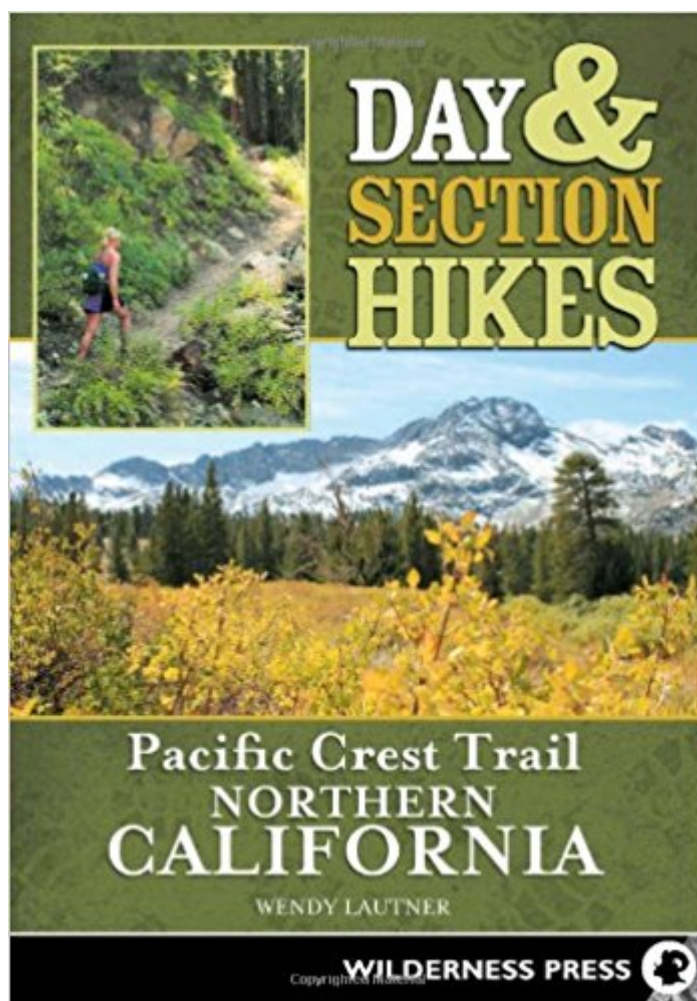


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Day & Section Hikes Pacific Crest Trail: Northern California (Day And Section Hikes)



Synopsis

Instead of guiding travelers through the arduous task of hiking the entire PCT, the goal of this book is to help plan trips that incorporate hiking on the PCT in Northern California, whether hikers have just an afternoon to spare or want to escape for the entire weekend. The author's hike choices most often include the opportunity for a wilderness swim or a summit hike to take in outstanding views. Maps and elevation graphs were carefully produced using GPS data collected by the author while out on the trail.

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Customer Reviews

There are two main approaches to hiking the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Both require considerable effort and planning. The first is to hike the whole trail straight through, commonly called a "thru hike." The other is to piece together sections. But this new book by Wendy Lautner offers a third choice. Why not just do day and overnight hikes along the trail? This new book suggests 31 routes in California, all located north of Devil's Postpile National Monument that explore some of the best hiking along the PCT. With an average distance of a little over 10 miles, these hikes are accessible to anyone in reasonable condition. Like other books in the Menasha Ridge collection (for some reason, Keen publishing decided to put a Wilderness Press imprint on this book, but it clearly belongs to the former series) this one includes decent sketch maps, an elevation profile, and a quick introduction box that describes the difficulty of the trail and who it is appropriate for. GPS coordinates for trailheads are included. Many of the routes Lautner describes are loop hikes during

which you will only spend a portion of your time on the PCT. Obviously, using this book for your PCT planning will not provide you with the distance backpacking experience. But you may find that seeing the scenery over a 1-2 day trip and not worrying about car shuttles or mail drops and resupply points is preferable. This book certainly offers a scenic and easy alternative way to hike along the premier trail in California.

Last Summer, my wife and I wanted to do some day hikes along the Pacific Crest Trail, and this book was good for that. We can both manage fairly strenuous hikes of up to 15 miles or so, but had no intention of either backpacking all our stuff in, or planning to walk from one shelter to the next. Now, if I was 25, rather than 65, I'd love to hike a large section of this awesome, if demanding trail. A great book, in my opinion, and a good match for my abilities/capabilities!!

Having gone through this book I find it to be a very detailed guide on the Pacific Crest Trail. It gives you driving direction, where the trail heads are along with GPS coordinates, places of interest along each section of the trail like vista points and places to camp on multi day portions of the PCT. Though I don't live near the PCT but after reading a good portion of this book I certainly would enjoy hiking this trail. If you're considering hiking this trail then this book is for you as it is quite detailed in its descriptions of each section of the PCT. Of course not every one has a Kindle or iPad as I do, so if you're an old school hiker get the hard copy.

I agree with the other review about the errors. While this book is well written and has great ideas, the mileage and effort required are WAAAAAY off. I did hike #14 with my family (including my 9 year old son as it was listed as a 3 out of 5 stars for children). What is listed as a 21 mile hike in 2-3 days, was, in reality a full 3 day campaign at 28 miles. Giving it a 3 star rating for bringing kids is a mistake. The last day was 14.8 miles to get back to the car! Also it seems like the last 6 miles are totally brushed over, like the author didn't actually do the hike. Everything else is well described and a fairly major section of the hike is summarized by "take a right back to the start". Love these books and those that take the effort to write them, but it's a pretty major safety hazard to be off by 25% on your mileage estimations.

On three separate maps in this book it lists Washington as being the northern border state to California and Nevada. Traditionally Oregon is thought to occupy this area. With such a blatant lack of editing, one wonders if anything in this guide book can be trusted, especially considering

how important accurate information is when wandering into the woods.

We got this book hoping it would help us find the latest updates on the trail and possible road access points along the way. What we found was that this book just describes hikes that you can take which also happen to include a portion of the PCT along the way. Not very useful as a serious PCT hiker's reference.

Excellent trail guide for this section of the PCT. Detailed and gives the reader a true description of what to expect on the trail. Especially liked her sense of responsibility to the environment.

This is a great book! The hikes are broken down well and also gives you an accurate description for what the trail conditions are. I especially love the break down of good hikes for kids.

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