Mount Whitney is officially 14,505 feet high. Sometimes [like when looking at the plaque on the summit] you see elevations of 14,494 feet or 14,496 feet based on older surveys from 1929. Since then the shape of the earth has been estimated more accurately. Mount Whitney is now estimated to be 14,505 feet per the 1988 NAVD88 vertical datum.

At 14,505 feet Mount Whitney is the highest mountain in the United States outside of Alaska. It can be reached from the PCT via an 8.5 mile trail from Crabtree Meadow that climbs the 4,134 feet to the summit.

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Camping is NOT permitted at Timberline Lake.
Lone Pine is 12.5 miles E of Whitney Portal by paved road.
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* 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

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WA0823 - Trailside water, Palisade Creek - mi 822.6 - 9306 ft
WACS0823B - Campsite, Palisade Creek nearby - mi 823.2 - 8977 ft
WACS0823C - Campsite, water - mi 823.5 - 8913 ft
WA0824 - Glacier Creek - mi 823.6 - 8880 ft
WACS0824B - Large campsite, 200 feet S of trail, toward Palisade Creek mi 824 - 8842 ft
WACS0825 - Campsite, water, along Palisade Creek - mi 824.7 - 8686 ft
GT0825B - Wire gate, fence - mi 825.5 - 8562 ft
WACS0826 - Campsite near Palisade Creek, also several other campsites 1/10 mile down E - mi 826.3 - 8426 ft
SimpsonMdwTR - Simpson Meadow Trail - mi 827.4 - 8038 ft
WACS0827 - Campsite, Middle Fork Kings River nearby - mi 827.4 - 8037 ft
WACS0828 - Campsite, Middle Fork Kings River nearby - mi 827.5 - 8092 ft
WACS0828B - Campsite along the Middle Fork Kings River - mi 828.0 - 8243 ft
From South Lake, Bishop is 7.1 miles N on South Lake Rd, then 15 miles NE on Hwy 168.
Evolution Creek can be a difficult ford. It may be easier to cross in the meadow at TR0850.
On the Florence Lake Trail to Muir Ranch:

**WACS0858** - Campsite along the South Fork San Joaquin River, 4/10 mile NW of PCT - mi 857.7 - 7890 ft

**KingsNPTR** - Kings National Park Trail junction, 1.3 miles NW of PCT - mi 857.7 - 7890 ft

**MuirRanch** - Muir Trail Ranch, 1.5 miles NW of PCT - mi 857.7 - 7758 ft

**WACS0858B** - Campsite near Muir Ranch, 1.6 miles NW of PCT - mi 857.7 - 7738 ft

**HotSpring0858C** - Hot Spring, 1.5 miles NW of PCT - mi 857.7 - 7698 ft

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**Muir Trail Ranch** [mile 857.7, muirtrailranch.com/resupply.html], 1.5 miles NW of PCT on Florence Lake Trail, is a private guest ranch that accepts hiker resupply packages ($) and sells a few emergency supplies. Packages are delivered to the ranch via pack animals and have detailed shipping requirements.

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The package fee for 2018 is $80.00 for 25 pounds.

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Vermilion Valley Resort [mile 874.5, edisonlake.com, 559-259-4000] is a hiker-friendly resort 6 miles W of the PCT with a small store, restaurant, tent cabins, showers, and laundry. You can reach VVR by a ferry boat [$, 9am & 4pm, if the lake is not too low] that lands 1.5 miles SW of the PCT or hike 5 miles along the N shore of Lake Edison to VVR or via the Bear Ridge Trail. VVR accepts hiker resupply packages [$].

Ship UPS or Fed-X ONLY, $27-$65 fee, allow extra time for delivery to VVR, include ETA: UPS Address:
Vermilion Valley Resort
c/o Rancheria Garage
62311 Huntington Lake Road Lakeshore, CA 93634
The Devils Postpile Alternate is a 1.6 mile alternate through Devils Postpile National Monument, bypassing 1.8 miles of the PCT. Waypoints on the alternate include:

RedsMdwTR3 - One of several trails to Red’s Meadow Store, Campground, 6/10 mile north of PCT - mi 907.2 - 7590 ft

WA0909B - Middle Fork San Joaquin River, bridge, 1.1 miles N or PCT - mi 907.2 - 7609 ft

The 14.1 mile John Muir Trail alternate begins at PCT mile 909. See map pages 23 and 24.

Red’s Meadow [mile 906.6, Redsmeadow.com, 760-934-2345] is a pack station 3/10 mile NE of the PCT with a small store, restaurant, cabins, laundry, pay phone, nearby campground with free hot spring showers. A shuttle to the town of Mammoth Lakes stops at the store. Red’s Meadow is open from about 6/15 - 10/1. Snow may delay the opening.

$40 fee for resupply package, see Redsmeadow.com for detailed instructions.

