California Section C - 132.5 miles
Start - Hwy 10, mile 209.5 [near Cabazon]
End - Hwy 15, mile 342 [Cajon Pass]
Elevation Gain +22,445'
Elevation Loss -20,786'
Elevation Change +1,659'

Hwy10 - Interstate Hwy 10 - mi 209.5 - 1355 ft
RD0210 - Cross paved Tamarack Road. - mi 209.6 - 1364 ft
PL0210 - High voltage power line - mi 210 - 1445 ft
RD0211 - Unpaved road, PCT register, barbed wire fence nearby. - mi 210.6 - 1603 ft
ZiggyBear - Ziggy and the Bear, trail angels, 2/10 mile SE of PCT. - mi 210.8 - 1604 ft  CLOSED
GT0211 - "Friends of the Desert Mountains" gate blocks the end of paved Boulder Drive. - mi 212.1 - 1645 ft
RD0212 - Two unpaved road next to each other. - mi 211.6 - 1849 ft
RD0212B - PCT joins an unpaved road. - mi 211.7 - 1853 ft
RD0212C - PCT departs the unpaved road. - mi 211.8 - 1840 ft
GT0212 - Metal trail gate - mi 212.1 - 1939 ft
TR0213 - Trail junction to the Mesa Wind Farm. - mi 213.4 - 2338 ft
WR0213 - Mesa Wind Farm maintenance building. - mi 213.4 - 2352 ft
RD0214 - Unpaved road - mi 213.8 - 2482 ft
RD0215 - Unpaved road, barbed wire fence nearby. - mi 214.6 - 2791 ft
GorgonioWild - San Gorgonio Wilderness boundary - mi 215.7 - 2812 ft

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The Whitewater Preserve is a hiker-friendly conservation preserve 6/10 mile E of the PCT at the site of an old trout farm. The preserve has running water, shade, toilets, a wading pool, and free camping for PCT hikers. PCT hikers who arrive after the ranger station closes should camp in the open grass area S of the Ranger Station. Check in with the ranger in the morning if staying more than one night.

- No fires, smoking or alcohol.

Preserve phone: 760-325-7222
Website: www.wildlandsconservancy.org
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Leave No Trace (LNT) is a set of principles designed to cultivate outdoor ethics and protect the natural integrity of our land. By following and promoting LNT, you blend your hike with the natural environment and lessen your impact on the trail and the world.

The basic principles of LNT

* Plan Ahead and Prepare
* Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
* Dispose of Trash and Waste Properly
* Leave What You Find
* Minimize Campfire Impact
* Respect Wildlife
* Be Considerate of Other Visitors

For more information on LNT visit the Leave No Trace Center For Outdoor Ethics at www.LNT.org
The Fish Creek trail up San Gorgonio Mountain [the highest mountain in southern California] is 1/2 mile W of PCT mile 240. See the supplemental map at the end of this section for more information.
South Bound
Water Alert!
Next water after
WRCS0256 may be WRCS0240 [Mission Springs Trail Camp] in 16.3 miles.

WRCS0256 - Arrastre Trail Camp, Deer Spring, stream 200 feet to the N, picnic table, campsites. - mi 256.2 - 7605 ft
WR0257 - Spring 1/2 mile N of Arrastre Camp. - mi 256.7 - 7456 ft
RD0258 - PCT joins an unpaved road. - mi 257.7 - 7139 ft
WR0258 - Arrastre Creek - mi 257.9 - 7045 ft
RD0258B - PCT departs the unpaved road. - mi 258 - 7048 ft
WR0258B - Arrastre Creek - mi 258.5 - 6885 ft
CS0259 - Small campsite - mi 259.4 - 7156 ft
RD0259 - Unpaved road - mi 259.5 - 7133 ft
RD0262 - Unpaved road 2N02 - mi 261.9 - 6782 ft

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Big Bear City and Big Bear Lake are 2 towns about 5 miles apart, each with their own post office. Use the correct post office if you send a package. Big Bear Hostel is in Big Bear Lake. MARTA bus service [909-878-5200, mountaintransit.org] serves these communities.

Big Bear City [mile 266.1] is town 5.4 miles SW of the PCT. Big Bear City has small grocery, motels, restaurants, pay phones, ATM, and a post office.

Big Bear City Post Office [open M-F 9:45-4:30, Sa pickup only 1-2; 909-585-7132]
(Hiker Name)
c/o General Delivery
Big Bear City, CA 92314
Keep right at the Cougar Crest trail junction. It is easy to overlook the PCT sign and follow the well trodden Cougar Crest trail at this junction.

The town of Big Bear Lake is just S of the lake, not shown on these maps.

Big Bear Lake is town 9 miles SW of the PCT (about 5 miles W of Big Bear City). Big Bear Lake is larger than Big Bear City and has several full groceries, Kmart, motels, restaurants, pay phones, ATM, pharmacy, post office [909-866-1035], Motel 6 [909-585-6688], and the hiker-friendly Big Bear Hostel. The Big 5 sporting goods [909-866-2730] in Big Bear Lake usually sells fuel canisters.

