

# Pacific Crest Trail Snow & Ford Report

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**PASSES : Camp high and start early to get up and over the pass before the snow gets slushy and post-holing occurs.**

**FORDS : Cross high water level crossings early in the morning. It can be multiple feet higher later in the day.**

**IMPORTANT WEBSITES:**

**CALTRANS (Road Conditions in the Sierra) -->** <http://www.dot.ca.gov/>

**SEQUOIA / KINGS CANYON (SEKI) TRAIL CONDITIONS PAGE -->** <https://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/trailcond.htm>

Map	Mile	Elevation	Location	Report	Date	Reported By
	178.0	8,619	South Ridge Trail	No snow.	4/25/18	Cloud Rider
			San Jacinto Peak	From the top of Mt San Jacinto. I have good AT&T and weak T-Mobile signal here. I started from Humbar Park and made it here without using microspikes or ice axe without any problems.	3/28/18	Super Vegan
B9,10	~179-190	~8,000-9,000	Mt San Jacinto, Fuller Ridge	<b>5/17/18</b> : No snow. <b>4/25/18</b> (Cloud Rider) : Trail is snow free on San Jacinto. <b>4/9/18</b> (Rebo) : Fuller Ridge is Clear no snow. <b>4/8/18</b> (Cups) : No need for microspikes to navigate between Saddle Junction and I-10 as there is very little snow on the trail. So different than 2016!	5/17/18	
C13	313.6	WR0314	<b>**Deep Creek ford</b>			
D4	377.9	9,390	Mt Baden Powell	<b>5/8/18</b> (Cloud Rider) : No snow. <b>5/2/18</b> (Phoenix) : It snowed on Baden-Powell recently (mile 377.9) but as of 4PM today, 5/2, the trail is almost entirely clear again already. No snow worth being concerned about. <b>4/26/18</b> : No snow on trail.	5/8/18	Cloud Rider
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G13			Road to Lone Pine from Horseshoe Meadows	Road is open.	5/1/18	
G13	744.5	10,385	Mulkey Pass	<b>5/23/18</b> (Lucky Duck) : There is 3-7 inches of fresh snow (depending on where), and it's still snowing currently. <b>5/7/18</b> (Super Vegan) : No snow on the PCT.	5/23/18	Lucky Duck
G13	745.3	10,486	Trail Pass	<b>5/13/18</b> : No snow between PCT and Horseshoe Meadows parking lot. <b>5/7/18</b> (Super Vegan) : Virtually no snow on PCT. I met a group of backpackers who came up from Horseshoe Meadows. They saw some snow on trail but didn't need traction device at all. After 745.3, PCT goes north side of ridge for over a mile. There are lots of snow in that section. Some part is about 3 feet deep and postholing was rather painful. After trail comes back to south side, it gets much easier but there are still large patches you can't walk around.	5/13/18	
G14	750.2	11,132	Cottonwood Pass	Occasional snow patches. I met a hiker who came up from Horseshoe Meadows. She said snow wasn't bad at all and didn't need traction devices.	5/7/18	Super Vegan
<b>5/24/18 (Silver) : Basically zero snow on trail all the way to Rock Creek (couple of 10ft patches that have foot holes well worn in).</b>						
G15	760.5	9,584	Rock Creek	<b>10:49AM</b> : There are multiple logs you can walk on 0.1 to 0.2 miles upstream from PCT. I crossed on a big log 0.2 miles upstream, which I do NOT recommend. If you cross it, you will have to do off trail hiking on marshy terrain. Instead, wait for a log closer to PCT, about 0.1 mile upstream, which has well-worn path on the other side.	5/8/18	Super Vegan
G16	761.8	10,384	Guyot Creek	<b>12:47PM</b> : Crossed dry on a log and rocks at PCT.	5/8/18	Super Vegan
H1	766.3	10,371	Crabtree Meadow / Whitney Creek	<b>3:18PM</b> : I crossed dry on a log 100 ft downstream from PCT because half of the step stones at PCT were under water.	5/8/18	Super Vegan
H1B	767.0	13,612	Mount Whitney / Trail Crest** [Trail Crest ~6 mi E of PCT on trail to Mt Whitney]	Trail snow pretty nonexistent up this point, feet dry at all water crossings. Sunrise hike Mount Whitney was doable. It had snowed about have a foot the day prior, and walking up was difficult because I was the first one. Made it to the top, a few relatively scary snow chutes to cross near the summit that I would probably have wanted an ice axe for. On the way down most of the snow was already melting and by the time I got to the bottom things were starting to melt significantly. There were a few snowfields to cross, and I would still bring my spikes just in case, but as of now the trail is probably 30% covered in snow to the summit .	5/20/18	Good Man Gramps
H1	767.6	13,612	Seasonal Stream			
H1	770.3	10,392	Wallace Creek Ford	<b>5:40PM</b> : I crossed wet at PCT on ankle-deep step stones at 5:40pm.	5/8/18	Super Vegan

