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**Getting to Campo:** From the San Diego airport, take the [#992 bus](#) to America Plaza, downtown. Bus #992 pickups from both terminals and runs every 10 minutes, during the week. Pay 2.50 and ask for a transfer that will get you to EL Cajon Transit Center—exact change. Takes 10 minutes.

At the America Plaza, take the [Trolley-Orange line](#) going to El Cajon Transit Center. The trolley leaves every 15 minutes. Your bus transfer will get you on free. 50 minutes.

At the El Cajon Transit Center, take the [Southeast Rural Bus #894](#) to Campo. There is no weekend service. Leaves El Cajon transfer station, on weekdays, at 8:30am, 11:45, 3:00pm, 5:45pm and gets to Campo at 10:17am, 1:32pm, 4:54, and 7:33pm. Cost 10.00.

*I have taken the afternoon bus on all 4 times of hiking the PCT and think it works great. I start hiking in the cool afternoon, camp 4 or 5 hours later, get up early and hike into Lake Morena before it gets too hot. If it’s hot out I spend the day in the shade at Lake Morena and continue on when it gets cool.*

It is recommended but not required that you make reservation for the bus ride from El Cajon Transit Center to Campo, Bus #894. To make your reservations call 1-800-858-0291 The Metropolitan Transit system recommends making them at least a day in advance. The bus’s links are to the current schedules.

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*If arriving via Amtrak, American Plaza is across the street from the train station...but if say you are coming from Portland, the train arrives at 1 am and the depot is closed so you have to roam the streets till 5 am when the trolley starts running. I heard that they don't bother people sleeping on the sidewalk. I slept on the sidewalk in front of the trolley station and was not bothered. There were several other homeless people there.*

*This place is close to the train station and was open at 1 am.*

**[500 West Broadway](#)** 866-500-7533

San Diego, CA 92101

**rates from \$49.00 /night**

Approximately **0.1 Miles** from Amtrak San Diego

For more information go to <http://www.sdcommute.com/> Or call 1-800-266-6883

There is a trip planner that will help you figure out how to get to El Cajon transfer station from wherever you land in San Diego. <http://www.sdmts.com/Tripplanner.asp>

I was just sent this( 2014): *Mulestomper & Skypilot aka Carl & Ellen Umland* - I want you to let people know that my wife and I also host hikers and store their vehicles on my property here in San Diego suburbia. We've been doing it since 2004 and work with Scout & Frodo making REI runs and to the trailhead. [cumland@san.rr.com](mailto:cumland@san.rr.com)

Howdy hikers- Time once again to make my trail-angeling announcement in preparation for the influx of hikers to San Diego! My trail name is Girlscout (though I'm a guy). I thru-hiked the PCT in 2006, and since then I've mostly satisfied my hiker-trash fix by hosting incoming hikers (section or thru) at my small house near downtown San Diego. While I can't provide meals, I'm happy to pick you up at the airport (or train/bus station), take you on your last-minute errands, provide an air mattress for you to crash on (either inside or outside, depending on weather and hiker capacity), and get you out to any destination in Section A of the PCT (Campo to Warner Springs). Any donations or tips you manage to sneak past me will be forwarded to the PCTA. I'm flexible most dates during incoming hiker season, but I'll be unavailable from Fri-Sun during ADZPCTKO weekend. Just shoot me an email ([phix at optigan.com](mailto:phix@optigan.com)) with your proposed dates and we'll get the ball rolling! Cheers! Pea Hicks, aka Girlscout

*Ride from the airport: contact Barney and Sandy Mann. Their email is [bmann1 at san.rr.com](mailto:bmann1@san.rr.com). If they can't pick you up, they can put you in contact with other San Diego Trail Angels. -PCT-L also Bob Riess hosts hikers in San Diego [robert.riess@cox.net](mailto:robert.riess@cox.net)*

Also this from the PCT-L 3/02/2011

*We will be hosting PCT hikers and offering rides again this year from our apartment in Chula Vista, eight miles south of San Diego.*

*We can offer hikers a deluxe air mattress in our spare room or a sofa to sleep on, help with last minute errands, and early morning rides to the PCT. Because of work schedules and rush hour gridlock we may not always be able to pick you up at the airport, but a \$5 bus/trolley ride goes from the airport or Amtrak station directly to our door. If you prefer the privacy of your own motel room, we can recommend nearby motels and help with errands and transportation to the trail.*

*We will be hiking April 16 through April 24th, so we can't help then. Maybe we will see you on the trail.*

*Email [[halfmike at pctmap.net](mailto:halfmike@pctmap.net)] and let us know how we can help.*

**o-Campo.** There is a store there. If you need water, get it from the spigot behind the

museum.

**20.6- Lake Morena campground** ...there is campground with bathrooms and showers. Down the road a bit is a small store: Lake Morena Country Market 29801 Oak Drive, Campo, CA 91906-1420(619) 478-9067... Open at 6:30am. I've resupplied out of the store twice. I didn't stop in 2012 but a hiker told me it's mostly sells alcohol now. There was a little food and some microwave burgers for sale. [Map](#)

#### **43-Mt Laguna .4 mile south of trail**

**PO**-91948 (619) 473-8341 M-F 12-4 Sat 9-11

**Mt. Laguna lodge and General Store** is in the same building as the post office. UPS address: 10678 Sunrise Highway, Mt Laguna, CA 91948(619) 473-8533 Will hold packages for 5 dollars. ....

USPS Address:

(Hiker Name)

c/o Laguna Mountain Lodge

PO Box 146

Mount Laguna, CA 91948 – The PCTA has their address listed as : PCT Hiker \_\_\_\_\_, C'O Mount Laguna Lodge, Mount Laguna, Ca 91948

open seven days a week 9-5. I stayed at the lodge once, very basic room and very basic price. I resupplied at the store last 2 times through. They had fuel canisters for sale last time I went through. [Map](#)

*Pine House Cafe & Tavern is a new restaurant on Mount Laguna. Good food, currently open 42.6 A6 Friday evening through Sunday night. May open weekdays during the peak of the PCT season.*

*Located on Sunrise Hwy, just North of the Burnt Rancheria Campground entrance.*

*Pine House phone: 619-473-8857*

*Pine House website: [www.pinehousecafe.com](http://www.pinehousecafe.com) -half mile.*

There is a new outfitter on Mt. Laguna: Laguna Mountain Sport and Supply, about 150 yards south of the Mt. Laguna store/lodge on Sunrise Highway.

10545 Sunrise Hwy

Mount Laguna, California 91948

Phone: 619.473.0450

**77.6 (Scissors Crossing) Julian, Ca 13 mile hitch , a new transportation service based in Julian. The company name is Transit Van Shuttle. It is an on call point-to-point transport service. I've been busy already ferrying hikers, on call, from Scissors Crossing, Mount Laguna and Warner Springs trail heads to and from Julian for rest, renewal and replenishment. The fare between the town and any of these trailhead destinations is \$42 for 1 to 3 passengers, or \$50 above that for a group of up to 8. So there is a savings if hikers strategize to pool resources and coordinate to ride together. We will also transport hikers to other points in California should anyone need quick access or exit from any location where the trail meets the highway—such as the San Diego airport or train station. Rides can be booked from our main office by calling 760-789-7252. My direct cell # is 619-807-834**

**PO**(92036 760-765-2336 M-F 9-4 S 10-12, Groceries, Lodging, drug store, restaurants, library, bus service to the bigger town of Ramona. [Map](#) Last time I by-passed it. There used to be a bus running from Scissors Crossing to Julian but not sure if it's still going. You can get Merrel shoes and Chaco sandals at the general store. Lithium AA batteries for sale at one of the small grocery stores are sold behind the counter. Wi-Fi at the first little coffee

house on the left. [Link to bus system](#)

There are also some RV parks in the other direction. [Map](#)

[Stagecoach Trails RV Park](#), 3-4 miles S of Scissors Crossing has laundry, showers, camp store (come between 9-5 unless staying – tent site \$25; lower PCT rates may be available). Phone: 760-765-2197 Have never stayed here.

**109.6- Warner Springs** PO–92086 (760) 782-3166 The Warner Springs Post Office is open M-F 8-4 & Sa 8-1:30. Everything else in Warner Springs is closed. A bit off trail but you can walk down the road and pickup the PCT on down the trail a bit. The fire house is right off the trail and they offered me water there. There was also a trash can on the trail there. **Also there may be a temporary store open close to the trail by the fire house. Nice for a treat but I don't think I would count on it as it was closed when I went through in 2012.**

**151.3 [Paradise Valley Cafe](#)** is one mile W of the PCT on Hwy 74

The PVC will accept packages mailed by hikers to:

Paradise Valley Cafe

61721 State Highway 74

Mountain Center, CA 92561 Hours: Wed-Mon (8am-8pm) Closed All Day Tue. (May be open on Tues. during hiking season) If you are arriving on a Tuesday, when they are closed, you can call them and ask that they hide your box outside. They may close for two weeks during December. The telephone number is 951-659-FOOD (3663).

There is a water faucet in front for hikers to use when the cafe is closed. It is next to the porch, near the entrance to the cafe.

I know of hikers, who didn't think they would make the restaurant before it closed, who called them and bought food with their Visa card over the phone and asked that the food be left out for them. It was the old owners but worth a try if you are a similar situation.

You can hitch in on Palms to Pine Hwy to Idyllwild or wait for 178.6 to go in. There is a big water carry and lots of uphill so I would recommend going to Idyllwild at 178.6 or better yet send a box to Paradise Cafe and one to the trail angels near Cabazon and skip Idyllwild altogether.

**178.6 [Idyllwild](#)** 2.5 mile hike down Devils Slide Trail +2.6 mile hitch or walk. There is a trail that you can take into town if you don't like hitching. If you don't want to back track you can walk all the way to town, and then take the Deer Springs trail back up to the PCT ...It's a little longer but you don't have to hitch or backtrack.

Idyllwild has stores, motels, restaurants, outfitter, library, campground with showers (3.00) and PO( 92549 951-659-1969 M-F 9-5).

If you want a room, I recommend the [Idyllwild Inn \(888\) 659-2552](#) –very good value –the theme rooms have fireplace, microwave, refrigerator, coffee pot, bathtub, phone, cable, DVD player, and they do your laundry, there is also a hiker box there. Morning rides back to the trailhead. It's close to the PO and everything else. They also accept packages for their guest.

USPS: Idyllwild Inn

Attn: **Your Name Here**

PO Box 515

Idyllwild, CA 92549

FEDEX, UPS, or DHL: Idyllwild Inn

Attn: **Your Name Here**

54300 Village Center DR

Idyllwild, CA 92549

It cost somewhere around 60 dollars a night in 2008 for one person.

*PCT-L The Tahquitz Inn is no more. It closed last year and the property has been bought and reopened as the [Apple Blossom Inn](#). In talking with Lon, the manager, I learned: – will accept hiker packages and hold 30 days – USPS: PO Box 3380, Idyllwild, CA 92549 – UPS & FedEx: 25840 California Scenic Highway 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549 – Basic room rate for two is \$69. They will determine the hiker discount in the future. In some rooms, they will allow up to four hikers. Six in others. – 951-659-1019 or 951-659-0112 –Jim Keener ( J J )*

**209.6 Cabazon** 4.5 mile hitch. Never been. Heard there is a small store and a [PO](#)(92230 951-849-6233 M-F 8:30-4) I heard there is an [outlet mall](#) and a casino near by. I've talked to people who went there and they all said it was a hard hitch.

