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Washington Section K - 127 miles
Start - Hwy 2 [Stevens Pass], mile 2464.1
End - Hwy 20 [Rainy Pass], mile 2591.1
Elevation Gain +31,815'
Elevation Loss -31,013'
Elevation Change +802'

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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. Ultralight 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.

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].

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

Dinsmore’s Hiker Haven
(dinsmorehikerhaven.com, 360-677-1237) in the town of Baring 23.4 miles W of the PCT is 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.

The Dinsmores no longer accept hiker packages or mail. All mail should be sent General Delivery to the Skykomish Post Office. They have a NO ALCOHOL policy.

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. Stevens Pass has no overnight accommodations.

Ship UPS or FedEx Only:
Hiker’s name) and ETA
C/O Stevens Pass, Through Hiker
95001 NE Stevens Pass Hwy, US 2
Skykomish, WA 98288

Please have real name on resupply packages. ID required for package pickup. Pickup packages May 1-Oct 15, 9am-4pm.

Granite Peaks Lodge
- Use trail to Granite Peaks Lodge at Stevens Pass. The lodge has dining only, no overnight lodging. - mi 2463.8 - 4202 ft

Junction - Highway 2, Stevens Pass ski area, restaurant, large trailhead parking, overhead pedestrian bridge. - mi 2464.1 - 4405 ft

Stevens Pass TH - PCT trailhead near a building with a green roof. - mi 2464.2 - 4031 ft

Stevens Creek Trib - Tributary of Stevens Creek. - mi 2465.1 - 3809 ft

Nason Creek Trib - Tributary of Nason Creek. - mi 2466.6 - 3881 ft

Hinch Jackson Wild - Henry M Jackson Wilderness boundary - mi 2476.7 - 4169 ft

Nason Creek - Nason Creek - mi 2467.7 - 4219 ft

Smithbrook TR - Small creek, campsite. - mi 2468.8 - 4464 ft

WAC2470 - Small creek, campsite. - mi 2469.8 - 4906 ft

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WA2548 - Stream - mi 2547.8 - 4292 ft
BuckCreekPassTR - Buck Creek Pass Trail junction - mi 2548.6 - 4628 ft
WA2549 - Creek - mi 2548.9 - 4598 ft
CS2549 - Large campsite - mi 2549.1 - 4492 ft
MinersCreek2 - Miners Creek, second crossing, small wooden bridge. - mi 2549.2 - 4483 ft
WA2550 - Large creek - mi 2550.1 - 4945 ft
MinersRidgeTR - Miners Ridge Trail junction - mi 2551 - 5486 ft
CloudyPassTR - Cloudy Pass Hiker Trail junction - mi 2551.8 - 5906 ft
WACS2552 - Small stream in a meadow, campsite nearby. - mi 2552.4 - 5806 ft
CloudyPassTR2 - Cloudy Pass Trail junction - mi 2552.6 - 5677 ft
WA2553 - Small seasonal stream - mi 2553.4 - 5347 ft
CS2554 - Established campsite - mi 2553.9 - 5046 ft
WGS84 Zone 10U

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WACS2555 - Small seasonal stream, campsite nearby. - mi 2555.5 - 5377 ft
WA2556 - A pair of streams - mi 2555.8 - 5284 ft
WA2556B - Stream - mi 2556.4 - 4891 ft
CS2557 - Established campsite - mi 2557.1 - 4724 ft
WA2557 - Seasonal stream - mi 2557.5 - 4497 ft
SForkAgnesCreek - Ford the South Fork Agnes Creek. - mi 2559.4 - 3551 ft
SForkAgnesCreekTR - South Fork Agnes Creek Trail junction [not maintained]. - mi 2559.5 - 3562 ft
HemlockCamp - Hemlock Camp, in 2014 signs warned camping was unsafe due to falling tree hazards, South Fork Agnes Creek nearby. - mi 2559.5 - 3552 ft
CedarCamp - Cedar Camp, along South Fork Agnes Creek. - mi 2562.3 - 2876 ft
SwampCamp - Swamp Creek, log crossing with hand rail, Swamp Creek Camp, several campsites nearby. - mi 2563.8 - 2749 ft
PassCreek2 - Pass Creek, log crossing, several large campsites, toilet nearby [100 yards S]. - mi 2566.8 - 2206 ft

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In North Cascades National Park camping is permitted only in official backcountry camps, a free camping permit from the National Park is required, for the next 16.1 miles. Each camp has a quota. Permits can be obtained from the Golden West Visitor Center near the Stehekin Landing.