H1	771.0	10,700	Wright Creek Ford	<b>5/20/18 @ 12:44AM</b> (Good Man Gramps) : Good flow, dry feet. There's a trail on the south side that follows the river upstream. Good rock hopping options there. <b>5/9/18 @ 5:37AM</b> (Super Vegan) : I crossed dry on rocks, island, and a log 0.10 mile downstream. To find the spot, follow the creek downstream 0.1 mile until you see a big island in the middle of creek, ignoring smaller islands before that. You can see the log from the south side.	5/20/18	Good Man Gramps
H1	774.7	10,934	Tyndall Creek Ford [sometimes difficult]	<b>5/20/18 @ 12:30PM</b> (Good Man Gramps) : Forging OK. <b>5/9/18</b> (Super Vegan) : It was raging at PCT crossing point. I crossed it wet about 0.2 miles upstream where the creek is divided into three tributaries. Two of them were under snow coverage (i.e. snow-bridged), so I had to deal with only a third amount of water. It was knee deep flowing slowly there.	5/20/18	Good Man Gramps
H3	779.5	13,118	Forester Pass	<b>5/17/18</b> : Final ascent over pass requires Microspikes and iceaxe. <b>5/9/18</b> (Spacejam) : I recommend starting early to avoid postholing coming down the north side in the afternoon. There are patches of dry ground at mile 783.06 and just before that you can camp on until the snow hardens up. Ice axe & micro spikes used but crampons would be best. <b>5/5/18</b> (Austin) : See blog report of 5/5/18 Forester Pass crossing at <a href="http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday46/">http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday46/</a>	5/17/18	
H3	~781.7	11,666	Creek draining center basin north of Forester Pass			
H3	784.0	10,536	Bubbs Creek Ford			
H4	787.3	9,563	Cedar Grove Trail Junction (potential exit point to Roads End) ----- <b>CALTRANS HWY 180 STATUS --&gt;</b> <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=180&amp;submit=Search">http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=180&amp;submit=Search</a>	5/19/18 : Hwy 180 is open. ----- <b>This is your last chance to exit the Sierra westbound (for a long time) via Roads End / Hwy 180 as the bridge ~6 miles west of the PCT from the Woods Creek bridge (Mile 799.8) is OUT. This bridge is not on the PCT but if you decide to exit the Sierra at Woods Creek heading towards Roads End you will not be able to cross the South Fork of the Kings River at the damaged bridge. If you go over Glen Pass northbound and decide to exit the Sierra after Glen Pass you will have to exit eastbound over Baxter, Sawmill, Taboose, or Bishop Pass which are all higher in elevation from the PCT.</b>	5/19/18	CALTRANS (Department of Transportation)