[Ziggy and the Bear's Trail House](#) are trail angels, formerly from Anza CA, who relocated near Cabazon in fall 210.8 2011. They now live 2/10 mile SE of PCT mile 210.8. Ziggy and the Bear offer water, shade, cowboy camping, Wi-Fi, internet, and they accept hiker resupply packages. Include ETA on your package.

Shipping Instructions: Send your **UPS** and **Fedex** packages to: (YOUR NAME), c/o Paul Miller, 55230 Rockview Drive, Whitewater, CA 92282. Send your **U.S. Postal Service** (aka, the US mail) packages to: (YOUR NAME), c/o Paul Miller, P.O Box 826, Cabazon, CA 92230. ***DUE TO P.O. REGULATIONS WE CAN NOT PICK UP GENERAL DELIVERY PACKAGES SENT TO THE POST OFFICE.*** When using USPS (U.S. mail) send your package at least 3 weeks before you arrive. UPS and Fedex have a better track record than our local mail service.

*Where we are located: About one mile north of Interstate 10 underpass along the PCT you will see a large above-ground water tank about 200 feet east of the trail. We are located in the house closest to the water tank, with a high white fence in the back yard. You can cut cross country 70 yards to the house (there may be an unmarked game trail to follow), or follow the access road past the water tower to the first right, then another right to 55230 Rockview Road. There will be a large flag on a flagpole in front of the house. Total road walk from the trail is about 300 feet.*

According to their website there may be a chance for pizza delivery on Sundays and a Burger King run daily at around noon and they may have hiker foods, pop and candy for sale.

**Phone: 951-849-7506**

Email: [Trailhouse06@yahoo.com](mailto:Trailhouse06@yahoo.com) [include "PCT Hiker" in the subject line]

Website: [whitewaterhikerhouse.blogspot.com](http://whitewaterhikerhouse.blogspot.com)

No drugs, alcohol, smoking or animals allowed on the premises. Ziggy and the Bear are not able to provide transportation however Enterprise Car Rental in Banning [951-922-0515] will pick you up.

**213.4 Mesa Wind farm.** I heard that you can buy bottled water, microwave burritos, and ice cream from them. I have never stopped there. M-F 6am-2pm

**265.3 Big Bear City** 5 mile hitch hwy 18. PO, grocery stores, motels, restaurants, etc. There is a hourly bus that runs the 3 miles between Big Bear City and Big bear lake cost 1

dollar. The Motel 6 in Big Bear City doesn't have bathtubs. I heard that the laundromat in Big Bear city is currently closed. Last time through I sent a box to the Ziggy's and The Bear in Cabazon and was able to skip Big Bear.

Motel 6

[Website](#)

Motel 6, box 132806

Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Located about one mile west of the Big Bear City post office on Big Bear Blvd. PCT hikers get a 10% discount. Accepts resupply boxes with no charge. If you're sending by UPS or FEDEX, send it to: Motel 6, 42899 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. Has a hiker register, hiker box and laundry.

909-866-8900 [Big Bear Hostel](#) will shuttle hikers to/from trail heads if called, accepts hiker packages The Big Bear area no longer has an outfitter but the Big Bear hostel [909-866-8900] plans on selling fuel canisters and maybe a few other gear items.

[www.bigbearhostel.com](http://www.bigbearhostel.com)

2010 PCT Hiker Dorm Prices: 1st night **\$20**, 2nd Night **\$15**, 3rd night onwards **ONLY \$10/night!** (+tax) We have private rooms for 1-8 people too! **\$23/thru hiker.**

Packages sent via US MAIL must go to our PO BOX:

Your Name

C/O Big Bear Hostel

PO BOX 1951

Big Bear Lake, CA 92315-1951

Packages sent via UPS or common carrier go to our physical address:

Your Name

C/O Big Bear Hostel

541 Knickerbocker Road (office)

Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

877-585-2226 Natures Inn Hiker friendly motel; [www.naturesinnatbigbearlake.com](http://www.naturesinnatbigbearlake.com)

909-878-5200 MARTA – Big Bear Bus Service [www.marta.cc/local.html](http://www.marta.cc/local.html)

#909-528-7858 Kimberly has a sewing repair biz in Big Bear. She is available for hiker repairs. --PCT-L

[Bear City Post Office](#) 909|585|7132 Open M-F 9:00-4:30 They used to be open for package pickup for one hour on Sat. Call to verify.

(Hiker Name)

c/o General Delivery

Big Bear City, CA 92314

909-866-1035 [Big Bear Lake Post Office](#) ( Lake, not City) Open M-F 8:30-5:00 & Sat 10:00-12:00

(Hiker Name)

c/o General Delivery

Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

**Almost) Free Big Bear Cabin for PCT Hikers (never stayed here) For PCT hikers only! For \$5 per person per night, get a hot shower, soft bed, and safe place to stow gear**



while you recharge/restock in town. 1870 gold-rush cabin updated to modern spec. Two bedrooms—can sleep 8 if you're friendly. Located in Erwin Lake area, about two miles west of PCT (for online map, enter "1071 G Lane, Big Bear City"). Public bus stop three blocks away. Contact Mike at [skyranch1@gmail.com](mailto:skyranch1@gmail.com)

**274 Big Bear City** 4 mile walk or hitch down the dirt road Van Dusen Canyon Rd. I went in this way once and did catch a ride—actually quicker than on the highway but could be tough.

### **Big Bear trail angel- Papa Smurf 909-800-7028**

*Steve and Sandy Teutschman started angeling in 2012. They are available from April 1 until mid-November to pick up hikers, bring them to their home or into town. They provide camping and 3 bunks inside, plus space as needed inside when the weather is bad. Laundry, showers, food. Contact: Papa Smurf 909-800-7028 or Mtn Mama 909-800-7029  
Deep Creek trail angel EKO 661-718-9921*

**342 Cajon Pass** .4 mile off trail. Best Western motel—760-249-6777, McDonalds, Subway, Taco Del Mar, 2 convenience stores. The motel is a very good value, has laundry, a pool, breakfast bar, and accepts packages for its guest- \$59 Friendly. One of the convenience stores has the best selection of trail bars on the trail. There is plenty of food to resupply with in the little stores if you are creative: cheese, bars, fruit, chips, etc.

(Hiker Name)

c/o Best Western Cajon Pass  
8317 US Highway 138  
Phelan, CA 92371

**369.5 Wrightwood** 5 mile hitch. Has restaurants, motels, grocery store, a **hardware store that accepts packages**, a PO(92397 760-249-8882 M-F 8:45-5), and trail angels that let you stay with them. To find the trail angels ask at the **hardware store**. Mountain Hardware—760-249-3653 8:30-5:30 every day **USPS** address: C/O Mountain Hardware, PO Box 398, Wrightwood, CA 92397 **UPS**: C/O Mountain Hardware, 1390 Highway 2, Wrightwood, CA 92397 Last time through I sent a box to Cajon Pass and skipped Wrightwood.

*Poodle-Dog Bush is found frequently in the Station Fire burn area and other burn areas of southern California. This year hikers are reporting bad Poodle-Dog Bush on the PCT starting around either mile 419 or 421 or 425 and extending through Messenger Flat at mile 430.6. To avoid Poodle-Dog Bush, some hikers are detouring off the PCT either at Mount Gleason Rd [mile 421.4] or the dirt road at mile 425.1 [follow the dirt road 4/10 mile S to Mount Gleason Rd] and then following Mount Gleason Rd to Messenger Flat. The Mount Gleason Rd to Messenger Flat alternate is 7.6 miles.*

I hiked through lots of poodle dog bush and got no reaction to it... neither did any hiker I met...

**444.** KOA. There is a reduced rate for hikers, plus laundry and showers at the KOA [sadiq@gpmusa.net](mailto:sadiq@gpmusa.net)

The Acton KOA is a hiker-friendly campground 2/10 mile E of the PCT. The KOA has hiker camping [\$5 per person, includes hot showers], shade trees, swimming pool, coin laundry [\$2.50 per load], Wi-Fi, and a small store. Store hours: 9- 6/ open to 9pm "when things pick up" seven days a week.

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.- Acton KOA phone: 661-268-1214 Acton KOA website: [www.acton-koa.com](http://www.acton-koa.com) -halfmile  
The Acton Metrolink Station [commuter train service to Los Angeles and Lancaster] is 9.7 miles 444.2 D11 NE on Soledad Canyon Rd, then 1.3 miles NE on Sierra Hwy.  
[[www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com), 800- 371-5465] Midvalley Yellow Cab in Palmdale serves the Acton area. 661-225-9797

The place that delivers pizza and salads is Acton Pizza Place (661) 269-0096 Also the Bistro in Acton delivers Italian, Chinese, Mexican, and American food to the KOA.

**454.4 Aqua Dulce**—Mid-sized store, restaurants, hardware store, Pizza Parlor. 2012 grocery hours 7am-9pm 7 days a week.

**454.4 Hiker Heaven**—**Trail angel** offers: package holding, package mailing, showers, laundry, coordinates rides to REI, Internet, wifi. It's a mile off trail. She's really great but it can be an overwhelming hiker scene if you are northbound. I've been there four times, by-passed it once.

*PCT Hiker (your name)*

*c/o The Saufley's*

*11861 Darling Road*

*Agua Dulce, CA 91390 phone:661.268.1235*

**478.6 Casa De Luna—trail angels** A few miles off trail. Good hugs and taco salad. PCT Hiker (Your Name) c/o The Anderson's

15933 Calle El Capitan Green Valley, CA 91390 Easy to get a hitch to their house as they are well know for hosting hikers. Taco salad in the evening, pancakes in the morning. Some hikers have a problem leaving this place—vortex.

**485.7 Lake Hughes** a small community 2.1 miles N of the PCT with a post office, pay phone, small store and the Historic Rock Inn [[www.historicrockinn.com](http://www.historicrockinn.com); 661-724-1855] a restaurant popular with motorcycle riders that has 3 small motel rooms. Lake Hughes Post Office [open M-F 8-12:30 & 1:30-5; 661-724-9281] -Halfmile I have never been here.

### **518.5 Hiker Town**

On trail hiker hostel. Accepts packages. Highway138@gmail.com

Hikertown

26803 W. Ave. C-15

Lancaster, Ca.93536

In 2012 there was pop for sale for 1 dollar, a big bowl of ice cream for 2 dollars and a full dinner with drink and desert for 10 dollars, overnight stays 10 dollars. They are asking for a small donation for holding your box this year.

Showers, laundry, lodging, Internet, wi-fi, private rooms for rent. Friendly. Nice place to stop to wait out the heat. **Gill's Country Store is closed**— 2011.

**558.3 Mojave12 miles right/Tehachapi9.4 left** (Tehachapi-willow Springs road)

Both are spread out towns... Tehachapi has more stuff and trail angels. Most people think going to Mojave is a mistake.

