Scott) :</b> Dove Spring, entry RD0622, is way more than 2 miles from the trail down dove spring canyon road - 3.1 by my odometer. There's a large fenced-off reedy area that presumably has water at the spiderweb junction of roads where sc103 turns south, away from the draw, but there's water flowing over road sc328 just further down the draw, and a full trough of green water 0.1 miles down the draw - on google maps or guthook you will see it marked by a little pond (the pond is dry). I would draw water where it flows across the road. <b>11/13/16 (Shasta) :</b> About two miles south of the pct on Dove Springs Road, overflowing and tastes great. ----- Access to Willow Spring WR620, 1.6 miles NW on road SC103, see WR620 above.	6/2/17	Scott
F8	625.5	RD0626	SC47			
F9	630.8	RD0631	Bird Spring Pass	<b>10/16/17 (Whistler) :</b> 55 gallons. <b>10/16/17 (Gretel ~ American Idol) :</b> plenty of water cache still here. Around 70 gallons. <b>9/24/17 (Righteous) :</b> still close to 100 gallons. <b>9/14/17 (Jimhandy) :</b> over 100 gallons cached here. <b>9/10/17 (Warrior) :</b> still close to 100 gallons. <b>8/29/17 (Thomas) :</b> Water cache was restocked recently, guessing over a hundred gallons left. <b>8/19/17 (Warrior &amp; Badfish) :</b> Warrior and BadFish stocked the water cache at Bird Spring Pass. There's over 140 gallons of water out there as of today!	10/16/17	Whistler, Gretel ~ American Idol
<b>6/17/17 (Refill) :</b> hiked the alternate (road hiking) described by Scott 5/22/16. I'm giving Lat, long for precision. You should probably convert it into trail/alternate mile markers and feet+directionals. It's very difficult for me to do that on my phone. And as always, thanks for helping everyone out. * Lat 35.47954 Lon -118.21303 moderate flow, easy to access. No room for camping. Continue on road, north. (Do not try to navigate the riverbed going north because the overgrowth makes it impassable.) Traffic on the main (Kelso Valley) road is 1 car/motorcycle every ~2 hours. * Lat 35.48828 Lon -118.20460 Another potential access point, with lots of flat space for camping on the river bed. It should be possible to access the river here, but I didn't actually try it. To get there, there is a break in the fence for pedestrians. After going through, head south toward the wide-open flat area. (Don't head north because there is a large washout blocking the way.) * Lat 35.50124 Lon -118.20408 Another break in the fence for pedestrians. Difficult to access river, but doable. Follow the trail by the road north for a little ways until you see it going down by the river. Collection point is Lat 35.50245 Lon -118.20434 . Very strong flow with green algae on sides of banks in some areas. I drank this after filtering and was fine. * I completely missed the water source at 8109 S Kelso Valley Road due to my mapping softwares not being able to locate the address. Also, there is no AT&T coverage at least 15 miles before or after the town (mile 600-630 and beyond). * Lat 35.55880 Lon -118.18297 These are more precise coordinates of the cow pond / water tower which is already described in the water report. I didn't fill up here, though. The water tower is tall enough to cast much needed shade. <b>8/13/16 (Linda) :</b> Current cow pond west 3.8 miles down from Bird Spring Rd crossing (or on Bird Spring Pass Rd [SC 120] about 1 mile east from Kelso Valley Rd) seems to be perennial water source. <b>7/2/16 (Scott) :</b> cowponds trail west of bird spring pass and the kelso valley road crossing are just as full in july as they were in may. <b>6/17/16 (Linda) :</b> Cow pond 2.8 miles west of trail crossing: Access through dirt driveway thru barbed wire fence. Old stone tank next to pond. Pond surrounded by small willow trees. Pond deep with water. <b>5/22/16 (Scott) :</b> Plenty of water at a cow pond 3.8 miles trail-west (WNW) of Bird Spring Pass (RD0631); just follow the road until you see the metal silo and water next to it (a few hundred feet off-road). This one lacks no trespassing signs, and implicitly invites hikers to use it by cautioning them to preserve the water source by camping at minimum distance from it. Long way to go for water, but probably reliable even when Yellow Jacket Spring and McIvers Spring are dry. One could even do a big alternate, bypassing 15 trail miles, down Kelso Valley Road and up Bird Spring Canyon Road, passing both sources.						



