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:

(Store Name)

Ravensong's Roost
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.

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.
Harts Pass - Harts Pass, unpaved road, campground, outhouse, picnic tables, guard station. PCT joins the leftmost unpaved road for 100 feet at the three-way junction of unpaved roads, then departs the unpaved road on a trail. - mi 2622 - 6188 ft
WA2622 - Seasonal Stream - mi 2622.4 - 6302 ft
TR2623 - Trail junction to a road and trailhead parking. - mi 2623.4 - 6852 ft
CastleFork - Seasonal Castle Fork. - mi 2647.5 - 5899 ft
WA2648 - Small seasonal stream - mi 2647.8 - 5835 ft
PasaytenRiverTR - Pasayten River Trail junction - mi 2648.8 - 5517 ft
CastlePass2 - Castle Pass, several campsites, Ross Lake Trail junction - mi 2648.9 - 5460 ft
WA2650 - Seasonal stream [larger than most in this area]. - mi 2650.3 - 5105 ft
WA2652 - Seasonal creek - mi 2651.7 - 4722 ft
WA2652B - Seasonal creek - mi 2652.2 - 4508 ft
Monument78 - Monument 78, Canadian/US border, small metal obelisk nearby has been filled with concrete and no longer contains the trail register. The trail register has been put inside a nearby log. - mi 2652.6 - 4258 ft
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