The Days Inn in Mojave used to offer a shuttle service to and from the trail for its guest. I



heard a rumor that they stopped doing it. (661) 824- 2421 [daysinmojave@yahoo.com](mailto:daysinmojave@yahoo.com)

### [566.6 Mojave 11 to the right/Tehachapi 9 miles to left](#) Hwy .58

From backpack45.com: *There is a Mojave Tehachapi regional shuttle that can drop or pickup at highway 58 trail head cameron exit. There are 8 buses per day weekdays starting at 5:20 and ending at 19:20 that will drop off or pickup hikers at the 58 trail head. You must call the bus dispatcher first to tell the driver to detour and stop. Dispatcher's hours are mon-fri 7:30 to 16:30 call 661-862-8894 . Three buses on sat and two on Sunday. Fare \$1. Which makes it much better than the taxi that won't pickup before 6am. Which makes it much better than the taxi that won't pickup before 6am.*

*(There are signs with a phone number to call posted at the exit on the PCT. ) It is a different number than the one listed. Also at Tehachapi Willow Springs road in a cooler by the road there is a list of trail angels and bus information.*

I went in on Hwy 58 because there is a long waterless stretch past here and I didn't want to make it longer by going out at the first crossing. It was hard to get a ride, finally a cop gave me a ride. There is a [bus](#) 1-800-323-2396 that goes back and forth from Tehachapi to Mojave call to arrange pickup on the trail

I have gone to Tehachapi three times and Mojave once. **Mojave has a bus service called [Dial a Ride 1-800-881-5787](#)** You call and schedule a pickup from your motel to the grocery store. It cost a dollar. The number for [Tehachapi dial a ride is 1-800-323-2396](#)

The K-mart close to the Best Western in Tehachapi sells food and has free Internet terminals. There is a Big 5 sport store in Tehachapi. I heard the Santa Fe Motel accepts packages 120 W. Tehachapi Blvd, Tehachapi, Ca 93561

*Ranch Motel, Tehachapi 661-822-4283 (I've never stayed here)  
507 S Curry Street  
Tehachapi, CA 93561  
Charged \$43.00 for two people and then \$4.00 per person after that*

I've heard there is an old PCT route that will take you right into one of the towns... might be worth checking out.

Also you can call a taxi but it's very expensive. I think I paid 60 dollars with tip for two of us in 2008. Tehachapi Taxi cab- (661) 600-2771, VIP Taxi(661) 972-0960

The Airport Bus of Bakersfield, bus service 5 times a day between Bakersfield and the LAX 558.5 or airport. Bakersfield is 40 miles W of Tehachapi on Hwy 58 or 77 miles W of Walker Pass on Hwy 566.5 178; 661-327-2411; 800-858-5000.  
<http://coachamerica.com/popups/popupShuttlesBakersfield.html>

**652 Walker Pass– Onyx, Lake Isabella, Kernville, Inyokem or Ridgecrest** Meadow Mary insists that Inyokem or Ridgecrest is the way to go. She says they are closer and have better and cheaper service, but it looks like going that way is a two road hitch. I heard if you go to Lake Isabella: Don't stay at the Kern Motel. Lake Isabella Motel is the recommended place to stay 760-379-2800 There are big grocery stores in Lake Isabella and Ridgecrest.

*Onyx [mile 652] is a very small community 17.7 miles W of the PCT on Hwy 178 with a post 652 F11 office. **The Onyx store and gas station have closed.** [Onyx Post Office](#)  
Pickup Services Hours:*

Monday-Friday 9:30am – 1:00pm  
1:45pm – 4:00pm Saturday-Sunday Closed

760-378-2121] (Hiker Name)  
c/o General Delivery Onyx, CA 93255

There is a store 'Old Onyx Store' couple of tenths down the highway from the Onyx PO, toward Lake Isabella. This is not the one that closed recently. Current hours are 1030-5pm seven days but they will be getting longer soon according to Tom at KM.-pct-l

Lake Isabella [mile 652] is a small town 37 miles W of the PCT on Hwy 178 with motels, large 652 F11 grocery, pharmacy, laundry, restaurants, pay phones, ATM and a post office. [Lake Isabella Post Office Pickup Services Hours](#)

Monday-Friday 9:00am – 1:30pm  
2:30pm – 4:00pm Saturday 9:00am – 10:00am Sunday Closed

(Hiker Name)  
c/o General Delivery Lake Isabella, CA 93240 –via Halfmile

Kernville has a grocery store, laundrymat, brew pub, several resturants, and motels.

There is a bus from Onyx to Lake Isabella costs 2 dollars. When the bus driver dropped me off at the end of the line in a sage brush field she pointed to a park that had water and bathrooms in case I couldn't get a ride that night. A old man came wandering through the sage brush and told me hikers end up sleeping there all the time because they can't get a ride. I finally got a ride about 8pm. Resupplying in Lake Isabella took me all day. I wouldn't plan to do it again.

**703 Kennedy Meadows** .07 off trail. Store, meals, showers, washing machine, camping, they will hold your packages and also mail them. Limited supply of fuel canisters for sell. Showers 3 dollars, laundry, holds packages for 3 dollars, mails outgoing packages for 3 dollars, grill, free camping. Store hours during hiking season 9-5. Grill hours 11-4. Sometimes dinner is served. Sometimes Tom down the road at his internet cafe serves food. On Saturday evenings I believe there is a neighborhood pot luck that hikers can pay something like 5 dollars to attend.

Close by is Tom's Internet café and trailers for overnight stays—donation based.  
[www.hikethepct-km.com](http://www.hikethepct-km.com) 1 (559) 850-3447

There is an alternate route that is spelled out in the Wilderness Press guide book that will take you right pass Grumpy Bear's restaurant and bar(not sure if it is still open) and then on to the Kennedy Meadows store. I think its 3 miles shorter and though it's all a road walk, there are very few cars and it's scenic enough.

**Name:** Kennedy Meadows General Store  
**Street:** 96440 Beach Meadows Rd  
**Postal address:** 93527 Inyokern, CA  
**Phone:** (559) 850-5647

If I'm not planning to go to Lone Pine, this is where I send my ice ax and bear canister. I have resupplied out of the store three times. Once I resupplied out of it for the entire 200 mile section to Red's Meadow. They had a few fuel canisters for sale in 2010

**Note about Sierra resupplies: If you're too early, resupply may be hard because Muir Trail Ranch, VVR, Reds Meadow, and Tuolumne Meadows may not be open yet. The date they open is dependent on when the snow melts.**

**745 Lone Pine** 2.5 mile hike+20 mile hitch. If you leave the PCT on Trail Pass and go back in on Cottonwood Pass, it's only something like 1.5 miles longer. Trail Pass and Cottonwood pass both will bring you out to Horseshoe Campground where you will need to ask someone to give you a ride 20 miles to Lone Pine. I found a ride right away but I guess it could be tough.

I've done this resupply 3 times now—twice around June 18<sup>th</sup> and another time around the end of September. There have always been plenty of people there but you might have to wait a little while for ride. Everyone is going to Lone Pine and everyone is a hiker. There may be a person in town who will take you back in for a fee.

There is a mid-sized grocery store. There are many motel rooms, restaurants, a laundromat, gear store. PO(93545) M-F9-5 760-876-5681

Historic Dow Villa \$68 dollars + tax, Tub, phone, no control over temperature

Whitney Portal hostel 760-876-0030, 25 dollars a night. Bathtub, microwave, TV. You can rent a private room with 2 bunks for 80 dollars. Sometimes they will cut the price on a private room. If you don't want to stay, showers available for 5.00. Coin laundry across the street. Whitney Portal Hostel accepts packages—UPS or Fed ex only—c/o Whitney Portal Hostel 238 south main st. Lone Pine CA 93545

*The outfitter, "Elevations" 760-876-4560, sells fuel canisters.*

*There are many stores selling gear in Lone Pine. Including lots of bear canisters for sale.*

*The advantage of a Lone Pine resupply is that you can have a light carry out of Kennedy Meadows since you won't need your bear canister or ice ax till after Trail Pass and you would only have to carry 50 miles or so of food out of Kennedy Meadows.*

800-922-1930 Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Bus service between Lone Pine, Bishop, Independence, Lee Vining, Carson City, and Reno; [easternsierratransitauthority.com](http://easternsierratransitauthority.com)

*Inyo Mono Transit now offers The CREST bus service between Reno /Tahoe International Airport and Bishop, CA, and Mammoth Lakes, CA, to Ridgecrest, CA. The one-way fare is very reasonable, ranging from \$3.00 to \$28.00 depending on where you would like to go.*

*Inyo Mono Transit also offers local bus service in Bishop, Lone Pine and Mammoth Lakes. Town-to-Town is offered between Bishop and Mammoth, Lone Pine and Bishop, and Walker and Bishop. To get more information on the CREST Service, Town-to-Town Services or Local Services, Please call 760-872-1901 or 800-922-1930. You can also view scheduls online at [www.inyocounty.us/transit/transit.htm](http://www.inyocounty.us/transit/transit.htm)*

*From the PCT-L: PCT Thru Hikers now have a helper in the Horseshoe Meadows vicinity! Coale and Julie of the De La Cour Ranch are interested in offering assistance to thru hikers in the way of lodging (rentals), laundry (on site), pick up from and delivery back to Horseshoe Meadows, delivery of hiker boxes to hikers at the trailhead, and so forth (there may be a cost). The Ranch is located at the bottom of the Horseshoe Meadows Road, thirteen miles from the trailhead and nine miles from Lone Pine. Julie and Coale helped Ned and Juliee of Mountain Education last year and this year with our resupplies when the road was closed (pre-season issues). [Thanks, Julie & Coale!] If interested in arranging such help from them, please contact, [delacourcabins at yahoo.com](mailto:delacourcabins@yahoo.com) or go to <http://www.delacour-ranch.com/> or call, 760-264-3213*

## 790 (Kearsarge Pass) [Independence](#) 9 mile hike +15 mile hitch

I have never gone here because this resupply would eat up a lot of time– 2 days minimum I would guess. Here is something I found on the PCT-L:

*There are four motels in Independence, all of them are very hiker friendly:*

- 1. The Courthouse – lowest cost and includes a continental breakfast.*
- 2. The Winmedumah Hotel – slightly more expensive but includes a cooked breakfast, free laundry and free internet (wireless and a standalone computer)*
- 3. The Mt Williamson – more cabin style but nice rooms. The best cooked breakfast in town. No internet but I think you can get laundry done there.*
- 4. Ray's Den – clean and economical. No internet or laundry or breakfast.*

*If you need laundry there is a machine at the Chevron gas station where it costs \$5. The Chevron also sells showers. The Chevron also has free wi-fi for customers, as well as the attached Subway and mini-market. I heard the Chevron will also accept hiker's packages. (760) 878-2618*

*There is another mini-market at the Shell station.*

*There is a French restaurant – service is slow and typically French, food reports have varied from excellent to not too good, and it's a bit pricey for many hiker budgets.*

*Finally there is Loonigans which is a restaurant and bar that is only open on Thurs, Fri & Sat evenings, but it's pretty good.*

*Beside the Courthouse (the real one that apparently Charles Manson was tried in) there is public library that also has internet. Kitty corner is the post office which is open 9:30 – 4:30 M-F and lunch hour is 12:30 – 1:30. There is a bus service that runs both north and south and there are three buses a day. Northbound departures are 6:30 am, 8:45am and 5:15 pm and it takes an hour to Bishop. Southbound departures are 7:55 am, 2:10 pm and 7:25pm – Lone Pine is 15 mins away. The schedules are at the bus stops. 800-922-1930 CREST Bus service from Lone Pine to Bishop*

## 856 [Muir Trail Ranch](#)

\$65 per bucket. It should weigh at most 25 pounds (12 kg). For additional weight, we charge \$2.00 per pound (\$4.40 per kg), which you can pay for at the ranch. For options other than mailing, see **How do I ship my package to the ranch** above, or [contact us](#) for rates.

You have to send your resupply in a bucket. And there is a holding fee of 65 dollars which sounds like a lot but any resupply you do in the Sierra's is going to end up costing you that much anyway. It's a mile or two off trail, but you can go in one way and out another to mitigate that distance. Package pickup from 8-5, hiker box, sells all kinds of fuel, small store has batteries, chap stick, meds, no food. Internet cost \$10 for 15 minutes, free if you stay there. Tent cabin \$140 per person, Cabin 155 per person double occupancy, includes three meals and Japanese soaking tub. Some hikers had paid 200 dollars a night so the rate may change depending on the time of year. Whatever they paid all hikers agreed that the private Japanese soaking tubs made the cost worth it. They also have flat rate boxes and will mail stuff out for a 10 dollar fee plus the price of postage. I think this is a good way to resupply in the Sierras.

