Northbound thru-hikers should ideally plan on reaching Canada by mid September. Washington in September can be wet and the later in the month you hike the more cold, foggy, and rainy the weather may be. If you are still hiking after mid September be especially aware of weather forecasts, don't hike solo, let others know your hiking plans, upgrade rain gear, add warmer clothing, carry paper maps of a larger area than just the PCT (smartphones may not work in the rain and cold), carry extra food, and make good decisions.

Dangerous winter snowstorms with several feet (or more) of snow historically happen shortly before October 1st about 20% of the time. Sometimes the heavy snow does not happen until mid or late October. Most hikes will end when the heavy snow arrives or alternate lower elevation routes might be an option. Ultra-light thru-hiking gear is not well suited for Washington sections of the PCT when it is covered with many feet of snow — winter mountaineering gear and skills will be needed.

In the past few years several PCT thru-hikers have been stranded in Washington by snowstorms for more than a week and many others have required rescue.

Snoqualmie Pass is a busy interstate highway intersection and small ski area, on the PCT. They have the Summit Inn [thesummitinnsnoqualine.us, 425-434-6300, accepts packages for guests or for a fee], restaurants and a Chevron station for PCT hiker" --- Snoqualmie Pass mail is routed through the North Bend Post Office [425-831-7020].
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Lake Vincente Creek - Ford the large creek below Lake Vincente. - mi 2434.6 - 4391 ft
Deep Lake Outlet - Deep Lake outlet, campsites nearby. - mi 2434.8 - 4379 ft
Peggys Pond TR - Peggy's Pond Trail #1375 junction - mi 2437.5 - 5526 ft
CS2438 - Campsite - mi 2437.8 - 5540 ft
Cathedral Pass TR - Cathedral Pass Trail #1345 junction. Sign warns about a difficult ford 2 miles ahead, actual distance to the potentially difficult ford is 3.3 miles. - mi 2437.8 - 5527 ft
CS2438B - Small campsite - mi 2438.5 - 5308 ft
CS2440 - Campsite - mi 2439.8 - 4589 ft
WA2441 - Large creek with a potentially difficult ford. - mi 2441.1 - 3806 ft
WA2441B - Creek - mi 2441.4 - 3966 ft
CS2442 - Small campsite - mi 2442 - 4215 ft
WA2442 - Stream - mi 2442.2 - 4236 ft
Hyas Lake TR2 - Hyas Lake Trail junction - mi 2442.8 - 4469 ft
CS2442B - Small campsite - mi 2442.8 - 4450 ft
Marmot Lake TR - Marmot Lake Trail #1066 junction - mi 2442.8 - 4478 ft
Deception Creek TR - Deception Creek Trail junction - mi 2442.9 - 4450 ft
WA2444 - Small seasonal stream - mi 2443.6 - 4466 ft

The potentially difficult ford at WA2441 may not be passable early in the hiking season after a high snow year. This should not be an issue for northbound hikers who arrive later than southbounders.
WA2444 - Small seasonal stream - mi 2443.6 - 4466 ft
DeceptionCreek - Deception Creek - mi 2444.3 - 4403 ft
WA2445 - Large creek - mi 2444.7 - 4461 ft
CS2445 - Large campsite - mi 2444.7 - 4467 ft
WA2445B - Small seasonal stream - mi 2445.2 - 4809 ft
DeceptionCreekTR2 - Another trail to Deception Creek, - mi 2446 - 4957 ft
DeceptionLakeOutlet - Deception Lake outlet, wood bridge, - mi 2446.2 - 5006 ft
DeceptionLake - Deception Lake - mi 2446.4 - 5068 ft
SurpriseMountainTR - Surprise Mountain Trail junction - mi 2446.5 - 5065 ft
CS2447 - Campsite - mi 2446.5 - 5095 ft
PieperPass - Pieper Pass - mi 2448.2 - 5933 ft
CS2449 - Small campsite - mi 2448.9 - 5528 ft
WACS2450 - Seasonal stream, campsites. - mi 2449.8 - 5036 ft
WA2450 - Creek - mi 2450 - 4994 ft
SurpriseCreekTR - Surprise Creek Trail #1060 junction - mi 2450.6 - 4863 ft
WA2451 - Seasonal stream - mi 2450.7 - 4806 ft

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**Stevens Pass** - mi 2464.1 - [Stevenspass.com, 206-812-7844 (summer only), 206-812-4510 ex 4350] is a ski resort next to the PCT with large trailhead parking, snacks, espresso service, and a restaurant. They accept resupply packages shipped via UPS or FedEx only.