H4	788.9	11,790	Kearsarge Pass** [2.9 mi E of PCT on trail to Onion Valley/Independence, CA]	<b>5/10/18</b> (Spacejam) : Snowfields on about 50% of the bullfrog lake trail, last .8 miles of the climb is snow free. Deep snow on the east side for ~2 miles coming down from the pass, then clear. <b>5/6/18</b> (Austin) : See blog report of 5/6/18 Kearsarge Pass crossing at <a href="http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday47/">http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday47/</a>	5/10/18	Spacejam
H5	791.0	11,946	Glen Pass	<b>5/15/18</b> (Austin) : See blog report at <a href="http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday51/">http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday51/</a>	5/15/18	Austin
H5	793.0	10,548	Upper Rae Lakes outlet			
H6	795.5	10,314	Arrowhead Lake outlet			
H6	797.1	9,524	Baxter Creek			
H6	799.8	8,532	Woods Creek Suspension Bridge	----- <b>The bridge ~6 miles west of the PCT from the Woods Creek bridge is OUT. This bridge is not on the PCT but if you decide to exit the Sierra at Woods Creek heading towards Roads End / Hwy 180 you will not be able to cross the South Fork of the Kings River at the damaged bridge.</b> <b>PCTA (4/13/18)</b> : The South Fork Kings River Bridge above Paradise Valley washed out during the winter of 2016-2017. Construction of a replacement bridge will not begin before 2019. Depending on conditions, crossing the South Fork of the Kings River can be extremely hazardous. Observe conditions carefully and then evaluate the risk of crossing. Be prepared to turn back. If you hike the Rae Lakes Loop beginning from Bubbs Creek, plan for the possibility that you may have to backtrack to safely reach Cedar Grove.		
H6	801.1	9,103	WR801, White Fork Creek			
H7	807.1	12,142	Pinchot Pass	<b>5/16/18</b> (Austin) : See blog report at <a href="http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday53/">http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday53/</a>	5/16/18	Austin
H8	811.4	10,040	S Fork Kings River Ford [sometimes difficult]	----- <b>Please be very careful while attempting this crossing. A PCT hiker in 2017 passed away close to this crossing. Her body was found downstream from the PCT crossing.</b>		
H9	816.9	12,096	Mather Pass	<b>5/16/18</b> (Austin) : See blog report at <a href="http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday53/">http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday53/</a>	5/16/18	Austin
H11	831.0	8,751	Bishop Pass [6.5 miles east of PCT junction]			