Check their website for opening and closing dates and other info  
<http://www.muirtrailranch.com/resupply.html>

### **[877 Vermilion Valley Resort\(VVR\) 559-259-4000](#)**

It's off trail 1.5 miles and then you wait for a ferry to take you across to the resort, Or you could possibly flag down a boater to take you. Depending on the wait, it could eat up a bunch of time. They have a small store, showers, laundry, cabins, accepts packages for a fee, restaurant, lodging in wall tents. In 2001 your first night in a wall tent was free. I've been there once. Hiker scene.

Ferry: \$10 one way, \$18 round trip. Maildrops: \$18 to pick up, \$10 plus postage to mail out.

*PO address–VVR,  
PO Box258, Lakeshore,  
CA93634  
UPS–VVR,C/O Rancheria Garage,  
62311 Huntington Lake Road,  
Lakeshore, CA, 93634*

### **[906.6- Reds Meadow Resort 800-292-7758](#)**

.03 off trail. There are free (donation) hot spring showers (I heard the free showers are gone and they now cost 7 dollars), coin laundry, store that is pretty good(if you're not too early), restaurant, cabins, camping. hiker box at store. accepts packages for a 35.00 fee. I easily resupplied out of the store the last time 3 times I went through. Open7-7 everyday . The hot spring showers are a little ways away from everything but from the showers you can hike through the campground, cross the road and hit the trail that will take you past Devil's Post Pile and take you back to the PCT without backtracking.

There is also a bus that will take you down to [Mammoth Lakes](#) where there are motels, outfitters, grocery stores, everything. The bus is free but you have to purchase a wilderness permit. Tell them how many days you will be staying so you don't have to buy another one for the return trip. The bus drops you off at the ski resort where you can catch another bus into town (if you're not too early in the season). There is a trolley that will take you around town.

I heard the Motel 6 holds hiker packages(760) 934-6660

from the PCTA site: ***Davison Street Guest House, Mammoth Lakes [Website](#)***  
*Offering dorm beds, a large community kitchen, low rates, and a nice ambiance. A dorm bed is \$21.42 plus tax and includes bed linens and towels. Phone: (858) 755-8648 (advance), (760) 924-2188 (walk-ins). The lodge is located at the corner of Lake Mary Rd at 19 Davison in Mammoth Lakes, CA. I have never stayed here.*

### **[942.7 Tuolumne Meadows](#)**

Good camp store, small gear store, camping—there is a cheap backpackers site (5.00). You can send your packages to the store. Even though it acts as a post office, they let me have my package on a Sunday. **General Delivery, Tuolumne Meadows, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389** Both the camp store and the gear store sells fuel canisters. ATM Hours vary. When I went through in mid June I think it closed at 4 pm.

**[948.7 Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp](#)** Bear boxes, free camping. If they have an opening you can sometimes buy a meal here. They said if there wasn't room for me to eat that I could stay and do dishes and earn a meal. They have a few candy bars for sale.

### **[1018 Kennedy Meadows \(North\) Sornora Pass 209-965-3900](#)**

10 mile hitch There is a bit of a walk into the resort after you get dropped off at the road. Restaurant, showers, store, cabin rental, laundry, bunkhouse. I stayed in the nice newly rebuilt bunkhouse. I paid 20 dollars and got the whole room to myself. Holds packages UPS only C/O Kennedy Meadows Resort and Pack station, 57 miles east of Sonora on Hwy. 108, Sonora, Ca, 95370

If you hitch the other way at Sornora Pass you can get to [Bridgeport](#). It's a two road hitch and I have never been there. Northbound or Southbound, I have always been ready for more food when I hit Sonora Pass.

**1094.5 Echo Lake –on trail** Good camp store—fresh fruit and veggies, PO, They make you buy water(3.50 a gallon) or drink it out of the abused lake. Easily resupplied out of store last 3 times through. They may let you have your package after PO hours. If the old people are running things and they tell you they don't have your box, keep gently coaxing them to look again—eventually they find it. Post office only accepts cash. Store open from 8-6:30

530-659-7207 Echo Lake Post Office open Mo-Sa 11a-2p *Post office **may** let you have your box during non post office hours.*

(Hiker Name)

c/o General Delivery

Echo Lake, CA 95721

This is where I send my bear canister and ice ax home.

**Berkeley Echo Lake Camp** (never stayed here)

530-659-7506

*Located 1/4 mile south of Echo Lake on Echo Lake Road. Ten miles from Lake Tahoe. We generally have plenty of space for drop-in visitors. Three hot meals, hot showers, use of the swimming pool and laundry room. Stay in a large tent cabin with bunks and mattresses. Accepts packages UPS only, call to confirm before sending package. 530-659-7539. c/o Berkeley-Echo Lake Camp, Lot 7, Echo Lakes Road, Echo Lake, CA 95721. Charges \$13.75 per quarter day. Full day (3 meals and stay overnight) is \$55 (13.75 x 4) I heard they now charge a lot more and don't accept packages but call to be sure.*

**1094.5 South Lake Tahoe** 11 mile hitch

I went there once. I took a taxi both ways, it was expensive. The store in Echo Lake is good enough so I don't go to South Lake Tahoe anymore. Grocery store, motels-[High Country Lodge 530-541-0508](#), [outfitter--](#) 530-542-4000. The Tahoe Y seems to be the central location. Motel prices go up on weekends.

VIA Halfmile — **Lake of the Sky Outfitters** in South Lake Tahoe, a new store that opened in 2011, continues to accept hiker resupply packages this year. They are open 7 days a week and also have free computer and wi-fi access, and a 10% gear discount for PCT hikers. Send resupply packages to:

(Hiker Name)

Lake of the Sky Outfitters

1023 Emerald Bay Road

South Lake Tahoe, Calif. 96150

store phone: 530-541-1027

store website: [www.lakeoftheskyoutfitters.com](http://www.lakeoftheskyoutfitters.com)

store email: [info@lakeoftheskyoutfitters.com](mailto:info@lakeoftheskyoutfitters.com)



South Lake Tahoe is served by a custom shuttle and a scheduled bus service, [Blue-Go](#), that will pick you up at the Tahoe Y, or any location in their South Lake service area, and bring you right to the South Upper Truckee trail head in Meyers. It will leave you at the base of Hawley Grade, and you can easily hitch up to Echo Summit, if you are starting or continuing your trip from there. The fee is \$6. **Blue Go Phone: 775-589-5284 Blue GO OnCall Shuttle: 530- 541-7149**

### **1156 Donner Pass/ Truckee/Soda Springs**

Truckee Post Office 530-587-7158 open Mo-Fr 8:30a-5p; Sa 11a-2p  
(Hiker Name)  
c/o General Delivery  
Truckee, CA 96161

*“Thru-hikers needing shuttle service along the trail or section hikers starting or terminating in Truckee are encouraged to contact me.”  
Tom Moore 530-563-6771 [ [freeloader@alpinix.com](mailto:freeloader@alpinix.com) ]*

Truckee has an Amtrak terminal.

Truckee has a library with internet terminals. Hours of Operation:

Monday: 10:30 am to 6:00 pm

Tuesday: 10:30 am to 6:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:30 am to 6:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday: 10:30 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday: closed

Sunday: closed

Contact us or Visit us:

10031 Levon Avenue

Truckee California 96161

530-582-7846

If you're hiking north, hitch 10 miles to your right. Big grocery store— there is a bus that will take you into town a mile or so down the hill from the trail.

Or you could hitch 3-4 miles to your left to get to Soda Spring for a [smaller store/deli](#)(530) 426-3080 Open 8-7 daily, and PO (95728, (530) 426-3082, Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm Sat-Sun closed.

I heard they closed but their website is still up so call to be sure. Soda Springs also has a hostel, cafe, and pub [The Hostel at Tinker Station](#) 25-50 dollars a bed. Wi-fi. I heard that they will also hold packages. UPS: c/o The Hostel at Tinker's Station, 21728 Donner Pass Road, Soda Springs, CA 95728. USPS: c/o The Hostel at Tinker's Station, PO Box 700, 21728 Donner Pass Road, Soda Springs, CA 95728. **-I heard they closed but their website is still up so call to be sure.**

If you walk to your left on Donner Pass(if you're heading north) you will shortly come to a restaurant that is sometimes open.

Kings Court Cafe,(530)414-5537 Delivers pizza to Donner Pass

**[Mile 1156]** Bill and Molly Person will **not be hosting hikers at Pooh Corner near Donner Pass** in 2012.-halfmile

**1197.6 Sierra City** 1 mile hitch or walk or follow alternative route laid out in Wilderness Press Guide for a different way into town. Small grocery store, PO, restaurants, some lodging, laundromat, [PO](#) (96125 503-862-1152 Pickup Services Hours Monday-Friday 8:30am – 11:30am  
12:30pm – 4:30pm Saturday 10:30am – 12:30pm

Sunday Sierra Country Store(C/O Sierra Country Store, 213 Main Street, Sierra City, Ca 96125 UPS or USPS) accepts packages. open M-F 9-6 and S-S 9-7 I think the church allows camping.

**Sierra City has always been a weird town. A business that loved hikers one year will turn and hate them the next and vice versa. You never know about this town.**

In 2007 the guy at the RV park said he would not rent a hiker a camp site or sell them a shower for any price. A good deal was a restaurant in town that was offering an apartment above it, with full kitchen and washer and dryer for 100 bucks a night. If you got a bunch of hikers together it could be really cheap.

**Red Moose Inn, Sierra City** *At the Red Moose we offer the PCT hikers at no charge: Free showers, use of the washer and dryer, free use of the phone for the continental US, free use of the computer, free camping in the back yard, free mending of clothing and stuff. We also offer limited shuttle service at no charge to the trail head, or the clinic, etc. The maximum stay is two nights. We also have two nice motel rooms with a private bath and a queen sized bed and refrigerator.*

*In addition to the above, beginning with the 2011 season, we are set up to receive packages from the hikers at no charge. They must contact us via email ([notjanie@juno.com](mailto:notjanie@juno.com))530-862-1215 in order for us to provide shipping instructions. Breakfast and Dinner are served for those who wish to dine with us, at very reasonable prices. We are happy to accept your package. Please mail it to P.O. Box 384 Sierra City, CA 96125. If you need to use UPS, then address it to 224 Main Street, Sierra City, CA 96125. In either case, please put your return address on the box in case you get sick or injured and cannot finish your hike, in which case we will send it back to you. An eta date is handy for our sorting efforts, but not required.*

**Sells meals and the best selection of IPA's on the trail. I heard they started charging for package holding and stopped offering laundry, so might want to check with them first.**

**1265.4 Bucks Lake** This is on an alternate route. It's longer than the PCT and is a hot road walk.. However there *are* a couple of small stores and two restaurants with bars. The first store you come to is the best one to resupply out of, it has plenty of stuff, also fresh fruit and veggies and homemade breakfast burritos. There are two new restaurant and bars on the way and the last restaurant sports a small store as well. .

**1289.3 Beldon Town Resort.** Beldon has had problems in the past but they may be turning their life around. In 2010 they were promptly open at 8am. Hours 8-8 -cafe and small store, accepts packages UPS only 14785 Beldon Town Rd. 95915 15 dollars to camp there includes shower. Showers are 5 dollars if not camping. Wash and dry laundry available for 5 dollars. According to Yogi they are charging 20 dollars for package holding now so you might want to call first and ask. (530) 283-9662

One thing that hadn't changed in 2010 was the store still had an odd assortment of food

—much of it years past its due date. I resupplied out of the store buying the last bag of corn chips, the last of the string cheese, some outdated trail mix, and some hot cocoa mix.