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Rustic **Stevens Lodge** [3/10 mi W of PCT], run by the Mountaineers [a 100 year old nonprofit outdoor community], is open to PCT thru-hikers in the fall [www.mountaineers.org/locations-lodges/stevens-lodge]. In 2018, $30 per night for bunk, dinner, & breakfast.

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**Skykomish** is a small community 16 miles W of Stevens Pass with restaurants, motels, laundry, small store, and a Post Office [360-677-2241]. The Cascadia Inn in Skykomish [historiccascadia.com, 360-677-2030, 866-677-2030] has 14 rooms [often full during hiking season].

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The Skykomish Post Office [open M-F 11:30-3:45; Sa 8-10]
Hiker Name
C/O General Delivery
Skykomish, WA 98288

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**Dinsmore's Hiker Haven** [dinsmoreshikerhaven.com, 360-677-1237] in the town of Baring 23.4 miles W of the PCT are trail angels [donations accepted] w/ camping, showers, bathroom, laundry, indoor hiker dorm with bunks, and kitchenette. Hitch W to Baring on Hwy 2 to the Baring Store [now closed, mile marker 41]. From the store go over the tracks and take the first left and down to the Dinsmore's Hiker Haven sign.

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The Dinsmores no longer accept hiker packages by mail. All mail should be sent General Delivery to the Skykomish Post Office. They have a NO ALCOHOL policy.
Hikers can take an alternate route via Goldmyer Hot Springs [www.goldmyer.org]. This 26.6 mile alternate bypasses 34.5 miles of the PCT. Goldmyer Hot Spring is owned by a nonprofit corporation dedicated to offering a wilderness experience to the public while preserving the hot springs. In order to preserve the wilderness experience and fragile ecology of the area, use of the area is limited to 20 persons per day. The spring has year round caretakers, and charges a use fee. In 2015 the fee was $15 for day use lasting till 9 pm or $20 to camp on the property. Contact the office at 206-789-5631 for reservations and information.

Mile 0 - Hwy 90 - follow the road to the Snow Lake Trail
Mile 1.4 - SnowLkTr - depart the road on the Snow Lake Trail near the Alpental Ski area
Mile 3.1 - SourceLkTr - pass the Source Lake trail junction
Mile 4.6 - GemLkTr - pass the Gem Lake trail junction
Mile 9.5 - ThunderCk - cross Thunder Creek
Mile 11 - BurnbootCk, GoldmyerTr - cross Burnboot Creek and take the Goldmyer trail to the hot springs
Mile 11.4 - Snoqualmie - pass a bridge, but do not cross to the other side of the Snoqualmie River

See alternate page 2 for more route description.
Mile 11 - BurnbootCk, GoldmyerTr - cross Burnboot Creek and take the Goldmyer trail to the hot springs
Mile 11.4 - Snoqualmie - pass a bridge over the Snoqualmie River, but continue on the E side of the river
Mile 14.8 - MidForkTr - The Middle Fork Trail joins an unpaved road.
Follow the road 4/10 mile to the Dutch Miller Horse Camp
Mile 15.2 - DutchMHorseCamp - unpaved road ends at the horse camp, continue on the trail
*See alternate page 3 for more route description
Mile 21.9 - WilliamsLkTr - pass the Williams Lake trail junction
Mile 22.7 - DutchMGap - cross over Dutch Miller Gap
Mile 23 - Early season hikers should use the trail on the N side of Lake Ivanhoe to avoid snow that accumulates on the SW side of the lake

-See Washington Section J, page 3 for the remainder of the route