Big Bear Lake Post Office [open M-F 8:30-5, Sa 10-12]:
(Your Name)
G/O General Delivery
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

The hiker-friendly Big Bear Hostel [bigbearhostel.com, 909-866-8900] is located about 100 yards SE of Lake View Drive and Knickerbocker Road in Big Bear Lake.
The unpaved section of Hwy 173 [E of PCT mile 314.25] has been closed to vehicles and blocked with concrete barricades.

- WA0308 - Deep Creek hot spring. - mi 308 - 3522 ft
- WR0309 - Small stream - mi 309.3 - 3460 ft
- Bridge0310 - Footbridge painted with rainbow colors. - mi 310 - 3318 ft
- MFSpillway - Mojave River Forks Reservoir Spillway, 200 feet NW of PCT. - mi 313.1 - 3135 ft
- WR0314 - Stream - mi 313.6 - 2985 ft

Camping is not permitted within one mile of Deep Creek. Sometimes this is enforced, especially on weekends near WR308, a popular clothing optional hot spring that can be crowded on weekends.
Mojave River Forks Reservoir Dam Alternate

Mojave River Forks Reservoir is usually a dry lake bed. In wet years, the trail below the dam [PCT miles 313 - 314] may be flooded. Rangers report the flooded area sometimes has quicksand, so use caution. As an alternate, you can take the paved path just past the MF Spillway to the road on top of the dam [see purple line]. Then follow the dam to Arrowhead Lake Rd, and backtrack on Hwy 173 to the PCT. This 2.9 mile alternate bypasses 1.3 miles of the PCT.

RD0314 - Paved Route 173 - mi 314.3 - 3127 ft
WR0316 - Seasonal trail side spring. - mi 316.2 - 3482 ft
WR0317 - Piped spring - mi 317.4 - 3356 ft
TR0318 - Mojave River Campground trail junction. Campground is 3/4 mile off trail. - mi 317.6 - 3371 ft
RD0318 - PCT joins an unpaved road. - mi 317.7 - 3411 ft
WRC0318 - Seasonal Grass Valley Creek, campsite nearby. - mi 318 - 3331 ft
RD0318B - PCT departs the unpaved road. - mi 318 - 3333 ft
RD0319 - Unpaved road - mi 318.7 - 3472 ft
CS0320 - Small campsite - mi 319.9 - 3595 ft
StatePark0322 - State park, national forest boundary. - mi 322.5 - 3402 ft
RD0323 - Paved road to the Silverwood Lake day use parking area. - mi 323.2 - 3373 ft
RD0324 - PCT joins an unpaved road toward a bridge over the Silverwood Lake dam outlet. - mi 323.6 - 3184 ft

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North Bound Water Alert!
Next water after Cajon Pass may be WR365 [Guffy Campground] in 22.5 miles.

Hikers going to the McDonalds or gas station mini-mart at Cajon Pass walk along a section of historic Route 66 [now called Wagon Train Rd] which also runs past a memorial built in 1917 honoring pioneers of the Santa Fe and Salt Lake trails [behind the truck weigh station]. Route 66 ran 2,448 miles from Chicago to LA, less than the length of the PCT.

Cajon Pass [mile 342] is a busy interstate highway intersection 1/2 mile NW of the PCT with a McDonald's restaurant, pay phone, gas station mini-mart and a hiker-friendly Best Western Motel [760-249-6777].
San Gorgonio Mountain

Hikers seeking extra adventure can make the 10.7 mile trip up 11,505 foot San Gorgonio Mountain, the highest peak in Southern California. The Fish Creek Trailhead is just 1/2 mile W of the PCT near the Mission Springs Trail Camp. The Fish Creek Trail climbs 3,600 feet to the summit. Contact the Mill Creek Ranger Station at 909-382-2882 for permit information.

Mileages are distances from the PCT near the Mission Springs Trail Camp.

- Mile 0 - W on unpaved Forest Road 1N05 W just past Mission Springs Trail Camp toward Fish Creek Trailhead - 7915 ft
- Mile 0.5 - FishCrkTr - Fish Creek Trailhead - 8090 ft
- Mile 1.2 - AspenGroveTr - Aspen Grove trail junction - 7976 ft
- Mile 1.3 - FishCreek - Fish Creek, usually has water - 8041 ft
- Mile 2.4 - FishCrkCmp - Fish Creek Trail Camp - 8383 ft
- Mile 2.7 - CreekFCTr - Small creek above the trail camp, usually has water - 8565 ft
- Mile 5.5 - FishCrkSaddle - Fish Creek Saddle, Lodgepole Spring trail junction, Dry Lake Camp trail junction - 9813 ft
- Mile 6.3 - BigTreeTr - Big Tree Camp trail junction - 9815 ft
- Mile 6.5 - DryLakeTr - Dry Lake Camp trail junction - 9935 ft
- Mile 7.5 - C47Crash - Plane crash memorial, C-47 crashed in a snowstorm in 1952 - 10395 ft
- Mile 10.2 - VivianCrkTr - Vivian Creek trail junction, signed San Gorgonio Mtn, Mineshaft Flat - 11356 ft
- Mile 10.7 - MtSanGorgonio - San Gorgonio Peak - 11505 ft

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