Things may have improved since then because they seem to be doing a booming business with the raves.

If Belden doesn't work for you, just keep walking across the bridge, turn right and head down the road a mile to [Caribou Crossroads](#) where there is laundry, showers, cafe, very small store, camping, cabin and wall tent rental. There looks to be a PO starting up in

[Caribou Crossroads](#). Call for details and dates. **Contact us at**

**530-283-1384**

**or via our e-mail address** [cariboucrossroads@comcast.net](mailto:cariboucrossroads@comcast.net)

There is also a trail angel in Beldon: *Little Haven will be open July 1-Aug 3 ( may be open earlier some years- call to confirm) (530-283-9880, 1 mile east of Belden)*

*email: LJBraaten@aol.com*

“Belden trail angel Laurie J. Braaten reports that the postmaster there has retired and the Belden Post Office is closed. This situation might change but currently **Belden has no postal service.**

**VIA- Halfmile** -*The Braatens can accept hiker resupply packages when they are open late June and July (they close August 1), but have limited storage space to hold packages (please try to keep them small). They can accept ground delivery packages shipped via UPS or FedEx. The package should be sent to:*

*[Hikers Name]*

*c/o The Braatens at Little Haven*

*15913 Hwy 70*

*Belden, CA 95915*

**According to Yogi there is new maildrop info: Braatens accept maildrops USPS only to this address only: (hiker name) c/o The Braatens at Little Haven, PO Box 4, Belden CA 95915 Might want to call them and confirm.**

*Ship no earlier than three weeks before ETA of the hiker. Packages that are not claimed will be not be re-shipped by the Braatens unless the sender contacts & pays the delivery service for reshipping. In such cases the Braatens will need to be notified by the hiker so that we can arrange to have the package available for pickup. The Braatens will not be responsible for storing and preserving the contents of unclaimed packages for longer than three weeks. It would be a great help if hikers who cannot pick up their packages and do not plan to reship them would please contact us and direct us how to dispose of their contents (e.g., give it's contents to hikers in need, etc.).*

*The Braatens of Little Haven invite hikers to stay as guests for one night during hiker season, late June and July (they close August 1). They have a small separate unit for hikers with bathroom, shower, and kitchen. Little Haven is approximately one mile east of Belden on Hwy 70. The road is very narrow with fast traffic, so it is not a safe walk. The Braatens are available to shuttle hikers to and from Belden (or the trailhead), please phone Brenda at 530-283-9880 from the Belden pay phone, or your Verizon Cell (no AT&T cell service is available here). There are few rules posted at Little Haven, please read them once you arrive. Note that they have a no drugs and no alcohol policy, and dogs are not allowed in the house (dogs kept outside must be leashed, we have free range chickens). Hikers who want to attend one of the local music festivals at Belden will need to find accommodations elsewhere.”*

Also from here you can hitch 30 miles to the full service town of [Quincy](#).

Service between Quincey and Chester, 3 times daily.

Service between Quincey and Reno, M-F.

Service between Quincey and Chico, W only.

**1335.8 Chester** 10 mile hitch on Hwy 36 I have been there twice. The highlights for me were the restaurant that serves pancakes all day and the really great grocery store. There are motels and other stuff but I just ate, resupplied and headed back to the trail. PO 96020 503-258-4184 M-F 7:30-4

Antler Inn is a new motel that is across the street from the grocery store. 2012 cost 87 dollars for one or two, 10 dollars for each additional person. Seneca motel doesn't look that nice but I've heard it's 43-52 dollars a night. There is also a Best Western.

From the PCT-1

*The Chester Manor, which used to be a motel, then offices, has reopened as a hiker hostel catering to PCT hikers. I had a tour of the place this morning. There are double rooms (2 bedrooms with a queen in each) and single rooms (1 queen). There is a laundry room with coin operated machines. There's a common room with a sofa and tv and a fully equipped kitchen. There's a private patio with lawn furniture and a hot tub that's not hooked up yet. Laura, who was showing me around, kept apologizing for the fact that things are still being set up since the owner decided at the last minute that this is something he should do. There's a bedroom off the common room that they intend to put a ping pong table in. They will give rides back to the trail after your stay. Rooms are \$65 for a single room, \$75 for double, and \$10 for each additional person up to as many as you can fit in the room, I think. Phone 530-258-2351. Not as inexpensive as the Seneca Motel, but it is centrally located near the market and other stores on main street.*

—Piper's Mom

Also from the PCT-L June 2011

*With hikers beginning to come to Chester by road and not hiking in to the trailhead where my phone number is posted I thought I'd better let hikers know that I am available in the Chester area to take you out to the trail, pick you up at the trail, or whatever is needed and I am able to do.  
Call Piper's Mom at 530-596-4473 or 530-251-3795*

**1353.3 Drakesbad Guest Ranch** 530-529-1512 Ext. 120/ 866-999-0914 (C/O Drakesbad Guest Ranch, End of Warner Valley Road, Chester, CA 96020) .05 mile off trail. Accepts packages. Fed-Ex and UPS no longer deliver there, but they will pick up packages when they go to town so give the packages plenty of time to arrive.. Breakfast 7:30-8:30, Lunch 12-1 Dinner 6-7. You can take a short cut through the pool area. There is a public campground not far from here with running water and bear boxes, if you want to come back for breakfast. I heard they now offer a 10.00 dollar all you can eat spaghetti, meatball, and salad dinner.

Via Halfmile: **Drakesbad Guest Ranch** — due to an insurance re-classification, Drakesbad Guest Ranch is no longer able to provide hikers access to the hot spring pool. Only registered resort guest can now use the pool. ( I heard if you have paid for a meal that hikers will be allowed to swim during the dinner time of the other guests) Drakesbad provides meal service [breakfast \$9.95, lunch \$13.50, dinner \$22.45], free shower facilities and a coin operated washer/dryer. Drakesbad continues to accept packages and mail for the PCT hiker from USPS, UPS and Fed Ex. The address is:

(Hiker Name)

Drakesbad Guest Ranch

End of Warner Valley Road

Chester, CA 96020

Phone: 866-999-0914

Website: [www.drakesbad.com](http://www.drakesbad.com)

**[1377.7 Old Station–Hat Creek Resort](#)** – according to Yogi's update page this may be closed. If closed there are several small stores and a restaurant close by. showers, coin laundry, small store, very tiny deli serves some prepared food. Motel - \$64 minus 15% PCT hiker discount—bathtub, air conditioner, TV, coffee pot, microwave, fridge. Hours: Sun-Thurs 8-7 F-S 8-8 530-335-7121 after hours check site 34 They say they have Wifi but I was unable to connect to it.

[PO 96071 503-335-7191, M-F 8:30-4:30](#)

The trail angel in Old Station will **not** be hosting hikers in 2011, But she may be willing to pickup boxes for hikers from the post office Georgi's phone # 530-335-7463.

If you walk down the road from Old Station, you will run into another three small stores that in 2008 had hard boiled eggs and fruit in it among other things. There is also a restaurant, **J.J.'s Cafe** (13385 Hwy. 89, 530 335-7225 ), on the way. You can rejoin the trail on down the road a bit by the Subway Caves. I have resupplied out of the small store and the small stores down the road 3 times. The other two stores close to the Subway caves are open till 8pm and one of them has an ATM machine.

**[1415.9 Burney, CA.](#)** 7 miles off trail on hwy 299. I have never been here. I heard there is a big store(Safeway), motels and a post office.

*You can catch a bus in Burney that runs down to Redding. I believe that it runs twice a day. –Jackass PCT-L <http://www.rabaride.com/routes/burneyexpress.html#schedule>*

**[1423.6 Burney Falls campground](#)**

Small store that will accept packages . c/O Burney Falls State Park, Mcarthur Burney Falls State Park, 24900 State Hwy89, Burney, CA, 96020 530) 335-7513 I had it down as UPS only, Halfmile has it down as USPS—call to confirm. I've sent USPS and it got there. Wifi at the visitor's center

I resupplied out of the store my last 3 times through—chips, cookies, cheese, hot cocoa, instant coffee, instant potatoes, etc. Hiker box. Root beer floats, hot dogs, ice cream, .50 cent showers, cabins, camping. There isn't a washing machine but there are large sinks outside the showers that say they are for clothes washing. The hiker site is a long ways away from everything and cost 3.00.

**1506.5 Castella** [PO \(96017\)503-235-4413 M-F8:30-12:30 1-4 Sat8:30-10:30](#), (The **Castella Post Office** is still on the **post office closure list** due to budget cuts. Check before sending any packages here)

Ammirati's Market and Deli 530-235-2676 open from 7:30-9pm every day. Will hold packages for no fee from any carrier. 20107 Castle Creek Rd. 96017 In 2010 he told me to that address would work for all carriers but they do have a PO box—PO Box 90 Castella CA 96017 call to confirm.

Payphone at store.

Trail to campground is across from store/post office—50 cent showers— you can get change from the store or the camp hosts. There's a PCT hiker site that cost 3.00 a person. There is also a trail from the PCT hiker site that will bring you back to the trail but it looked longer to me. If you want some tortillas ask the guy behind the burrito counter. Store has

great selection of fruit. I have resupplied out of the store the last 3 times I went through. It's a couple mile road walk to Castella but you can keep walking down the road that runs between the post office and the campground and hit a trail that will lead you back up to the PCT so you don't have to backtrack. It's called the Flume trail. Ask a ranger or the camp hosts. Look at your maps.....last time through I took a trail that runs along the river, has a small suspension bridge across the river and brings you out about a 1/2 mile from town.... Much more beautiful then the road walk that is the PCT.

From 1-5 you can also go to Dunsmuir or Mr. Shasta. There is a bus that runs between Dunsmuir and Mt. Shasta. Mt. Shasta is bigger than Dunsmuir.

Mt. Shasta KOA 530-926-4029.

*From the PCT-L: It's that time of year yet again when I remind people there is a TA in extreme northern California*

*My husband (Emory) and I do our best to help with driving to THs, storing a car or two, and housing you. We do not live very close to the trail but can pick people up at any TH from Castella/Soda Creek all the way to Etna if you want a zero and bring you home with us. We offer a private room, bathroom, I do your laundry, feed you and see you have plenty of beer, to those who want a zero or two. We have computers for your use along with TV, and the best view of Mt. Shasta from our back patio, second to none.*

*We do NOT offer rides from Castella/Soda Creek to Mt. Shasta and back. There is a company, Shasta Shuttle (859-3266) out of Mt. Shasta that will take you to/from trail head to/from Mt. Shasta.*

*For section hikers, we will store your car for you. We also will pick you up at the Greyhound Bus in Weed and take you to the TH of your choosing. We also can pick you up at Etna (Summit or town), Scott Mtn. Summit or Soda Creek/Castella and take you to the bus depot in Weed. Call me with whatever your situation and we'll see if we can help.*

*I am JoAnn (530-905-0507; jomike at cot.net) and you can contact me at your leisure. We do appreciate some advance notice, if possible. Our address is 6536 Pine Lane outside of Weed. We actually live in a community called Lake Shastina in the southern portion of the Shasta Valley.*

**1606 Etna, Ca** 15 mile hitch. You may wait 45 minutes for the first car to go by but they will probably give you a ride. Inexpensive motel aprox-\$50 Motel Etna(530) 467-5338, groceries, restaurants, library, community pool, ice cream fountain in drug store, drug store, brewery, camping(they charge 5 dollars a person to turn off the sprinklers) I have been there 3 times and skipped it twice. [PO\(96027 503-467-3981](http://PO(96027 503-467-3981) Pickup Services Hours  
Monday-Friday 9:00am – 11:00am  
12:00pm – 5:00pm Saturday 8:00am – 11:00am

**[Alderbrook Manor Hiker Hut](#) Excepts packages UPS or FedEx **free for guest 5.00 for non-guests****

**Alderbrook Manor Bed and Breakfast**

**836 Sawyers Bar Road**

**Etna, CA 96027**

**Phone: 530-467-3917**

**Cell: 530-598-2853**

**email: [alderbrook@sisqtel.net](mailto:alderbrook@sisqtel.net)** In 2012 it cost 25 plus 2 dollars tax to stay in the dorm style hut. shower, kitchen, and Internet, wifi – can be very cramped. **laundry an extra 3 dollars, rides back to the trail 5 dollars. Once the beds are rented out they start renting out lawn space for 10 dollars a head.**



**1662 Seiad Valley (on trail) PO, Showers, laundry, camping, groceries, cafe.**

### **Seiad Valley Cafe and Store**

Small store that I was able to resupply out of in 2007 Café open from 7-2pm daily (2010)  
Beware the pancakes if you are hoping to hike out. Wifi at the Cafe and the trailer park.

