



Annual Day Zero Pacific Crest Trail Kickoff

April 22–25, 2004

You folks are in for an incredible experience—and we don't mean ADZPCTKO. Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail is an experience that'll live with you the rest of your life, and we're glad you chose to join us at the start. It gives us a chance to share in your excitement.

ADZPCTKO Rules

First thing you need to know: ADZPCTKO has no rules. However, Lake Morena County Park does have rules, and so that we can continue to hold gatherings at this terrific place, we implore you to observe them.



Don't hurt the trees. Don't tie, nail, suspend, or otherwise attach anything to a tree in Lake Morena County Park. You hammock fans will have to rough it on the ground with the rest of us.

No fires. Because of the high fire danger in this area—you'll see how dangerous in the next few days on the trail—no fires are allowed. (Stoves and barbecues are okay.)



Quiet hours. After 10 PM... Quiet! It's the only way you'll be able to hear all the snoring.

Parking restrictions. Don't park along the roads in the campground. Be sure you park in the parking space for your assigned campsite, and that you're pulled completely off the road. Because there will probably be other vehicles sharing your site, squeeze to one side and as far in as possible to make room for others. If your vehicle won't fit in the campsite parking spot, you have several options:

- You can park near the pavilion.
- You can park outside the park entrance kiosk, alongside Lake Morena Drive.
- You can park in one of our other campsites if its campers don't need the space. Your best bet is going to be in sites 69–86, which are occupied mostly by 2004 hikers who, for the most part, are not driving the PCT.



Other Stuff to Know

Info Central. If you have any questions after you arrive, first look for the Info Central board in [site 62](#).

If you can't find what you need there, track down Greg Hummel or Carl Siechert, who are camped in site 48. Other ADZPCTKO organizers are scattered throughout and will try to make themselves visible and helpful.

Nametags. Find your nametag at the table near the Info Central board. They're arranged alphabetically by last name. If you want a nametag and didn't pre-register, find the blank ones and make your own.

Keep it fun!

Schedule of Events

Don't hold us to this. Remember ADZPCTKO rule number one: There are no rules.

Every day

6:00 am Rides to the border; meet at site 62

7:30–4:30 Trail maintenance project; meet with Pete Fish in site 68 (or meet at campground entrance at 7:45)

All day Vendors showing the latest cool, ultralight gear in sites 59 and 60

ADZPCTKO T-shirts for sale in site 62

Thru-hiker massages given by recent massage-school graduates David Long and Roselie Rasmussen in site 72

Guidebooks, maps, and PCT logo gear for sale at the PCTA store in site 67

At the hiker box in site 63 you can paw through other hikers' discards. You'll find some great equipment and food—and some corn pasta. At this trekkers' flea market, you'll also be able to get rid of the junk you found in your pack after the first 20 miles.

Tyvek sold by the foot, free alcohol fuel, and Frogg Toggs: all available from Mad Monte Dodge, the crazy guy with 2 kayaks and a pirate flag in site 48.

Friday (all meals on your own)

Presentations in the Pavilion

- 7:00 pm “What You, the Thru-hiker, Can Do to Help Us, the Trail Maintainers,” by PCT Regional Trail Coordinator Pete Fish
- 7:20 “Flora of the Pacific Crest Trail,” by Christine “Ceanothus” Kudija
- 8:20 “RESOULED On the Pacific Crest Trail,” an encore performance of John Oldford’s movie about his 2002 through hike
- 9:30 “Best of the PCT 1977,” a multimedia presentation created by Mad Monte Dodge, featuring pictures taken by dozens of PCT pioneers on their 1977 thru-hike

Saturday (dinner provided)

- 8:00 am Submit AGPLDHG&IR entries to Jason Cramer and G-FORCE entries to Glen Van Peski, both in site 61

The **Annual Great Pacific Long Distance Hiking Gadget and Invention Revue** features clever inventions by long distance hikers. Everything from nifty tent stakes to a home-made parka to modified store-bought gear, you name it.

The **Gear FOR Cruising Effortlessly** Award is given for the most excellent complete system of gear including everything carried and worn to start a PCT through hike at the kick off.

- 8:00–noon Judging of G-FORCE award entries
- 10:00–noon AGPLDHG&IR presentations in site 61
- 10:00–3:00 Silent auction items on display for inspection and bidding

- 2:00–2:30 Group photos in site 61
- 2:00 Class of 2004
- 2:15 Class of 2003
- 2:20 Classes of 2000–2002
- 2:22 Classes of the 1990s
- 2:24 Classes of the 1980s
- 2:26 Classes of the 1970s
- 2:30–3:00 Remarks from PCTA, USFS, and (if you can stand it) ADZ organizers
- 3:00–3:30 Silent auction winning bids announced
- AGPLDHG&IR and G-FORCE award winners announced
- 3:30–5:00 Water, Snow, and Trail Conditions, presented by Meadow Ed, Adrienne Hall (USFS), and guidebook author Ben Schiffrin
- 5:00–7:00 Dinner

Presentations in the Pavilion

- 7:00 Pictures of flood-damaged trail in northern Washington and maps of the detour route, presented by USFS ranger Adrienne Hall
- 7:30 “Triple Crown” movie by Fiddlehead
- 9:00 “Walk,” a movie by Scott “Squatch” Herriott, in which he interviews over 70 hikers at various locations along the trail, including the 2003 Kickoff

Sunday (breakfast provided)

- Early am Breakfast
- 8:00 Thru-hikers: Hit the trail!
- 8:00–12:00 Site cleanup

Big-time Sponsors

These hikers and friends have made generous contributions to the trail—mainly by coming up with some innovative gear for themselves and then making it available to other hikers. But they’ve also made significant donations to help ADZPCTKO come together. Take a look at their stuff (in sites 59 and 60) and thank them for their support.



Glen Van Peski

Six Moon Designs Ron Moak

Tarpent Henry Shires



Brian Frankle

Hennessy Hammock Tom Hennessy

LuxuryLite Gear Bruce Warren

BearVault Jamie Hogan

Have a great hike!