The Warner Springs Community Resource Center
760-782-0670; about 100 yards E of the PCT at the first crossing of Highway 79 has been very hiker-friendly the past few years offering hikers water, computer use, WiFi, charging stations, camping, food, and a small but surprisingly well stocked hiker resupply store.

The Warner Springs Ranch Resort
warnerspringsranchresort.com, 760-782-4200 has reopened following bankruptcy several years ago. The resort has new owners, see web site for the latest updates.

Warner Springs Post Office [M-F 8-4, Sa 8-1:30]; (Your Name) c/o General Delivery
Warner Springs, CA 92086

Hwy 79 - Highway 79 - mi 109.5 - 3030 ft
PO0110 - Warner Springs Post Office - 1.2 miles NE of PCT - mi 109.5 - 3114 ft
Private CG - Private Campground - mi 111.1 - 2922 ft
Hwy 79b - Hwy 79, 2nd crossing, Agua Caliente Creek - mi 111.4 - 2930 ft
WR113 - Agua Caliente Creek, just past picnic tables - mi 112.6 - 2966 ft
WR115 - Agua Caliente Creek - mi 114.7 - 3191 ft
CS0115 - Campsite on E side of Agua Caliente Creek - mi 115 - 3249 ft
WR115b - Agua Caliente Creek - last crossing - mi 115.5 - 3312 ft
TR0118 - Unmarked spur trail going 100 yards S to Lost Creek Rd - mi 117.9 - 4080 ft
TR0118b - 100 yard spur trail from Lost Creek Rd to the PCT - mi 4027 ft

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**Map Information**

Lost Valley Rd - Lost Valley Rd, abandoned road - mi 118.6 - 4174 ft
WR120 - Lost Valley Spring, 2/10 mile N of PCT - mi 119.6 - 4360 ft
CS0124 - Several small campsites among the boulders - mi 123.8 - 5010 ft
WR127 - Chihuahua Valley Rd, unpaved - mi 127.3 - 5041 ft
WR127B - Water tank, 2/10 mile E of PCT - mi 127.3 - 5090 ft
CS0129 - Several campsites on the high ridge near Combs Peak - mi 129.2 - 5601 ft
GT0134 - Pipe gate - mi 134.4 - 4070 ft

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Mile 0 - Wellman Divide trail to San Jacinto Peak, PCT mile 181.2 - 8965 ft
Mile 7 - Wellman's Cienaga (WA181), usually has water - 8930 ft
Mile 12 - Wellman Divide trail junction, turn left - 9709 ft
Mile 2.9 - Follow spur trail 3/10 mile to the San Jacinto Peak summit - 10568 ft
Mile 4.2 - Pass Little Round Valley wilderness campground, usually has water, permit from the state park required for camping - 9914 ft
Mile 5.5 - Rejoin the PCT at mile 185.7 (2SJTrail) in 2011 the only trail sign here was one pointing to Fuller Ridge - 8977 ft

WATER ALERT: Next northbound water after WR186B may be the Snow Canyon Road faucet in 19.5 miles. Be sure to fill up here, a long dry and waterless section of trail is ahead as you make the descent toward Cabazon. Over the years, a number of hiker rescues have happened in this area due to snow, ice, or navigation issues on Fuller Ridge (the next 4.3 miles), or because of heat and dehydration at lower elevations.
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Mile 2.9 - Strong Dr - Left on paved Strong Dr - 5565 ft
Mile 3 - B Circle Dr - Left on paved South Circle Dr - 5519 ft
Mile 3.4 - Village Ctr Dr - Right on paved Village Ctr Dr - 5391 ft
Mile 3.6 - NC Circle Dr - Left on paved North Circle Drive - 5360 ft
Mile 3.7 - Hwy 243 - Arrive Hwy 243 near the Village Market - 5358 ft