Store open till 7pm daily

There is a [bus](#) that stops here and goes to the big town of Yreka with a Walmart and a big grocery store– only runs on Mondays and Fridays. Departs Seiad Valley at 8:10am Arrives Yreka 9:30am/ Leaves Yreka 3:00pm Arrives back at Seiad at 4:47pm

Mid River RV Park 530-496-3400 accepts packages. UPS recommended, I've sent my box twice USPS and it was waiting at the post office and I know this has happened to other people. So if you send it USPS to the RV park, I would call the post mistress or the RV park and remind them that your box is there waiting to be picked up.

(name)  
C/O Mid River RV Park  
PO Box 707  
Seiad Valley, CA. 96086

*UPS:*

*Hiker Name)*

*c/o Mid River RV Park 44701 Highway 96 Seiad Valley, CA 96086*

RV parks waives 5 dollar package holding fee if you spend the night for 10.00 He has a hiker area set up with a covered area, fridge, hiker box, microwave, TV/VCR and free movie rental. RV park has coin showers and laundry. Also the guy says sometimes hikers who can't make the PO, call him and he picks up their box for them.

**According to Yogi the store accepts packages now-Store open every day, no fee for packages: Call to confirm (530) 496-3399  
c/o Seiad Valley Store, 44719 Highway 96, Seiad Valley CA 96086**

### ***Thompson Creek Lodge – Cabins(530) 496-3657***

*Our cabins are located on 7 miles from the Trailhead in Seiad Valley, CA. We provide pick up shuttle service from the Seiad Valley store and return shuttle to the trail head. Our accommodations feature full housekeeping cabins with complete kitchens, swimming pool, on site laundry, relax on our 2,000+ sq. ft. deck overlooking Thompson Creek.*

**1726.6 Callahan's** There is a short cut down to the Callahan's. Keep your eyes open, there is a sign directing you down a trail. Also you will want to take the short cut if you are going into Ashland.

Callahan's accepts packages, showers, meals, lodging, camping. open daily 7am-9pm. No charge to hold packages, even if you don't stay there. For \$40 you can take a shower, do a load of laundry, pitch a tent in their yard, have breakfast, and eat an endless spaghetti dinner. 541-482-1299 or 1-800-286-0507 C/O The Bergquist, 7100 Old Hwy 99 South, Ashland, Or 97520

To get back to the trail just hike up the road and look for the trail on your left.

***Main Street Adventure Shuttles and Hiker's Resource***

[Website](#)

Phone: 541 482-9852

Dedicated to providing hikers safe, affordable transportation to and from PCT trailheads in the northern California and Southern Oregon.

**1726.6 Ashland** Outfitters, lodging, groceries, PO, big town

The cheaper rooms are on the outskirts of town closer to the trail. I've heard good things about [The Knights Inn \(now Roadway Inn\) 800-547-4566](#). They are also much closer to the big stores. There is a public bus that can take you into town and a bus to Medford. If you get right in town the rooms are expensive but there are hostels; The [Ashland Hostel](#) and The [Ashland Commons Hostel](#)—25 dollar shared rooms with wi-fi and on site laundry.

**From the PCTA website: The Rodeway Inn** (formerly Knights Inn) located in Ashland Oregon welcomes PCT hikers at a discount rate of \$64.99 (plus tax) for one bed, or \$74.99 (plus tax) for two beds for two people. Additional people is \$5.00 extra per person. We are conveniently located within walking distance to large grocery stores, bank, laundromat, restaurants, bus route, and a Rite Aid drug store (which has a U. S. Post Office inside the store). A continental breakfast is included with your stay. All rooms have microwaves, refrigerators, hair dryers, radio/alarm clock, coffee maker and flat-screen TVs. In our lobby we have a hiker box for your convenience and we offer free computer service, also in our lobby. We have an outdoor pool for enjoyment and relaxation for hikers. 2359 Ashland Street (Hwy 66) Phone: (541) 482-5111 accepts packages, no fee. 541-482-5111. label your package as a hiker package, include your ETA. c/o Rodeway Inn, 2359 Ashland Street, Ashland, OR 97520.

*If you don't want to hitch there is a shuttle service:*

*Cascade Airport Shuttle*

*249 Wimer Street #46*

*Ashland, OR 97520*

*541-488-1998*

*Daily transportation shuttle service that provides door-to-door service to all points in the Rogue River Valley including the Medford Airport.*

I went to Ashland my first time hiking the PCT and stayed at the hostel, but I didn't stop the last 2 times through; it's just too far off trail. What I have done the last 2 times is buy a large pizza at Hyatt Lake, eat half, carry half out, and buy some chips, nuts, candy, and string cheese at the little store. I found a ride from Ashland to Portland in 10 minutes off Craig's List.

*From Yogi's updates—I've never been here.*

1743.9 – [Green Springs Inn](#) 541-482-0614 It's about a mile east of the PCT at the Greensprings Summit/Hwy 66. Lodging, camping, restaurant.

Short-cut trail is marked on Halfmile's 2012 Oregon map B3. This trail allows you to cross the dam and avoid the long walk on the highway around the reservoir. Details: about 1/4 mile before reaching Hwy 66, drop off PCT on to old skid road (poorly marked, on right side of PCT). Cross Keene Creek Dam. Pick up service road alongside ditch which empties into reservoir above dam. Follow ditch road about 1.5 miles. Look for marked game bridge at back of Green Springs Inn property. Bridge has "3 GSI" in orange paint. Follow short trail up to Green Springs Inn. Or, stay on PCT until you reach Hwy 66. Hitch or walk 2 miles to the right. Accepts packages, no fee.

USPS, UPS, or FedEx. c/o Green Springs Inn, 11470 Highway 66,  
Ashland, Or 97520

### [1750 Hyatt Lake Resort .05 mile off trail](#)

**[Mile 1,750]** The **Hyatt Lake Resort has moved a 1/2 mile up the road** [it's now 1.4 miles NW of the PCT]. They still accept hiker resupply packages USP only. Note the

**new address:**

(Hiker Name)

c/o Hyatt Lake Resort

7900 Hyatt Prairie Road

Ashland, OR 97520

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Hyatt Lake Resort phone: 541-482-3331

Hyatt Lake Resort website: [www.hyattlakeresorts.com](http://www.hyattlakeresorts.com)

### **-halfmile**

### [1769.1 Lake of the Woods](#)

You can walk right pass this if you take an alternate route that is spelled out in the Wilderness Press guide book. There is a store, a grill, a restaurant, camping, cabin rental. The alternate route is 2 miles shorter, has some road walking but is pleasant enough. You rejoin the PCT in the Sky Lakes Wilderness.

*Lake of the Woods Resort*

*950 Harriman Route*

*Klamath falls, Oregon 97601*

*The resort offers package holding at no cost to visitors hiking the PCT. We have two excellent restaurants and a great bar. The resort also has a well stocked small general store that carries basic supplies and food for those who want to supplement their food stocks. Price are higher than you would pay in a larger store but the convenience of having a well stocked store in the middle of the mountains is worth it for most of our visitors. We have a great selection of imported beers, great burgers, and a Pizza parlor that has very good Pizza*

### [1780Fish Lake Resort](#)

2 mile road walk or hitch off trail. I've never been here.

*541-949-8500 Fish Lake Resort [www.fishlakeresort.net] is a hiker friendly resort 2 miles W of the PCT. The resort has a cafe, campground, cabins, laundry, showers, very small store and they accept resupply packages via United Parcel Service only:*

*(Hiker Name)*

*c/o Fish Lake Resort*

*State HWY 140, Mile Marker 30*

*Medford, OR 97503*

### [1830 Crater Lake Mazama Village.](#) 1.3 mile off trail

If you are going north, turn right at the road and walk until you see a guard rail before a big turn, crawl over it and head straight down the bank into the campground. To leave, take the Annie Spring Trail back up to the PCT. You don't want to come in where the cars do, because they will try to charge you admission.

There is a good camp store, coin showers, coin laundry, and a restaurant with a good buffet that is an excellent value. The campground is expensive and crowded so I camp just

outside which I don't believe is legal. I resupplied out of the store the last three times through.

The store will hold your packages. Open 7am-10pm every day.

*Your Name, PCT Hiker*

*Mazama Village Store*

*(USPS:) P.O. Box 158*

*(UPS:) Mazama Village*

*569 Mazama Village Drive, Crater Lake National Park, OR 97604*

*Expected arrival date*

There is a PO but it's not on trail and illegal to hitch hike in a National Park.

### **1835 Crater Lake Rim Village**

Expensive cafeteria food, gift shop, water. I think there is also a lodge with a fancy restaurant in it.

**Diamond Lake** The Wilderness Press guide book has an alternate route that goes right by here. Someday I'm going to take it. I've heard there is a good store and a restaurant.

Diamond Lake Resort [www.diamondlake.net] 541-793-3333 800-733-7593

350 Resort Drive

Diamond Lake, Oregon 97731

**1912 Willamette Pass Resort** It's only a 1/4 mile down the road—turn left if you are hiking north. They serve pizza, beer, and biscuits and gravy. There is also a very small store. Last time I came through, (2009) there was only one person running the whole place and it was only open on Saturday and Sunday 9am-8pm. (541) 345-7669

**1912 Shelter Cove** 1.4 mile walk check your maps for short cut.

Coin showers, one washing machine for the whole campground, small store, hot dogs, camping, hiker box, cabin rental. Will hold packages—call for instructions 1-800-647-2729

address(UPS only) is:

27600 West Odell Lake Rd, Hwy 58

Crescent, OR 97733

### **1958 Elk Lake Resort**

1 or 2 miles off trail but you can take a different trail back up to help mitigate the distance. Showers, camping, laundry, restaurant, small store, hiker box, cabin rental. Even though the store and restaurant are expensive and not well stocked, I have resupplied out of the store my last 3 times through.

*Elk Lake Resort—8am-8pm everyday*

*541-480-7378*

*jwalsh@elklakeresort.net*

Elk Lake Resort,

Attn: (your name) PCT Hiker

60,000 Century Dr.