Long stretch of snow on both sides of Muir Pass usually until the July timeframe, be sure to give yourself extra time and avoid mid to late afternoon times due to postholing.

H12	838.6	11,974	Muir Pass	5/17/18 (Austin) : See blog report at <a href="http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday54/">http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday54/</a>	5/17/18	Austin
H14	850.1	9,236	Alternate Evolution Creek Crossing	Crossed here with no problems.	5/17/18	Austin
H14	850.9	9,201	Evolution Creek Ford [sometimes difficult, alternate ford crosses Evolution Creek near mi 850.1]	Take the alternate crossing at Mile 850.1	5/17/18	Austin
H16	865.6	10,910	Selden Pass	5/18/18 (Austin) : See blog report at <a href="http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday56/">http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday56/</a>	5/18/18	Austin
H17	869.2	9,574	Bear Creek	Currently not a problem to cross but levels will rise as more snow melts. ----- <b>This is a notoriously dangerous crossing. You don't have to cross where the PCT crosses Bear Creek. Safer crossing options are often found further upstream.</b>	5/24/18	
H17	870.4	9,345	Hilgard Branch Ford			
H18	874.5	9,874	<b>Trail junction to VVR (VVR another ~7 miles from trail junction)</b> VVR Website : <a href="http://www.edisonlake.com/">http://www.edisonlake.com/</a> Ferry info : <a href="http://www.edisonlake.com/hikers/ferry">http://www.edisonlake.com/hikers/ferry</a>	VVR is open for the season but the ferry is not running until early June.	5/17/18	
H18	879.4	7,972	N Fork Mono Creek Ford			
H19	881.5	8,993	N Fork Mono Creek Ford (2nd Ford)			
H19	882.6	9,694	Silver Pass Creek			
H19	884.9	10,704	Silver Pass	5/19/18 (Austin) : See blog report at <a href="http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday56/">http://notabadplacetopee.com/pctday56/</a>	5/19/18	Austin
H20	888.6	9249	Fish Creek [Steel Bridge]			
H22	906.7	7669	Reds Meadow : <a href="https://www.nps.gov/depo/planyourvisit/hours.htm">https://www.nps.gov/depo/planyourvisit/hours.htm</a> Shuttle Information : <a href="https://www.nps.gov/depo/planyourvisit/reds-meadow-and-devils-postpile-shuttle-information.htm">https://www.nps.gov/depo/planyourvisit/reds-meadow-and-devils-postpile-shuttle-information.htm</a>			
H25	924.6	10,227	Island Pass			
H25	925.9	9,645	Rush Creek Trail junction			
H25	926.9	10,069	Rush Creek Ford			
H25	929.5	11,073	Donohue Pass			
H25	931.2	10,186	Lyell Fork Ford			
	936.0		Ireland Creek			
H27	942.5	8,596	<b>Highway 120</b> CALTRANS : <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=120&amp;submit=Search">http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=120&amp;submit=Search</a>	<b>5/19/18 : CLOSED FROM CRANE FLAT TO 12 MI WEST OF THE JCT OF US 395 /TIOGA PASS/ (TUOLUMNE, MONO CO) - FOR THE WINTER</b>	5/19/18	CALTRANS (Department of Transportation)
	944.2					
I1	947.0	8,303	Wooden Bridge over Tuolumne River			
I1	948.3		Glen Aulin Campground	In Spring 2017, Yosemite Rangers discovered the bridge crossing Conness Creek near Glen Aulin HSC had been washed off its support beams. As of Spring 2018, the bridge has yet to have been rebuilt. This will impact access to hikers planning to spend a night at Glen Aulin. PCT hikers continuing North or South of this area without camping will not be impacted. Work is anticipated to begin early summer.	5/1/18	PCTA
	956.0		McCabe Creek			
I3	956.2	8,531	Ford a Creek (Return Creek)			
	957.3		Spiller Creek			
	962.1		Matterhorn Creek			
I4	963.9-965.3	~9,400	Wilson Creek			
I4	966.4	10,125	Bensen Pass			
	970.5, 971.6, & 972.3		Creek before Paiute Creek			
I4	972.5	~8,000	Paiute creek			
	979.8		Kerrick Creek [sometimes difficult]			
	982.3		Creek in Stubblefield Canyon			
	985.5		Creek in Tilden Canyon			
	987.4		Wide Creek			
I8	997.0	9,531	Doroth Lake Pass N boundary Yosemite NP			
	998.5 & 998.9		Cascade Creek			
	1002.4		Walker River			

