

**Intercity Bus, Transit and private shuttles to National Trails
List of the 30 National Scenic and Historic Trails**

https://www.nps.gov/nts/nts_trails.html

<https://www.nps.gov/nts/maps/National%20Trails%20map.pdf>

Partnership for the National Trail System

<http://pnts.org/new/>

Why this is important

Outdoor Industry Association report

As a multi-dimensional sector, the outdoor industry pumps \$646 billion in direct spending into the American economy and fuels traditional sectors like manufacturing, finance, retail trade, **tourism** and travel. Furthermore, 6.1 million American lives directly depend on outdoor recreation.

https://outdoorindustry.org/pdf/OIA_OutdoorRecEconomyReport2012.pdf

Pacific Crest Trail PCT

The Pacific Crest Trail spans 2,650 miles (4,265 kilometers) from Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon, and Washington. It reveals the beauty of the desert, unfolds the glaciated expanses of the Sierra Nevada, travels deep forests, and provides commanding vistas of volcanic peaks in the Cascade Range. It was designated a National Scenic Trail by on October 2, 1968 with the passage and President Johnson's signature in 1968, by the National Trails Act. The Appalachian Trail was also designated that day The trail symbolizes everything there is to love—and protect—in the Western United States.

Map of the PCT

<http://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/maps-and-guidebooks/>

<http://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/backcountry-basics/pct-transportation/>

Starting and Ending!

- **Getting to and from the southern terminus**

- Bus #894 runs from the El Cajon Transit Center to Campo, CA three times a day. It is a two hour ride and costs about \$5. The [San Diego Metropolitan Transit System](#) directs you to [this Google Transit map for the bus schedule](#). Use the search function on the map for directions to reaching the El Cajon Transit Center, or hire a taxi. On public transit from the airport, you'll take a bus to downtown and get on a trolley to the El Cajon Transit Center.

- **To and from Julian, CA from San Diego**

- <https://www.rome2rio.com/s/San-Diego/Julian>

- **Getting to and from the northern terminus**

- The official northern terminus of the Pacific Crest Trail is on the US/Canada border next to Manning Park. Unfortunately, it is [illegal to enter the United States](#) from Manning Park via the PCT. To reach the terminus for a southbound hike, you have to start on the US side of the border. If you're ending your hike and you must obtain [proper permission to enter Canada](#). The best option for traveling away from Manning Park is via private vehicle or Greyhound.

- **To ask for a ride via the Internet**

- <http://www.pcta.org/join-the-conversation/>

John Muir Trail

- The John Muir Trail passes through what many backpackers say is the finest mountain scenery in the United States. This is a land of 13,000-foot and 14,000-foot peaks, of lakes in the thousands, and of canyons and granite cliffs. The John Muir Trail is also a land blessed with the mildest, sunniest climate of any major mountain range in the world.
- The trail is 211 miles long and runs (mostly in conjunction with the PCT) from Yosemite Valley to Mt Whitney, in California. Winding through the famed Sierra Nevada, the JMT visits some of the crown jewels of America's park system: Yosemite, John Muir and Ansel Adams Wildernesses, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. The John Muir Trail section of the Pacific Crest Trail will mark you forever.
- <http://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/john-muir-trail/>
- <http://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/john-muir-trail/jmt-transportation/>
- ESTA
- <http://www.estransit.com/>
- YARTS
- <http://yarts.com/service.html>
- Sequoia Shuttle (Visalia)
- <https://www.sequoiashuttle.com/>
- Big Trees (Fresno)
- <https://www.bigtreestransit.com/>
- Private Shuttles
- <http://climber.org/data/shuttles.html>
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Other California Access

Public transit to the PCT at Walker Pass and between Lake Isabella and Ridgecrest

- <http://www.pcta.org/2014/public-transit-pct-walker-pass-lake-isabella-ridgecrest-23785/>

Washington and Oregon

- [New weekend bus service for the PCT and the Columbia Gorge](#)
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- <http://www.pcta.org/2014/new-weekend-bus-service-pct-columbia-gorge-18032/>
- Between Klamath Falls and Brookings
- http://www.oregon-point.com/sw_point.php
- Gresham to Gov't Camp Sandy Area Metro
- <http://www.mthoodexpress.com/>
- http://www.oregon-point.com/sw_point.php

Appalachian Trail

- The **Appalachian National Scenic Trail**, generally known as the **Appalachian Trail** or simply the **A.T.**, is a marked [hiking trail](#) in the [eastern United States](#) extending between [Springer Mountain](#) in [Georgia](#) and [Mount Katahdin](#) in [Maine](#).^[1] The trail is about 2,200 miles (3,500 km)^[a] long, though the precise length changes over time as parts are modified or rerouted.
- The Appalachian Trail was completed in 1937 after more than a decade of work, although improvements and changes continue.
- It was designated a National Scenic Trail in 1968 with the passage and President Johnson's signature on October 2, 1968 on the National Trails Act legislation.
- The Pacific Crest Trail was also designated that day.
- The Appalachian Trail Conservancy is the umbrella organization for the AT's 31 trail clubs that maintain the trail, along with the the NPS and multiple other partnerships.
- The trail passes through 14 states: [Georgia](#), [North Carolina](#), [Tennessee](#), [Virginia](#), [West Virginia](#), [Maryland](#), [Pennsylvania](#), [New Jersey](#), [New York](#), [Connecticut](#), [Massachusetts](#), [Vermont](#), [New Hampshire](#), and [Maine](#).
- <https://www.nps.gov/appa/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

Getting and along the AT by bus, transit and private shuttle

- Access to the Appalachian Trail by bus is available in some areas. New England has the most extensive bus service close to the Trail. In most other areas, you can get a bus to a city near the Trail, and arrange for someone to shuttle you to the trailhead. Check [Greyhound](#) and [Trailways](#) for details.
- New Hampshire: [Concord Trailways](#) provides service to the Pinkham Notch Visitor's Center in the White Mountain National Forest, and to the town of Gorham. The affiliated Dartmouth Coach provides service to Hanover. [Advance Transit](#) public commuter bus provides service in and around Hanover, and connects Hanover with Norwich and the Amtrak station in White River Junction. Runs Monday through Friday only.
- Once you are in the Whites is the Appalachian Mountain Club shuttle service—Vinnie Spiotti has more at 3:45 today
- <http://www.outdoors.org/lodging-camping/lodging-shuttle.cfm>
- <http://www.outdoors.org/lodging-camping/Lodges/pinkham/index.cfm>
- <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/home/explore-the-trail/transportation-options>
- Shuttles <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/at-shuttles-parking-amp-vandalism-2016-09-28.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

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