Bend, OR 97701

\$5 fee *UPS or FedEx*

Looks like you could hitch into Bend from here. Bend is a big town with grocery stores, motels, and an REI (541) 385-0594 that will hold packages for you. You can also hitch to Bend from mile 1989 and 2007. I have never used Bend as a resupply point.

*Your Name*

*c/o REI #96*

*380 Powerhouse Drive*

*Bend, Oregon 97702*

Sister's area trail angel **Lloyd Gust**. He can be reached at (541)330-6755 or (at his cellphone) (541)604-4494 Will accept packages and give rides. 990 Yates Dr. Bend, OR 97702. *He requests that you call a few days before getting to his neck of the woods to give him a heads up, and then call when you get to Elk Lake, which is 30 min. from him. He can bring your packages to you or pick you up there and take you to the grocery store, REI, etc. He can also recommend an inexpensive motel. He said to go to Bend instead of Sisters, because Sisters is tourist-y and therefore more expensive.*

*I heard that Lloyd Gust might be having some health issues so call first. Here is another angel I heard about in the area: Loyd Miller. 3655 NW Orchard Dr., Terribonne, OR 97760. 541-325-9929. Available 24/7.*

**1989 Sisters** 15 mile hitch if the road is open. If the road is open, walk up to the big stone observatory and get a ride from there. If closed you can hitch from Santiam Pass at mile 2007. See listing under mile 2007

**2001 [Big Lake Youth Camp](#)** .07 off trail but you don't have to back track, you can walk down the road and rejoin the PCT farther on.

Christian vegan kid's camp. They will hold your package and let you take a shower and wash your clothes for free. Ask to buy a meal ticket if you want to join them in an all you can it vegan meal. In 2009 they had a sign on the trail that said you could only take a shower at certain times but they let me take one even though it wasn't shower time. Friendly.

### **Camp Address**

#### **[Big Lake Youth Camp](#)**

*13100 Hwy. 20*

*Sisters, OR, 97759*

*503-850-3583*

*After Mid-August only staffed part time.*

**2007 Sisters** 15 mile hitch. You can also go into Sisters at Mckenzie Pass mile 1989

The Best Western is beautiful, has laundry, Internet, and comes with a great breakfast bar –ask for the manger's special, in 2008 it was 105 dollars for a beautiful room with a covered deck and a nice breakfast. The motel across from the Best Western is a little cheaper but you don't get breakfast and there isn't laundry.

There is a big grocery store with a nice deli across the street from the Best Western. There is also a McDonalds. I also heard that they allow free camping in the city park.

#### **[2053 Olallie Lake Resort](#)**

*For the 2012 summer season we will not accepting drop packages. However the store will be supplied with hiker foods and supplies.*

**2097** Foodmart and Chevron 503-337-2277 CJ's 1.9 miles NW of the PCT on Hwy 26

**[2107 Mt. Hood Tiberline Lodge](#)** 503-272-3311 on trail

There is a *great* all you can eat breakfast buffet every morning. 2009 they also had an all you can eat lunch. There is a pizza parlor in the lodge. There is small store that accepts packages for 4 dollars—503-622-0736 – WY'East Store Open 7:00 – 7:00 daily. Mothergoose said that in 2012 they had raised the price of breakfast to 15 dollars and it wasn't that great any more.

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(Hiker Name)

c/o Timberline Ski Area

WY'East Store

Timberline, OR 97028. The store has a few food items and a hiker box. The vending machines have a selection of food like corn nuts and pop tarts.( the machines at the old lodge are cheaper than down at ski resort.) There is a cafeteria down in the ski place that sells stuff like apples, bagels, small packets of cream cheese etc. It's only 50 quick miles to Cascade locks; I've resupplied out of the lodge 4 times.

To stay at the lodge is super expensive... like 135 dollars for a dorm room and it's usually booked solid. I camp right off the trail in the trees very close to the lodge. I'm discrete about it as I'm not sure it's okay.

## Sea to Summit Mt. Shuttles [Website](#)

*We are available 365 days a year and are willing to assist hikers throughout the Oregon/Washington regions of the Pacific Crest Trail. I will soon update our shuttle and transportation page to include the PCT and some more related info and return the link. Our rates run approximately \$40-50 per hour depending on drive time. Please call Sea to Summit at 503-286-9333 or [e-mail](#) us with your reservation request!*

## 2155 Cascade Locks

Restaurants, motels, small town grocery store, PO, RV park

I heard that you can camp at the RV park for free and take a shower. [Port Marine RV Park](#)

541-374-8619 – Accepts hiker packages via USPS free

(Hiker Name)

c/o Port Marine RV Park

PO Box 307

Cascade Locks, OR 97014

Accepts hiker packages via UPS free

(Hiker Name)

c/o Port Marine RV Park

355 WaNaPa St

Cascade Locks, OR 97014

There is a PO 541-374-5026 The post office is open Mo – Fr, 8:30a – 1p, 2p – 5 pm.

Hiker Name

c/o General Delivery

Cascade Locks, OR 97014

**Shrek** [AKA Joseph Shelly] is a trail angel in Cascade Locks who accepts hiker resupply 2155 packages.

PCT Hiker (Your Name)

c/o Joseph Shelley

PO Box 31

Cascade Locks, OR 97014-0031

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Shrek's phone: 503-327-9120



Shrek's email: [trailogreshrek@yahoo.com](mailto:trailogreshrek@yahoo.com) – Halfmile's trail notes **I emailed this guy once and he never answered—I wouldn't count on him.**

**Dial-a-ride** to bigger town of Hood River. You can schedule a ride by calling 541-386-4202 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Greyhound runs from Hood River

You might be able to get new shoes here: *Shortt Supply is Hood River's and the Columbia River Gorge's most complete road and trail running store.*

1414 12th Street, Hood River, OR 97031  
(541) 386-5474

**Stevenson** Albertson, drug store, Econo Lodge, , restaurants, [PO \(509\) 427-5532](tel:5094275532) M-F 8:30-5pm Closed Sat and Sun

You walk through Stevenson if you take the alternate route in the Wilderness Press guide book. It cuts 35 miles off of your hike. I've taken it once. It's all a road walk. It goes along the river and parts of it are blessed with a large crop of blackberries. Parts of it are on a narrow winding road with no shoulder; it's dangerous. There is a **bus** that will take you to Vancouver which will drop you off at a station with a bus that will take you to downtown Portland. In Downtown Portland there is an REI(1405 Northwest Johnson St (503) 221-1938) and US Outdoor Store ((503) 223-5937, 219 SW Broadway). There is also a New Balance store and a North Face store.

If you need to wait for the bus in Stevenson you might want to keep hiking and catch it further on in Carson.

The bus goes right past the northern end of the Bridge of the Gods (on trail). You may be able to arrange pickup and drop off, if you call them. 509-427-3990 Skamania County Transit Service Bus service connecting Vancouver WA (near Portland) with the N end of the Bridge of the Gods (near Cascade Locks OR) I have also heard that it is a flagstop ( meaning if you are there waiting for the bus they will stop) call to confirm.

[http://www.skamaniacounty.org/public\\_transit.htm](http://www.skamaniacounty.org/public_transit.htm)

**2189 Stablers Country Store** 1 mile off trail. As of March 2011, the store has closed due to lack of business. Owner Jim says he and his family live there and will accept hiker packages for the 2011 season.

22 Hemlock Y Rd  
Carson, WA 98610-3184  
Phone: (509) 427-2717

On the way down to the store is a little trailer selling hot dogs and hamburgers, I think.. It wasn't open when I came through.

**2237 Trout Lake**—13 mile hitch I have never gone in to this town. Once I waited 40 minutes at the road, trying to hitch a ride in, but not one car came by so I hiked on. I've heard great things about this town and also heard that if you can get in you will be able to arrange a ride back to the trail. Heard great things about the sleeping room at the the Trout Lake Grocery. Everyone I talked to that got a ride, got it in the afternoon, so if you are planning to go in, I would plan to get to the road in the afternoon rather than the morning.

Transportation back to the trail can be arranged by calling PCTA member **Doug Anderson** who will even bring you down to town if you pre-arrange a pick-up time at the trailhead at Rd. 23. 509-395-3611. I also heard that there is a list of people willing to take you back to the trail. Check at the Trout Lake Grocery

Groceries are available at **Trout Lake Grocery**, 2383 Hwy 141. They specialize in the needs of outdoor activity folks. Sleeping room available. UPS drop and receive services. Washer/Dryer. Internet access. Food/supply drop box. Good source of information about Trout Lake. 509-395-2777.

Supplies are available at **Andy's Valley Chevron Station** at the junction of Mt. Adams Rd. and Hwy 141. Andy and crew will be very helpful in letting you know where the services are in Trout Lake. 509-395-2211.

Food services and restaurants: **KJ's Bear Creek Café** with hot meals and cool huckleberry shakes is at the Chevron Station. 509-395-2525.

**Heavenly Grounds Espresso**, also at the station, for a caffeine kick or a huckleberry smoothie. 509-395-2211.

**Time Out Pizza and More**, 2995 Hwy 141 across from the Trout Lake Motel. 509-395-2767.

**Kelly's Trout Creek Inn B & B** let historic Trout Creek sing you to sleep in a beautifully decorated room of Irish woodsy decor. Breakfast included of course. Discounts for hikers. Possible ride back up to the trail. 25 Mt. Adams Road. [www.kellysbnb.com](http://www.kellysbnb.com). 509-395-2769.

**County Park** 1 block behind the Post Office has camping and coin-op showers.

Lodging: **Trout Lake Motel** ½ mile south of town at 2300 Hwy 141. New units. Competitive rates include breakfast. Coin-op laundry. In-room phones. A ride back up to the trail may also be available if not too busy. [www.troutlakemotel.com](http://www.troutlakemotel.com) 509-395-2300.

**U.S. Post Office**, 2393 Hwy 141, Trout Lake, WA 98650. Open 8:30-12:30; 1:00 – 5:00 M-F. 509-395-2108.

**Gifford Pinchot National Forest Mt. Adams District Ranger Station** is ¼ mile west of the Post Office. Maps, Trail Information, list of overnight accommodations in the valley. Rest Rooms, water. 2455 Hwy. 141. Open 8:00-4:30 7 days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day. 509-395-3400

**2303 White Pass** .07 mile off trail but if you take the ski lift trail and then head down the road it will take you straight to the store.

It's a small store but I have resupplied out of it my last 3 trips. They also sell wraps and good coffee. They have a hiker box. Friendly. Washer and dryer. Accepts packages. They sold small fuel canisters in 2012

Your Name Here

c/o White Pass Rural Branch PO

at the Kracker Barrel Store

48851 US Highway 12

Naches, WA 98937 509-672-3105

There are some rooms to rent next door at the very unfriendly Village Inn **509.672.3131**.

The price varies wildly depending on the mood of the curmudgeon that runs the place.

None of the rooms have phones or TV reception but some of the rooms have bathtubs and some have TV's with video players and movies at the office—some don't.

At White Pass you can also head down to [Packwood](#) where they have a small town store, motels, and a [post office](#). I heard some motels will give rides.