F10	637	WR637	Yellow Jacket Spring [seep, signed Scodie Trail 0.7 mi NW]	6/12/17 (Numbers): The best place to dig for water appears to be approx 25 feet upstream from empty trough. Dig a few inches down, wait for silt to settle, then use scoop. Water is clear after silt settles, and a few gallons are already available at the surface. Trough is located at lat/lon 35.59442, -118.12763. Reasonably easy to find from the campsite at 638.4 using map and gps, but would be difficult otherwise. If you're using guthook, follow the faint blue line that extends west from the campsite until you are just south of the icon for yellow jacket spring, then go north. It's not difficult. 5/9/17 (Mike T): Stream dry. Could not find spring. Would not recommend.	6/12/17	Numbers
We are especially interested in water reports about this location. Please send info. A sign on PCT says it's a seep & instructs hikers to dig a hole in the mud & let it fill up. At times, this spring can have a good flow. At the spring is a small sloping swampy meadow. Face downhill, keeping right of center, you can easily find clean, flowing water in early June of a moderate snowfall year. (not hard to find, just not as easy as a trough with a pipe).						
F12	644.1	WR644	Mclvers Spring [unmarked jct, 2/10 mi E, usually dry the past few years]	10/16/17 (Gretel ~ American Idol) : Spring still flowing from pipe. Metallic taste, but not terrible. SOBO's turn left at dirt road, walk 1/4 mile to find spring at the cabin. 10/15/17 (Whistler) : slow flow from pipe. 9/25/17 (Dysk) : Flowing 2/3 lpm, slight iron taste 9/9/17 (Warrior) : 0.5L/min & tasted fine. 8/30/17 (Thomas) : Water runs slowly at 0.25l/min, strong iron taste. 8/16/17 (Dusty) : strong flow, ~1L per minute	10/16/17	Gretel ~ American Idol
When PCT turns off to left [N], continue straight on road to Mclvers Spring and cabin. If no flow from pipe below cabin, may be small seep on ground ~50 ft upstream. The cabin and spring are heavily used by OHV'ers and hunters. Sadly, this isn't the nicest place for camping, as the cabin is dirty and run down and water is often fouled.						
	643.45		Seasonal Stream	no longer flowing across the road. Small pools are along side the road however they're pretty gross.	6/5/17	Shakedown
F11	651.3	CS0651	Walker Pass Trailhead Campground [0.1 mi N, also Onyx town 17.6 mi W]	10/14/17 (Whistler) : strong flow into concrete tank. 9/21/17 (Ryne) : flowing at good rate into square cistern with tall grass. Suggest collecting from inlet pipe rather than outlet.	10/14/17	Whistler
If water is off at the campground a spring-fed 9-ft-square concrete cistern can be found 0.14 mile down the highway. Follow campground spur road to CA-178; turn L, follow highway downhill & around curve to R; just before curve warning sign [Near 30mph sign], an unpaved road downhill to L will appear; you can see low concrete trough to left from highway; walk down to it (dry); listen for running H2O to L; walk thru brush to 2nd low box (dry); but in 3rd, tall concrete box h2o flows from pipe at top edge. There may also be water in Canebrake Creek 1.8 miles west down Highway 178.						
F11	652	Hwy178	Hwy 178 (Walker Pass)	Walker Pass Rd at the gate on south side of rd 651.9, TA left 2 gallon bottles of water. Only 1 gallon left on Sunday morn 15th Oct Gate is at 651.9	10/15/17	Gretel ~ American Idol
Rita and Rick at Walker Pass Ranch are offering water in addition to hosting, shower, food, and rides. Directions are in logbook at Walker Pass. Take 178 west for 2 miles until it crosses Canebrake Creek, go 100 yds past it to first group of driveways on the left. Follow signs to Walker Pass Ranch. Guest house will be first house on the left, main house is just up the hill. Dogs are the doorman. \$20/night requested donation.						