**Pass Creek** - Pass Creek, log crossing, several large campsites, toilet nearby [100 yards S]. - mi 2566.8 - 2206 ft

**CS2568** - Small campsite - mi 2567.7 - 2130 ft

**WA2568** - Small seasonal stream - mi 2568.4 - 2242 ft

**WA2569** - Small seasonal stream - mi 2569 - 2094 ft

**Lake Chelan NRA** - Lake Chelan National Recreation Area boundary - mi 2569.8 - 2003 ft

**NCascadesNP** - North Cascades National Park south boundary - mi 2571.6 - 1562 ft

**Agnes Creek** - Agnes Creek, wood and steel bridge. - mi 2571.6 - 1561 ft

**Stechkin Valley RD** - PCT joins an unpaved Stechkin Valley Road NE toward High Bridge - mi 2571.8 - 1662 ft

**Stechkin River** - Unpaved road continues on bridge over the Stechkin River. - mi 2571.9 - 1557 ft

**High Bridge Ranger** - High Bridge Ranger Station, picnic table, shuttle service to Stehekin. PCT departs the unpaved road on a trail NE from the picnic table between two buildings. - mi 2571.9 - 1611 ft

**Cascade Corral Trail** - Cascade Corral Trail junction - mi 2572.3 - 1851 ft

**Coon Lake** - Coon Lake - mi 2573.1 - 2202 ft

**McGregor Mountain TR** - McGregor Mountain Summit Trail junction - mi 2573.2 - 2170 ft

**Stechkin Road TR** - Trail junction to Stechkin Road. - mi 2573.9 - 1950 ft

**McGregor Creek** - McGregor Creek - mi 2574.4 - 2204 ft

**High Bridge Ranger Station** - High Bridge Ranger Station, picnic table, shuttle service to Stehekin. PCT departs the unpaved road on a trail NE from the picnic table between two buildings. - mi 2571.9 - 1611 ft

**Stechkin Landing** has a post office [509-699-2015] that accepts general delivery packages.

**Do NOT ship packages UPS or FedEx** because they are delivered to a boat dock and sit outside until someone picks them up or the package is discarded to prevent them being broken into by animals. Ship USPS.

**Stechkin [mi 2571.9]** is a small community 11 miles SE of the PCT. Shuttle bus service connects High Bridge and Stechkin [$7 one-way]. During peak summer season the shuttle runs 4 times per day. Shuttle is reduced in Oct. See Stechkinlanding.com for details.

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StehekinRoadTR - Trail junction to Stehekin Road. - mi 2573.9 - 1950 ft
McGregorCreek - McGregor Creek - mi 2574.4 - 2204 ft
BuzzardCreek - Buzzard Creek - mi 2574.9 - 2244 ft
ShadyCampTR - Trail junction to Old Road, Shady Camp. - mi 2575.9 - 2154 ft
WA2576 - Stream, small wooden bridge. - mi 2576.4 - 2230 ft
ShadyCampTR2 - Another trail junction to Old Road, Shady Camp. - mi 2576.8 - 2107 ft
BridgeCreekCamp - Bridge Creek Camp, picnic tables, bear lockers, fire grates, creek nearby. - mi 2576.8 - 2101 ft
RD2577 - PCT joins an old road. - mi 2576.9 - 2097 ft
RD2577B - PCT departs the old road on a trail to the right. - mi 2577.1 - 2175 ft
BerryCreek - Berry Creek - mi 2578.7 - 2708 ft
NorthForkCamp - North Fork Camp, creek nearby, toilet. - mi 2579.7 - 2580 ft
NorthForkTR - North Fork Trail junction - mi 2580 - 2815 ft

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NorthForkCamp - North Fork Camp, creek nearby, toilet. - mi 2579.7 - 2580 ft
NorthForkTR - North Fork Trail junction - mi 2580 - 2815 ft
MapleCreek - Maple Creek, footbridge. - mi 2581.6 - 3097 ft
SixMileCamp - Spur trail to Six Mile Camp. - mi 2583.1 - 3134 ft
SouthForkTR - South Fork Trail, Rainbow Lake Trail junctions. - mi 2583.8 - 3258 ft

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Mazama is a small town 22.4 miles E of the PCT on Hwy 20 with a good store, an outfitter that accepts hiker resupply packages [goatsbeardmountainsupplies.com, 509-996-2515], restaurants, motels and trail angel Ravensong [ravensongsroost.com].

Winthrop is a town 35.8 miles E of the PCT, with the North Cascades Mountain Hostel [northcascadesmountainhostel.com, 509-699-0568], a post office, library, medical services, grocery store, restaurants, and public transportation to Wenatchee [Amtrak and NW Trailways bus service].

Goat’s Beard Mountain Supply is open 9-5 daily and accepts hiker resupply packages: (Hiker Name) c/o Goat’s Beard Mountain Supply 50 Lost River Road Mazama, WA 98833

Trail angel Ravensong opens Ravensong’s Roost [ravensongsroost.com] from September until the end of hiking season with a hiker hut that has a kitchen, electricity, running water, heat, a sleeping loft, and easy access to Mazama. Ravensong is the first woman to solo hike the PCT in 1976, and a former park ranger who is very familiar with the N Cascades, snow conditions, the PCT, and possible late season alternate routes.

Permits are not available at the boundary or at trailheads. The old Wilderness Press Guidebook follows the incorrect trail here. The new guidebook follows the official trail. Permits can be obtained by southbounders by calling the park Wilderness Office at 360-854-7245 from Mazama or at the Golden West Visitor Center near the Stehekin Landing. In North Cascades National Park camping is permitted only in official backcountry camps, a free camping permit from the National Park is required, for the next 16.1 miles S. Each camp has a quota. Permits can be obtained by southbounders by calling the park Wilderness Office at 360-854-7245 from Mazama or at the Golden West Visitor Center near the Stehekin Landing. Permits are not available at the boundary or at trailheads.