Ernie Maxwell Trail to Idyllwild

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Mile 0 - Ernie Maxwell Tr - Ernie Maxwell trailhead, near Fern Valley Rd, just below Humber Park - 6398 ft
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Fuller Ridge Trailhead, parking - mi 190.5 - 7761 ft
CS0191 - Campsite - mi 190.5 - 7786 ft
RD0191 - Black Mountain Road, unpaved - mi 190.7 - 7689 ft
RD0193 - Round about of unpaved roads, small unpaved parking area, possible trailhead for high clearance vehicles - mi 192.6 - 6871 ft
CS0194 - Several camp sites - mi 193.6 - 6475 ft
TR0194 - Unmarked use trail to West Fork Snow Creek - mi 193.9 - 6383 ft
WRC0194 - Seasonal Water, West Fork Snow Creek, campsite, 1/10 mile SW of PCT - mi 193.9 - 6300 ft
CS0195 - Small campsite - mi 194.4 - 5646 ft
CS0197 - Campsite - mi 197.2 - 4919 ft
CS0201 - Campsite - mi 201.1 - 3339 ft
CS0202 - Campsite at the saddle west of knob - mi 201.7 - 3237 ft

On the Black Mountain Road Alternate:

Poses Spring - Cinco Posis piped spring and faucet by Black Mountain Rd, usually has water, 2.4 miles SW of the PCT - 7217 ft
Black Mtn Look Rd - Pass unpaved Black Mountain Lookout Rd [2.2 miles SW of the PCT] - 7339 ft
Black Mtn GC - Black Mountain group camping area [1.2 miles SW of the PCT] - 7379 ft

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Next water after WR206 may be WR186 [Fork of San Jacinto River Tributary] in 20.1 miles

CS0205 - Campsite - mi 204.8 - 2128 ft
WR206 - Snow Canyon Road faucet, campsites 150 feet W, PCT joins paved Snow Creek Rd - mi 205.7 - 1721 ft
GT0207 - Gate, blocks vehicle traffic S on paved road - mi 206.8 - 1251 ft
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The 2018 Cranston Fire does not close the PCT, but may impact the Spitler to Idyllwild Alternate that some PCT hikers take during high snow years. See the PCTA or San Bernardino National Forest for the latest info if considering alternate routes into Idyllwild.

Part of Bonita Vista Road is a private road. Hikers should not hike on this private road.

Part of this route is on the course of the Idyllwild Spring Challenge, a major mountain bike race held the first weekend in May. Avoid hiking this route between Herkey Creek Campground and May Valley Road during the bike race.

The Herkey Creek Campground [951-659-2050] is a county campground with running water, coin showers, payphone, trash cans, and a playground. Cost is $20 per night with 6 people max per campsite. If you are in the campground, go N through the hiker gate next to site 198 to continue hiking the alternate to Idyllwild.

The Lake Hemet Store [951-659-2350] is 6/10 mile SE of the campground on Hwy 74. From the Herkey Creek Campground, Idyllwild is 3.4 miles NW on Hwy 74, then 4.5 miles N on Hwy 843.

Lookout for mountain bikers speeding down the trail N of Herkey Creek Campground, especially on weekends. You will be hiking N and most of the mountain bikers will be going downhill to the S, so they are usually easy to spot. The trail is mostly wide enough for both of you, except for the 1.1 miles between Fork 2 and May Valley Rd.

Mile 0 - SpitlerTR - At the Spitler Peak trail junction with the PCT go left down the west side of the mountain - 7047 ft
Mile 9 - Spring - small spring - 6529 ft
Mile 4.7 - SpitlerPeakTH - Spitler Peak trailhead, parking, go left on paved Apple Canyon Road - 4905 ft
Mile 6.4 - YellowPost3 - Yellow Post with arrow pointing north to primitive campsite number 3. Campsite is 2/10 mile N of Apple Canyon Road - 4397 ft
Mile 6.9 - ACCenter - Apple Canyon Center, Ronald McDonald camp gate - 4376 ft

For the next 2.9 miles this alternate follows unmarked mountain bike trails. Read the descriptions carefully and follow the map to navigate.

Locate the gravel road that runs N from Apple Canyon Rd next to the Apple Canyon Center, Ronald McDonald camp gate. Follow this gravel road N along the fenced eastern edge of the Herkey Creek Group Camp Area. After 2/10 mile turn W and follow the lesser used road that skirts along the fenced northern edge of the group camping area. Shortly after this turn you see a metal water tank through the trees on a hill in the distance that you will walk near. In 1/106 mile you will see another gate that blocks vehicle traffic, but allows hikers to pass on the left. Continue 2/10 of a mile past this gate to the water tank.