[Peters Inn](http://www.peters-inn.com) [www.peters-inn.com](http://www.peters-inn.com) – 13051 US Highway 12, Packwood – (360) 494-4000

[Crest Trail Lodge](http://www.cresttrailodge.com) [www.cresttrailodge.com](http://www.cresttrailodge.com) – 12729 US Highway 12, Packwood – (360) 494-4944

[Hotel Packwood](#)

104 Main St, Packwood – (360) 494-5431

[Cowlitz River Lodge](#)

[www.escapetothemountains.com](http://www.escapetothemountains.com) – 13069 U.S. 12, Packwood – (360) 494-4444

[Packwood Inn](http://www.innofpackwood.com) [www.innofpackwood.com](http://www.innofpackwood.com) – 13032 US Highway 12, Packwood – (360) 494-5500

[Tatoosh Motel](#)

12880 Highway 12, Packwood – (360) 494-7379

[Packwood Lodging Inc](#)

13807 US Highway 12, Packwood – (360) 494-0500

[2402 Snoqualmie Pass](#)

Motel, restaurant, two small stores, Deli/coffee place, food truck. I have resupplied out of the stores 4 times. The Chevron station (425) 434-6688 acts sort of like a post office and holds packages. Call for info. I have hiked into Snoqualmie Pass 5 times now; 4 times I have been cold, wet, and wanted a room.

From the trail you will see the big red roof of the [Summit Lodge](#). 1-425-434-6300 \$79 for a single, \$10 for each additional person—talk to Kim or Kerstin for best rate. 30 dollars extra for air-conditioning. Hike straight down the ski slope to the motel. To rejoin the trail, hike down the road till you see the trail on your right.

Great motel with friendly people, sauna, hot tub, laundry, internet, will hold boxes \$10-20? fee unless you are a guest

(Hiker Name)

C/O Summit Inn hotel  
603 State Hwy 906  
Snoqualmie Pass WA 98068

The USPS address for maildrop boxes is: Summit Inn Hotel, PO Box 163, Snoqualmie Pass, WA 98068 **If you sent a box to the hotel and its not there, try the Chevron Station.**

There is an alternate, out of Snoqualmie Pass, that Halfmile has on his GPS tracks and maps that will take you to [Goldmeyer Hot Springs](#) before rejoining the PCT. I took it in 2012 and much of it was overgrown, rocky, and slow going. Costs 15 dollars to stay. When I got there, they said they were full as they only allow 20 people a day in. So call for reservations **206-789-5631**

[2476 Skykomish, WA](#) 14 mile hitch out of Stevens Pass.

According to the PCTA : [Northwestern Trailways](#) will drop off or pick up (“flag stop”) twice daily at Stevens Pass to take you west to Everett/Seattle or east to Leavenworth/Wenatchee. 1-800-366-3830

PO, library, restaurant, two motels one offering dorm rooms, 2 small stores, one of them with a deli. I resupplied out of the stores my last 5 times through.

The old hotel, [Cascadia Inn](#) (360) 677-2030 , 210 Railroad Ave E, Skykomish, WA 98288 rents private rooms some of which don't have a bathroom. They close around 5pm and if you come later they may not rent you a room. Shared TV room with kitchen and coffee pot. On some days the restaurant doesn't open till 10am. Sometimes you can pay the hotel staff to do your laundry. They hold packages. The trains go right by here blowing their whistle all night long. I heard that that happens at the Dinnsmore's as well. I paid 50 dollars + tax for a room with the bathroom down the hall. They no longer have a dorm room.

**SkyRiver Inn 1 360 677-2261 The Sky River Inn has been torn down but is supposed to be rebuilt.**

[2476Dinnsmore's Hiker Haven](#) 360-677-1237 – House

253-973-3495 Andrea

206-954-2521 Jerry

Never been here. I hear its way out of town. From their website: FROM STEVEN'S PASS WEST ON HWY 2 SKYKOMISH IS MILE 49 BARING IS MILE 41

*Dinnsmore's are west of Skykomish in the town of Baring. Hitch to Skykomish if you have general delivery mail at that PO. In Skykomish there is the Sky Deli (sandwiches and hand dipped ice cream) and the Sky Gas (junk food). The Cascadia Inn has rooms, Cafe and Caboose Lounge. There is also the Whistling Post Tavern for Chicken and JoJos and Spirits. Give us a call from Skykomish and we will come and get you if you want to stay here or hitch to West to Baring on Hwy 2 mile marker 41 and get out at the Baring Store. The Baring Store has a super neat cafe and hiker food area. From the Baring Store go over the tracks and take the first left and down to the Dinnsmore sign. We have 2 acres of grass for pitching tents and hanging out. You will have access to a shower, bathroom, laundry, computer, indoor hiker area to dry things out and a fire pit.*

#### **MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

All resupply boxes **must** be mailed in care of the Dinnsmores if you want us to pick them up and hold them here. We have a very small PO and **if you are staying with us** please allow us to store your boxes here at the house. There is no charge for picking up and holding your resupply boxes. If you are staying at the [Cascadia Inn](#) please have **them** pick up and hold your boxes there. It will save you a hitch down here and back. We are not making runs to the trailhead as our new home is a 50 mile round trip. Very easy hitch from Baring to the trailhead.

USPS address: (for all regular mail and hiker boxes):

Hiker Name

c/o Dinnsmore's Hiker Haven

PO BOX 374

Skykomish, WA 98288

UPS and FED-X address: (for UPS/FedX only)

Hiker Name

c/o Dinnsmore's Hiker Haven

63330 NE 197th Place

Baring, WA 98224

**ATTENTION: THE U.S. POST OFFICE DOES NOT DELIVER ANY MAIL TO OUR HOUSE (PHYSICAL) ADDRESS. DO NOT MAIL ANYTHING THROUGH THE POST OFFICE WITH OUR HOUSE NUMBERS ON IT.**

**\*Arrival date on all packages please\* We make daily runs to the Post Office. Please feel free to mail boxes anytime. We have room to store them.**

### [2574 Stehekin, WA](#)

10 mile bus ride; 9 am, 12:15, 3pm, 6:15pm from High Bridge Cost: 5 dollars. Runs from June 19th thru Oct 7th

Cabin rental, restaurant, [PO–Stehekin WA 98852](#) –cash only *Mon 8:00am-12:00pm 1:30pm-4:30pm, Tue 9:00am-3:00pm, Wed 8:00am-12:00pm 1:30pm-4:30pm, Thu 9:00am-3:00pm, Fri 8:00am-12:00pm 1:30pm-4:30pm, Sat-Sun-closed*, free camping, coin showers, coin laundry, small store, bakery. Get a free permit at the visitor center to camp. The ranch had fuel canister for sale in its gear store and wi-fi.

If you stay at the [ranch](#), I hear you get great all you can eat meals and that they will accept your package—call to confirm. Prices range from 100-120 dollars a night per person and includes all meals, bedding, towels, and transportation on the bus to the town and trail. For more information and reservations:

Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm	1-800-536-0745
	509-682-4677
Address	P.O. 36 Stehekin, WA 98852
Email	<a href="mailto:ranch@stehekinvalleyranch.com">ranch@stehekinvalleyranch.com</a>

The ranch has a small gear store and there is some gear for sale at the town store. You can take the bus in the evening to have dinner at the ranch and they bring you back.

It's a tough resupply but I have done it once. If the store doesn't have any cheese asked them for it. The bakery said they would sell me cheese if the store didn't have any. I bought cheese, bagels, sweet rolls, pizza, chips, jerky, Mountain House oatmeal breakfasts, fruit and nut bars, etc. There is a place near the bakery that sells goat cheese, organic vegetables, fruit and berries, homemade crackers, bread, and honey. It's called "the Garden" and the bus goes right by it.

You can also take the ferry into Chelan where they have motels and a Safeway grocery store with pharmacy. Look in town or on the ferry for motels that will pick you up and drop you off at the ferry landing. I believe, [The Apple Inn](#) was the place that picked me up and dropped me off at the ferry landing. It was a nice room and reasonably priced. [appleinnmotel.com](http://appleinnmotel.com) | 509-682-4044 800-276-3229 | [info@appleinnmotel.com](mailto:info@appleinnmotel.com)

### [Manning Park, BC \(The end.\)](#)

The [lodge](#) is expensive but they have a hiker rate, laundry for guests. 1.800.330.3321 There is a [hostel](#) for 30 dollars a night+tax –no reservations allowed at the hostel. Small store, restaurants. [Greyhound](#) stops right in front of the lodge and takes you to Vancouver. Departs 11 am arrives in Vancouver 4 hours later, costs 48.00

### [Quick Shuttle Service](#)

800-665-2122. Service from Downtown Vancouver – Vancouver Airport – Bellingham WA – Downtown Seattle – SeaTac Airport. 2011: one way from Vancouver to SeaTac is \$57. Book online and save 5%.

According to the PCTA: "Winona and Peter Rowat are "trail hosts" in Vancouver, BC Canada. Camp in yard. Anyone over 50 can camp in the basement suite. Get key from upstairs tenants Address: 3375 Ash (18th and Cambie) Vancouver, BC V5Z3E4 Canada". You can email the Rowat's at nona@crayfish.ucsd.edu.

### **Avoiding Canada:**

I hiked backed to Harts Pass (31 miles) in 2012 and easily hitched to Seattle (Well, it took me 8 hitches but it was easy, it was also Labor Day weekend.) Your best bet getting a ride will be about 100 yards down from the ranger station as there is a popular road coming out there. I have gone through Harts Pass 6 times now and there have always been cars there. There is a rumor though that they may stop maintaining the road which will cut down on traffic, if it happens.

(From the PCT-L ) *There are several backtracking options, all of which involve reaching Monument 78 and heading back south through the Pasayten. They are as follows:*

*1. Turn around and head south to Castle Pass (4 miles) and head west on Trail 749 which is known as the Boundary Trail. Check with the Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest Service Ranger for updates on trail closure; anyway, this trail heads west until you reach Ross Lake, which has been dammed by Ross Dam and is part of Ross Lake Recreation Area. There is a great little resort with floating cabins called Ross Lake Resort ([www.rosslakeresort.com](http://www.rosslakeresort.com)) that gives water taxi rides to their resort on the southwest side of the lake. There is a fee for this; look it up on the website. When I thru-hiked the Pacific Northwest Trail in 2009, we lucked into a cabin being available (usually sold out through the summer). We arrived at 5:00, the owners came by and knocked at our door at 6 and invited us to eat with the resort crew, on the house. The meal: filet mignon, corn on the cob, deluxe baked potatoes, you name it...and a lot of beer and margaritas. I haven't been rejected into Canada, but my wife and I are strongly considering this option anyway this year. If you don't want the water taxi, you can choose to walk south along the east side of the lake until you reach Washington State Highway 20.*

*2. Turn around and head south beyond Castle Pass to Holman Pass (17 miles) and head west on Trail 752 (Devil's Ridge Trail). This trail also heads west to Ross Lake. Once at the lake, you have the water taxi option or you can hike south to Highway 20.*

*Joker (2010): Instead of going into Canada, I recommend hiking back to Hart's Pass. Easy hitch to*

*Sedro-Woolley where you can easily catch a bus to Seattle. Often easy hitch to Seattle, too. For two years I have hiked back to Hart's Pass and hitched to both Seattle (south on I-5) and Bellingham (north on I-5) in two or less hitches. Hart's Pass is a very popular Pasayten access trailhead. No bus ride, no border stuff, etc. Cheap! I got to Seattle in the same time it took someone who went to Manning.*

Another option is to hike back to Rainy Pass and hitch in there and another would be to hike all the way back to Stehekin and take the ferry to Chelan where there is a cheap bus(1-3 dollars?) that will take you to Wenatchee where you can catch a Greyhound or a plane.

### **Links to online town guides:**

[Halfmile's PCT phone book](#)

[Craig's PCT Planner](#)

[Best of the Crest: Food and Lodging on the Pacific Crest Trail](#)



[Plan your hike's guide](#)

Alex's 2009 PCT resupply schedule [Pt. 1](#), [pt.2](#), [pt 3](#)

[Dave and Lexi's resupply page](#)

[Purebound's PCT resupply page](#)

[Yogi's PCT handbook update page](#)