Mammoth Lakes [mile 906.7] is a large town 16 miles E of the PCT with motels, restaurants, laundry, ATM, outfitters, pharmacies, groceries, natural food store, campgrounds and a post office. Bus service [$7 round trip] runs between Red’s Meadow and the Mammoth Mountain ski area.

Mammoth Lakes Post Office [open M-F 8-4; 760-934-2205]     
(Hiker Name) 
c/o General Delivery 
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Hikers going to the town of Mammoth Lakes from Red’s Meadow or Agnew Meadow can take a $7 shuttle to the Mammoth Mountain Ski Lodge that runs from 7am to 7pm daily, Free trolleys run from the Ski Lodge into the town of Mammoth.

Hikers arriving very early in the hiking season or after an exceptionally heavy snow year may find Red’s Meadow closed and the shuttles not running. Other options to get to Mammoth Lakes are:

- Hitch a ride with one of the very few workers you might find in Red’s Meadow, if you are lucky.

- Take the Mammoth Pass Trail from Crater Meadow [mile 903.2 or 903.9] 3.4 miles to Horseshoe Lake. Then take the shuttle [if service is running] or hitch or road walk the 5 miles to Mammoth.

- Hike the PCT to the High Pass Trail Trailhead [mile 914.9] then road walk the paved Minaret Road 4.2 miles SE to the Mammoth Mountain Ski Lodge. Free trolleys run from the Ski Lodge to the town of Mammoth.

Sierra Transit Authority 760-924-3184 [for info on if the shuttles are running]
Mammoth Cab 760-924-2227
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The John Muir Trail Alternate is the purple line W of the PCT.

JMT0909 - Pacific Crest Trail and John Muir Trail diverge - mi 909.0 - 7681 ft
WA0911 - Middle Fork San Joaquin River, bridge - mi 911 - 7719 ft
AgnewMdwTR - Agnew Meadow Trailhead - mi 914.8 - 8387 ft
HighTrailTH - High Trail Trailhead, faucet, toilet, trash, Mammoth shuttle 3/10 mi SE at the Minaret Summit Rd - mi 915 - 8317 ft

The John Muir Alternate [shown in purple] is a 14.1 mile alternate route bypassing 13.9 miles of the PCT. John Muir Trail waypoints are:

SuperiorLakeTR - Superior Lake Trail junction, on the JMT alternate route, 8/10 mile north of PCT - mi 909 - 8151 ft
WA0909B - Minaret Creek, double log bridge, 1 mile north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 8146 ft
WA0909C - Johnson Lake, 1.4 miles north on JMT alternate route - mi 909 - 8174 ft
MinaretLakeTR - Minaret Lake Trail junction, 1.5 miles north on JMT alternate route - mi 909 - 8180 ft

WACS0909D - Campsite near the Trinity Lakes, 4.2 mile north on JMT alternate route - mi 909 - 9341 ft
WA0909E - Vivian Lake, 4.6 miles north on JMT alternate route - mi 909 - 9491 ft
WA0909F - Seasonal stream, bridge, 4.8 miles north on JMT alternate route - mi 909 - 9684 ft
WA0909G - Gladys Lake, campsite, 5.5 miles north on JMT alternate route - mi 909 - 9606 ft
WACS0909H - Gladys Lake, 2nd campsite, 5.7 miles north on JMT alternate route - mi 909 - 9614 ft
WACS0909I - Rosalie Lake, campsite 6.3 miles north on JMT alternate route, another campsite 200 feet north past the lake outflow - mi 909 - 9630 ft
WACS0909J - Shadow Lake, campsite, 7.8 miles north on JMT alternate route - mi 909 - 8839 ft
WA0909K - Shadow Creek, bridge, Agnew Meadow Trail junction nearby, 8 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 8844 ft

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John Muir Trail Alternate Waypoints:

- **WACS0909I** - Rosalie Lake, campsite 6.3 miles north on JMT alternate route, another campsite 200 feet north past the lake outflow - mi 909 - 9390 ft
- **WACS0909J** - Shadow Lake, campsite, 7.8 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 8839 ft
- **WA0909K** - Shadow Creek, bridge, Agnew Meadow Trail junction nearby, 8 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 8844 ft
- **CS0909L** - Campsite, 8.1 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 8869 ft
- **WACS0909M** - Campsite near Shadow Creek, 8.3 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 8910 ft
- **CS0909O** - Campsite, 9.2 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 9237 ft
- **CS0909P** - Campsite, 11.2 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 9813 ft
- **WACS0909Q** - Garnet Lake, campsite, 11.3 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 9799 ft
- **WACS0909R** - Garnet Lake, campsite, 12 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 9740 ft
- **WACS0909S** - Garnet Lake, campsite, 13 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 9994 ft
- **WACS0909T** - Ruby Lake, campsite, 13.3 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 9967 ft
- **WA0909V** - Emerald Lake, 13.6 miles north on JMT alternate - mi 909 - 9912 ft
- **CS0909U** - Campsite, water 1/4 mile S - mi 919.9 - 9698 ft
- **AgnewPassTR** - Agnew Pass - mi 921 - 9698 ft
- **JMT0923** - John Muir Trail rejoins PCT - mi 922.9 - 9841 ft

The John Muir Trail alternate is the purple line W of the PCT.