Mile 7.4 - Water Tank - Metal water Tank N of the Herkey Creek Campground [no water for hikers from the tank] - 4471 ft
Mile 7.6 - HerkeyCreek - Cross Herkey Creek - 4436 ft

Continue 2/10 mile past the water tank and at the unmarked trail junction go W to cross Herkey Creek. You will encounter several unmarked trails on the W bank of Herkey Creek. Go N along the W bank of the creek and within a hundred feet you will find a well established mountain bike trail about 5 feet wide in an abandoned dirt roadbed. If you miss the turn, just cross Herkey Creek and find the abandoned road on the W bank of the creek.

Alternatively, at the Apple Canyon Center, Ronald McDonald camp gate a hiker could continue W on the paved road 4/10 mile to the Herkey Creek Campground entrance near Hwy 74. Once in the campground hike 1/2 mile N to the hiker gate next to site 130. Rejoin the alternate 400 feet N of this gate.

Mile 8.5 - Fork1 - Keep left at the unmarked fork in the trail - 4619 ft
The trail climbs about 80 feet up a rutted and washed out section of the abandoned road to the top of a very small ridge. At the small ridge top keep left at Fork1 toward San Jacinto Peak, the most dominate feature on skyline. Do not take the fork down the other side of the ridge to Herkey Creek.

See Page 2 for more route description

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Mile 8.6 - DarrenMemorial - Pass a small memorial for Darren York who died after becoming ill mountain biking in 2006 - 4689 ft

Mile 8.8 - Fork - Keep left at the unsigned fork - 4727 ft

Depart the abandoned road and take the mountain bike trail left toward the power line on the hill.

Mile 9.9 - Footbridge - Cross a small wooden footbridge - 4727 ft

Mile 9.2 - Powerline - Go under a small power line - 4856 ft

Mile 9.7 - MayValleyRd - Unpaved and unmarked May Valley Rd - 5092 ft

Turn right on May Valley Rd. The road is unmarked, but if you travel a short distance N you will see a large wooden sign marking the junction of May Valley and Bonita Vista roads. May Valley road is closed to vehicle traffic.

Mile 9.8 - BonitaVistaRd - Keep left at the junction with unpaved Bonita Vista Rd. Follow the sign toward Saunders Meadow - 5088 ft

Mile 10.2 - Spring - Pass a spring and trough on the left - 5096 ft

Mile 10.6 - MayValleyGate - Go under the locked Forest Service Gate - 5428 ft

Mile 10.7 - SouthridgeTr - Continue past Southridge, Tahquitz Peak trailhead on the right - 5469 ft

Mile 12.1 - Road Junction - Keep right at unmarked junction of unpaved roads, the road becomes paved in about 100 yards, you begin to see cabins shortly after that - 5643 ft

Mile 12.3 - SaundersMdwRd - Right on paved Saunders Meadow Rd - 5618 ft

Mile 13.5 - Hwy243 - Right on Highway 243 - 5248 ft

Mile 14.1 - Arrive in central Idyllwild, Village Market, North Circle Dr. The State Park campground is 1/10th mile farther N on Hwy 243. See the Black Mountain Alternate maps if you want to continue N using an alternate route. - 5350 ft
Because of snow and ice early in the hiking season some hikers bypass Fuller Ridge [miles 187 - 191] and walk up the unpaved Black Mountain Rd to rejoin the PCT on the N end of Fuller Ridge. The PCT begins a steep descent to the desert floor immediately N of the Black Mountain Rd. Some hikers roadwalk the 8.2 miles of Hwy 243 from Idyllwild to reach Black Mountain Rd. This highway is a narrow curvy mountain road, often with little or no shoulder to walk on. It can be dangerous, especially during weekends with traffic. Be very careful if you decide to walk the highway.

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- Mile 0 - Central Idyllwild, North Circle Dr, near Village Market - 5350 ft
- Mile 1 - SanJacCG - San Jacinto State Park Campground, Idyllwild - 5405 ft
- Mile 2 - AppleBInn - The Apple Blossom Inn with new owners at the location of the old Tahquitz Inn - 5448 ft
- Mile 8 - DeerSpringsTr - Deer Springs Trail, across road from Idyllwild Nature Center - 5609 ft
- Mile 2.9 - PineCoveMarket - Pass the small Pine Cove Market and gas station on your left - 6180 ft
- Mile 5.5 - AlandaleFS - Pass Alandale Forest Service Station on the left - 6180 ft
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