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Onyx is 17.7 miles W of the PCT on Hwy 178. The town of Lake Isabella is 37 miles W of the PCT on Hwy 178. Bus service runs between Lake Isabella and Onyx (and W to the city of Bakersfield).

Ridgecrest is a larger town 25.4 miles to the E, but it is probably a more difficult hitch. To reach Ridgecrest travel E 8.3 miles on Hwy 178, then N 2.8 miles on Hwy 14/Hwy 178, then E 14.3 miles on Hwy 178.

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Check www.pctwater.com for the latest water information.

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Next water after WR664 may be WR620 [Willow Spring] in 43.7 miles.

Check the water reports, WR651 is not always reliable.

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CS0673 - Small campsite - mi 672.8 - 6772 ft
CS0676 - Several small campsites along a ridge - mi 676.1 - 6880 ft
WR681 - Chimney Creek, seasonal spring nearby - mi 680.8 - 5547 ft
RD0681 - Unpaved Canebreak Road to Chimney Creek campground 2/10 mile to the east - 5568 ft

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Kennedy Meadows is a small hiker-friendly community 1/2 mile E of the PCT. Kennedy Meadows has a restaurant and a small General Store [559-850-5647] with a grill, laundry, showers, pay phone, and they allow hikers to camp out back. The store accepts hiker resupply packages [$].

Grumpy Bears Retreat & Triple Crown Outfitter are about 2 miles SE of the General Store. Grumpy Bears [grumpybearsretreat.com, 559-850-2327] is a restaurant & bar serving food, beer & wine that also offers hikers showers, laundry, dry camping, and accepts hiker resupply boxes. Triple Crown Outfitters [559-850-4453; triplecrownoutfitters.com] is run from Yogi’s home located across the street from Grumpy Bear. Per Yogi: “No need to ship resupply packages to Kennedy Meadows anymore, because hikers can resupply at TCO. Full outfitter, full hiker resupply: bear canisters, ice axes, spikes, clothing, shoes, huge food selection, etc.”

For the General Store send resupply packages by USPS or UPS Include ETA on your package. (Your Name) c/o Kennedy Meadows General Store 96740 Beach Meadow Road Inyokern, CA 93527

Grumpy Bear Retreat accepts hiker packages, any mailing method, no holding fee. Include ETA on your package. In addition to the address, it’s a good idea to write in great big letters DELIVER TO GRUMPY BEAR. Mail often gets mis-delivered in Kennedy Meadows. (Your Name) c/o Grumpy Bear’s Retreat 98887 Kennedy Meadows Road Inyokern, CA 93527

Bear canisters are required in most areas from Cottonwood Pass to the northern border of Yosemite National Park. For most hikers, this means carrying a bear canister from Kennedy Meadows to Sonora Pass. See www.sierrawild.gov/bears/
CS0713 - Campsite in the trees 500 feet E of PCT near small seasonal creek - mi 713.4 - 8027 ft
WA0714 - Spring, trough, near Beck Meadow - mi 713.8 - 7925 ft
GT0714 - Gate - mi 714.3 - 8156 ft
WACS0716 - South Fork Kern River, steel bridge, campsite - mi 716.5 - 7845 ft

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Near mile 720 is a confusing junction with an unofficial use trail. The official PCT continues to the N to the Monache Meadow Trail junction and does not take the shortcut to the E.
WA0736 - Seasonal spring, 3/10 mile N of PCT - mile 736.3 - 10308 ft
TR0736 - Use trail to a seasonal spring - mile 736.3 - 10308 ft
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Lone Pine is a small town 22 miles NE of the PCT with a grocery store, motels, restaurants, laundry, payphones, ATM, pharmacy, outfitter and a post office. Lone Pine is accessible either from Mulkey Pass [mile 744.5], Trail Pass [mile 745.3], Cottonwood Pass [mile 750.2] or Crabtree Meadow [mile 766.5].

- From Mulkey Pass, Trail Pass or Cottonwood Pass hike 1.7 - 4 miles N or E to Horseshoe Meadow, then take the Horseshoe Meadow Road 18 miles NE to Lone Pine.
- From Crabtree Meadow, hike 16.6 miles E over Trail Crest [13,600 feet] and descend 5,100 feet to Whitney Portal, then take the road 12.5 miles E to Lone Pine. Hiking E of Trail Crest requires a Mount Whitney Permit.

Lone Pine Post Office [open M-F 9:30-12:30 & 1:30-4:30; 760-876-5681]
(Hiker Name)
c/o General Delivery
Lone Pine, CA 93545

The town of Lone Pine is 22 miles NE of the PCT on the Horseshoe Meadow Rd. In heavy snow years a gate 12.9 miles down Horseshoe Meadow Rd may be locked early in the season.
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PCT long-distance permit holders are NOT allowed to camp east of the Crabtree Ranger Station – that includes no camping at Guitar Lake or on Mt Whitney. PCT long-distance permit holders are allowed to day hike from the PCT to the summit of Mt. Whitney and back to the PCT.

About The Metric Elevation Contours
National Geographic TOPO! software, used to create these maps, uses the latest USGS topographic maps as the base layer. Unfortunately for those of us unaccustomed to using the metric system, the USGS briefly made maps with metric elevation contours. 18 pages of my maps have metric elevation contours for this reason.

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100 meters = 328 feet
2,400 meters = 7,874 feet
2,600 meters = 8,530 feet
2,800 meters = 9,186 feet
3,000 meters = 9,843 feet
3,200 meters = 10,499 feet
3,400 meters = 11,155 feet
3,600 meters = 11,811 feet
3,800 meters = 12,467 feet
4,000 meters = 13,123 feet
4,200 meters = 13,780 feet

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