<b>California Section G: Highway 178 at Walker Pass to Crabtree Meadow near Mt. Whitney</b>						
G2	663.5	WR664	Stream past rough dirt road [seasonal]	10/15/17 (Gretel ~ American Idol) : Not good. Water across trail smells like a sewer dump. Did not fill up. If you do- I'd suggest filter 10 times – (then maybe you might survive!). 10/13/17 (Unnamed) : Flowing slowly but plenty of good water. 10/3/17 (Watertank) : plenty of flow.	10/15/17	Gretel ~ American Idol
G2	663.8	WR664B	<b>**Joshua Tree Spring [0.25 mi SW]</b> - <i>We are especially interested in water reports about this location. Please send info.</i>	10/20/17 (barrybarrykix) : flowing great at least 3 liters per minute. 10/14/17 (Whistler) : Strong flow from pipe. 0/3/17 (Watertank) : 6 LPM flowing clear and cold.	10/20/17	barrybarrykix
BLM website and other reports warn of uranium in Joshua Tree Spring. Spoke to Mr. Larson of BLM Bakersfield. According to him most water sources in the Sierras contain uranium in different levels, but most springs are not tested. This one is tested and the uranium level is above the drinking water limit (designed for a lifelong intake in a typical household). Everybody has to judge for himself, but Mr. Larson would personally drink it if treated for the normal bugs while on the PCT. - Joerg 9/8/13						
<b>Note: There are several stream crossings in the Spanish Needle Creek area. It is possible to confuse which crossing you are at. If you find good water, don't pass it if you need it, as the next branch of the creek might be dry!</b>						
G2	668.7	WR669	Branch of Spanish Needle Creek [1st crossing]	10/14/17 (Gretel ~ American Idol) : still flowing across trail. Easy collect. 10/2/17 (Watertank) : All 4 crossings of Spanish Needle Creek has water flow, although the furthest south crossing is best. I needed to prefilter the debris out of the water at the furthest south crossing location.	10/14/17	Gretel ~ American Idol
G2	669.4	WA669B	Spanish Needle Creek (2nd crossing)	Very shallow puddles below trail. Basically dry.	9/22/17	Ryne
<b>A note about trail condition from I-Beam on 5/4/17:</b> From Walker Pass to mile 669.4 (the second crossing of Spanish Needle Creek). The trail is in good shape. A trail crew has been through there and cleared all of the downed trees. However, it looks like they stopped at Mile 669.4. From 669.4 to Chimney Creek, mile 680.8, there are over 100 trees across the trail. You can get around or over them, but it really slows you down and is exhausting. I don't think a horse could make it through. 5/28/17 (Judd): The blowdowns have been cleared after WA669B						
G2	670	WR670	<b>**Spring-fed branch of Spanish Needle Crk [3rd crossing, usually the largest]</b>	10/14/17 (Gretel ~ American Idol) : miles 669 & 670 --> There are 2 sources between here. 100 Birds were having a kumbaya session in the 1 near 670, so didn't fill up. The next one south at 669 though was trickling across trail. 9/22/17 (Ryne) : Slow flow across trail and through brush. 2L/min. Clear.	10/14/17	Gretel ~ American Idol
G2	670.2	WR670B	Spanish Needle Crk [4th crossing]	Slow trickle and muddy pool on trail.	9/22/17	Ryne
	678.37			Dry	7/23/17	Blistered Goat
	696.87			Stream with strong flow, clearer water than the Kern R.	5/12/17	Dalem

G3	680.8	WR681	Chimney Crk [seasonal] Easiest access is from S side of draw. Walk about 50 yds N and turn L.	<b>10/14/17</b> (Gretel ~ American Idol) : Chimney creek is dry, but SOBOs should cross the dry creek bed, turn left straight away (follow sand path), then walk about 30- 50feet along creek- There are numerous entry points in the dry sticks/trees. Mega bushwack! Keep searching to find small cold pools. Water is fine, needs a scoop though. <b>10/12/17</b> (Unnamed) : Small pool in willows immediately east of trail. stick sign for H2O on ground. <b>10/1/17</b> (Watertank) : Pool just south of road crossing in willows NE of trail still has flow into it.	10/14/17	Gretel ~ American Idol
G3	680.9	RD0681	Chimney Crk Campgrd [3/10 mi NE]	9/8/17 ADL: Water faucet in Chimney Creek CG @ site 36 is On but about a mile walk up the CG road. Has a strong mineral taste. ----- 7/21/17 Judy: Just spoke to guy at BLM who assured me that the faucet at Chimney Creek CG is on and working. They turned it on sometime in June. Also in an emergency he said that even if Chimney Creek was dry at the PCT crossing you could go up to campground and follow the Chimney Creek trail (starts near cattle guard) and there is permanent pool that he had never seen dry even last year. Water should be on and available through early October or so Chimney creek is also a fairly reliable non-potable water source when the faucet is off. I've found reliable water where it crosses the old chimney creek trail just before the cattle guard in the campground (about halfway down the campground road on the left).	9/8/17	ADL
PCT crosses seasonal Chimney Creek before Canebrake Rd. 3/4 mile up from campground kiosk a spigot can be found near campsite #36.						
G4	683.1	WR683	<i>*Fox Mill Spring</i>	<b>10/14/17</b> (Gretel ~ American Idol) : still flowing well. I'd advise SOBO's collect here and carry, avoiding Chimney Creek. Chimney will be dry very soon. <b>10/13/17</b> (Whistler) : Flowing. <b>10/1/17</b> (Watertank) : 2 LPM Clear and Cold.	10/14/17	Gretel ~ American Idol
There is usually a nice small flow stream behind the Fox Mill Spring tank. Keep following the trail past the tank for about 30 ft and you will see it.						