	1005.9		Kennedy Canyon Creek			
I10	1016.9	9,655	<b>Sonora Pass [Hwy 108]</b> CALTRANS : <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=108&amp;submit=Search">http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=108&amp;submit=Search</a>	OPEN	5/19/18	CALTRANS (Department of Transportation)
J4	1048.4	8,702	<b>Ebbets Pass [Hwy 4]</b> CALTRANS : <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=4&amp;submit=Search">http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=4&amp;submit=Search</a>	OPEN	5/19/18	CALTRANS (Department of Transportation)
J8	1076.7	8,590	<b>Carson Pass [Hwy 88]</b> CALTRANS : <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=88&amp;submit=Search">http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=88&amp;submit=Search</a>	OPEN	5/19/18	CALTRANS (Department of Transportation)
J10	1090.8	7,241	<b>Highway 50</b> CALTRANS : <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=50&amp;submit=Search">http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=50&amp;submit=Search</a>	OPEN	5/19/18	CALTRANS (Department of Transportation)
K2	1101.6	7,776	Susie Lake outlet			
K2	1102.2	7,682	Glen Alpine trail junction			
K2	1105.7	9,377	Dicks Pass			
K3	1110.1	7,894	Middle Velma Lake Outlet			
K3	1112.8	7,630	Phipps Creek (seasonal)			
K3	1113.4	7,900	Seasonal Creek			
K4	1120.4	7,021	Miller Creek			
K5	1122.1	6,973	Bear Lake Outlet			
K5	1123.2	7,264	Seasonal Creek			
K5	1124.8	7,658	Barker Pass [RD1125]			
K7	1135.9	7,426	Five Lakes Creek			
K7	1139.6	8,120	Headwaters of American River (Middle Fork)			
K9	1157.1	7,114	<b>Donner Pass [I-80]</b> CALTRANS : <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=80&amp;submit=Search">http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi?roadnumber=80&amp;submit=Search</a>	OPEN	5/19/18	CALTRANS (Department of Transportation)
L1	1158.8	7,478	Upper Castle Creek			
L1	1164.4	7,559	Wooden Bridge over Seasonal Stream			

### Oregon

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### Washington

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PASS HIGHWAY STATUS --> <http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes/default.aspx>

	2254-87	~6,000-7,000	Goat Rocks Wilderness			
H20	2292.4	4,409	<b>White Pass [Hwy 12]</b> WA DOT : <a href="http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes/white/default.aspx">http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes/white/default.aspx</a>	OPEN.	5/19/18	WA DOT (Department of Transportation)
I4	2321.0	5,434	<b>Chinook Pass [Hwy 410]</b> WA DOT : <a href="http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes/PassInformation.aspx#chinookpassr410link">http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes/PassInformation.aspx#chinookpassr410link</a>	<b>State Route 410 Chinook Pass is closed for the season. Due to spring snow storms and a construction project in the Mount Rainier National Park, Chinook Pass will not reopen to traffic until June 11. Chinook Pass is closed between Crystal Mountain Boulevard, about 12 miles northwest of the summit, and Morse Creek, five miles east of the summit.</b>	5/19/18	WA DOT (Department of Transportation)
I13	2380.9	3,582	Yakima Pass			
J1	2390.7	3174	<b>Snowqualmie Pass [I-90]</b> WA DOT : <a href="http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes/snoqualmie/default.aspx">http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes/snoqualmie/default.aspx</a>	OPEN.	5/19/18	WA DOT (Department of Transportation)
J5	2438.7	3,806	Potentially difficult Ford			
J6	2445.7	5,933	Piper Pass			
K16	2461.6	4,053	<b>Stevens Pass [Hwy 2]</b> WA DOT : <a href="http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes/stevens/default.aspx">http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes/stevens/default.aspx</a>	OPEN.	5/19/18	WA DOT (Department of Transportation)
K16	2588.9	4,855	<b>Rainy Pass [Hwy 20]</b> WA DOT : <a href="http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/passes/northcascades">http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/passes/northcascades</a>	OPEN.	5/19/18	WA DOT (Department of Transportation)
L1	2593.9	6,837	Cutthroat Pass			
L1	2596.3	6,263	Granite Pass			
L2	2599.3	6,593	Methow Pass			
L3	2609.7	5,581	Glacier Pass			
L4	2619.5	6,188	Harts Pass			
L5	2623.8	6,557	Buffalo Pass			
L5	2624.7	6,273	Windy Pass			
L5	2626.9	6,182	Foggy Pass			

L5	2627.6	6,265	Jim Pass		
L6	2633.0	5,066	Holman Pass		
L6	2636.5	6,502	Rock Pass		
L7	2639.1	6,651	Woody Pass		
L7	2644.0	6,140	Hopkins Pass		
L8	2646.4	5,460	Castle Pass		

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