No camping at Shadow Lake between Shadow Creek and the trail.

No camping within 1/4 mile of the outlet of Garnet Lake.

No camping within 1/4 mile of the outlet of Thousand Island Lake.

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NoCamping937 - No camping northbound until four miles past Tuolumne Meadows - 
mile 937.0 - 8843 ft
WA0940 - Rafferty Creek, bridge - mile 940.1 - 8723 ft
VogelsangTR - Vogelsang Trail junction - mile 940.2 - 8722 ft
TuolumneCGTR - Tuolumne Meadows Campground Trail - mile 940.8 - 8670 ft
WA0941 - Lyell Fork, bridge - mile 940.9 - 8666 ft
WA0941B - Dana Fork, bridge - mile 941.5 - 8688 ft
TuolumneLdgTR - Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Trail junction - mile 941.7 - 8671 ft
HWY120 - Highway 120 - mile 942.5 - 8596 ft
TuolumneCG - Tuolumne Meadows Campground, walk-in sites, water, 3/10 mile SW
of PCT - mile 942.5 - 8682 ft
TuolumneStore - Tuolumne Meadows Store, 3/10 mile SW of PCT - mile 942.5 - 8590 ft
JMT0943 - John Muir Trail to Yosemite Valley - mile 943.3 - 8599 ft

See the John Muir Trail to Yosemite Valley for waypoints on that trail.

Tuolumne Meadows [mile 942.5] has a nearby campground with backpacker sites, 
store [3/10 mile W of the PCT, surprisingly well stocked], snack bar, outfitter [in the gas 
station], and a post office [209-372-8236]. The store and post office may not be open 
early season due to snow.

Tuolumne Meadows Post Office [Open M-F 9-5, Sa 9-12]: (Your Name) 
C/o General Delivery
Tuolumne Meadows
Yosemite National Park, CA 95389

The Tuolumne Meadows Store & Post Office will not open until a few 
weeks after snow is cleared from the Tioga Rd [HWY 120]. From 1990 to 
2010, the average date the Tioga Rd opened was May 29th. In the high 
snow years of 2010 & 2011 the Tioga Rd opened 6/5 & 6/18, so many PCT 
hikers arrived to find the Tuolumne Meadows Store & Post Office closed. If 
you send a package to the Tuolumne Meadows Post Office and it's closed, 
your package will be at the post office in Yosemite Valley [209-372-4475].
In high snow years, you might need to carry supplies from Mammoth or 
hitch to the town of Lee Vining or Yosemite Valley [or you could hike the 
JMT to the Valley]. The town of Lee Vining is 19 miles E on HWY 120. The 
Mobil Station in Lee Vining [with the Whos Nellie Deli inside; 
www.whosnelliiedeli.com] has amazing food considering the location.
Yosemite Valley is 56 miles by roads to the W or 22.5 miles on the JMT.

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CS0943P - Campsite, 15.9 miles south of PCT on JMT - mi 943.3 - 7087 ft
HalfDomeTR - Half Dome Trail junction, 16.2 miles south of PCT on JMT - mi 943.3 - 7001 ft
WAC0943Q - Little Yosemite Valley Backpacker Campground, 17.6 miles south of PCT on JMT - mi 943.3 - 6155 ft
MercedLakeTR2 - 2nd trail junction to Merced Lake, 17.7 miles south of PCT on JMT - mi 943.3 - 6145 ft
VernalFallsTR - Vernal Falls Trail junction, 18.7 miles south of PCT on JMT - mi 943.3 - 6021 ft
WA0943R - Merced River, bridge above Nevada Fall, 18.9 miles south of PCT on JMT - mi 943.3 - 5997 ft
IllilouetteTR - Illilouette Trail junction, 19.2 miles south of PCT on JMT - mi 943.3 - 5997 ft
VernalFallsTR2 - 2nd trail junction to Vernal Falls, 20 miles south of PCT on JMT - mi 943.3 - 5494 ft
MistTR - Mist Trail junction, 21.3 miles south of PCT on JMT - mi 943.3 - 4575 ft
WA0943S - Merced River, bridge, drinking fountain, restroom nearby, 21.5 miles south of PCT on JMT - mi 943.3 - 4449 ft
HappyIsle - Happy Isle, Yosemite Valley, paved road, 22.5 miles south of PCT on JMT - mi 943.3 - 4113 ft