G5	693.5	WR694	First creek in Rockhouse Basin [Manter Creek]	Dry ----- <b>6/27/17 (Rabbit) : Beware of a very persistent bear here who is not afraid of humans and will eat you food.</b>	9/24/17	Dysk
G6	697.9	WR699	<i>*South Fork Kern River</i>	<b>10/12/17</b> (Unnamed) : Flowing strong. <b>9/23/17</b> (Ryne) : Good flow, cold and clear	10/12/17	Unnamed
	698.63		Seasonal Stream	clear, cool running stream, about a foot wide.	6/26/17	Pika & LaundryMat
G6	702.2	KMStore	<i>**Kennedy Meadows General Store [1/2 mi SE from bridge]</i>	Water is on while store is open, M-F 11-4, Weekends 9-5 ----- 6/14/16 (Six2) : Good cold water at spigot, near gas tanks by the deck, turned off at night. ----- Spigot located across from women's restroom to the left of the trail when going NoBo (Hours vary, but usually 9-5 during hiker season)	9/29/16	The Grateful Red
G7	704.7	KennedyMdwCG	Kennedy Meadows Campground	Water is off, perhaps permanently. Access the South Fork Kern River to the immediate west of the campground or by hiking about a half mile north on the trail. ----- 6/5/16 (Orion) : Faucets off, water available at South Fork Kern River approximately 0.5 miles up trail - no fee to camp, but donations requested to go to Kennedy Meadows General Store, who are maintaining campground as a favor, according to sign at campground entrance road.	6/20/16	Rustic
G7	706.6	WA0707	<i>**S Fork Kern River [bridge]</i>	Bountiful. Cold and clear.	9/24/17	Ryne
G8	708.6	WA709	Crag Creek	Flowing well >3L min. Cool and clear and about a foot wide across trail. No indication of worm like critters mentioned by Refill on 6.29.	9/24/17	Ryne
G8	709.5	CS0710	Campsite 200 feet W of trail	Crag creek decent clear water but low flow.	7/23/17	Brightside & Wit
	~713.4		Seasonal Creek	Weak flow. Need scoop.	7/23/17	Brightside & Wit
G9	713.7	WA0714	<i>**Spring, trough, near Beck Mdw</i>	Trough dry. Small trickle out of the grass into pool 20 yards east of trough. Flow approx 1L/min. Cold. Fresh cow pies in the vicinity and herd of cattle grazing in the meadow.	9/24/17	Ryne
G9	716.5	WACS0716	<i>**South Fork Kern River</i>	Bountiful. Cold and clear. ----- Gather upstream from bridge b/c of sparrow poop.	9/24/17	Ryne
	718.7		Seasonal Creek	Dry	9/24/17	Ryne
G10	719.2	WACS0719	Cow Creek	Cold and clear. 3L/min.	9/24/17	Ryne
G10	719.8	WA0720	Cow Creek	Cold and clear. 3L/min.	9/24/17	Ryne
G10	721.6	WA0722	<i>**Cow Creek</i>	Good flow	10/5/17	Numbers
G10	724.6		Spring below PCT	running strong	6/8/17	Janos
G11	727	WA0727	Creek	Good flow	10/5/17	Numbers
G11	728.1	WA0728	Seasonal creek	Good flow, but rather unappetizing water	10/5/17	Numbers
G11	730.8	WACS0731	Death Canyon Creek	Good flow	10/5/17	Numbers

G11	730.8	WA731B	<b>**Spring [2/10 mile NE of PCT]</b>	small, clear flow	6/11/17	HoneyBee & Django
G12	736.4	WA0736	Spring, 3/10 mile N of PCT	Dry	5/2/15	Mountain Education
G13	741.7	WACS0742	<b>**Diaz Creek</b>	Strong flow clear warmish water. Note sharing creek with a herd of cows.	7/25/17	Brightside & Wit
G13	743	WA0743	Dutch Meadow Spring	good flow ----- 6/20/15 (Rustic) : Low flow; follow unsigned use trail to the left of horse corral & listen for sound of running water below	6/21/16	Donald
<b>6/3/17 (Scott) : Horseshoe Meadows Campground is now open</b> , water spigots on, cars of weekend campers already in the parking lot <b>5/27/18 (Optimistic Turtle) :</b> I hiked out 1st Mulkey pass to Horseshoe Meadows. Go across river can via a wood near snow field. But I was too scared due to my pack was too heavy. So I ford the river by walking about a mile to find a safe crossing. The water will get more for sure. Road ( <b>Horseshoe Meadows Road</b> ) was open, gate to campground was closed, but dayhikes parked right outside the gate. It was easy hitch. 5/23/16 ; Per Rebo --> Plenty of water in Horseshoe Meadows.						
G13	746.8	WA0747	<b>**Poison Meadow Spring</b>	Good flow	10/5/17	Numbers
G14	750.8	WA0751	<b>**Chicken Spring Lake Outflow</b>	Lake is full. Useable flow from outlet at trail.	10/5/17	Numbers
G15	759.4	WA0759	Creek	Good flow	10/5/17	Numbers
	760		Rock Creek	See Snow Report Page.		
		WA0762	Guyot Creek	See Snow Report Page.		
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