



# Annual Day Zero Pacific Crest Trail Kick Off

April 21–24, 2005

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. Hammock fans will have to rough it on the ground with the rest of us.

**Quiet hours.** After 10 PM...keep it down. 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. If your vehicle won't fit in the campsite parking spot:

- You can park in the lot just inside the campground, opposite site 1.
- 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 in sites 59+, which are occupied mostly by 2005 hikers who are not driving the PCT.

**Keep it fun!**

## Other Stuff to Know

**Nametags.** Find your nametag at the registration table in site 13. 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.

**Info Central.** If you have any questions after you arrive, first look for one of the Info Central boards, which are located in sites 18, 33, and 72.

If you can't find what you need there, track down one of the ADZPCTKO organizers—the folks with the cool ADZPCTKO hats.

**Transportation Hub.** If you need a ride to the border, to Mt. Laguna, or to somewhere else along the trail—or if you can offer a ride—come to the parking area in front of the Pavilion, where drivers and riders will meet up each morning beginning around 6 AM.

## 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 the Pavilion
- 7:30 Trail maintenance project; meet with Pete Fish in site 8
- All day Vendors showing the latest cool, ultralight gear in sites 22–24
- ADZPCTKO T-shirts for sale in site 13
- Guidebooks, maps, and PCT logo gear for sale at the PCTA store in site 43
- At the hiker box in site 18 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.

### Friday (all meals on your own)

All events in or near site 15.

2:00 PM The first-ever BOYMUIC

The **Bring Out Your Most Useless Item Contest**, dreamed up by Chuckie V, features celebrity judges and fabulous prizes. If you have any doubts about whether you should carry a particular item from here to Canada, these folks will set you straight.

6:30 "Nutrition and Health for Long Distance Hikers," by Meadow Mary and Billy Goat

## Friday (continued)

- 7:30 Welcoming remarks by ADZPCTKO grand chieftain Greg Hummel
- 7:45 “Walk,” a movie by Scott “Squatch” Herriott, in which he interviews over 70 hikers at various locations along the trail, including the 2003 Kickoff
- 9:15 “Alone Across Australia,” by Brian Frankle
- 10:30 “Best of the PCT 1977–2003,” a multimedia presentation by Greg Hummel

## Saturday (dinner provided)

All events in or near site 15.

- 8:00 AM Submit AGPLDHG&IR entries to Jason Cramer, G-FORCE entries to Glen Van Peski

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.

- 9:00 Judging of G-FORCE award entries
- 10:00 Silent auction items on display for inspection and bidding
- 10:30 AGPLDHG&IR presentations
- 2:00 PM Group photos
- 3:00 Silent auction bidding closes; winning bids announced
- AGPLDHG&IR and G-FORCE award winners announced
- 3:30 Water, Snow, and Trail Conditions, presented by Meadow Ed and friends

- 5:00 Dinner
- 7:00 “Bears, Food Protection, and Fire Safety” by USFS ranger Rob Mason
- 8:00 “Remembering Warren Rogers,” by members of the Rogers family
- 9:00 “1992–2004 PCT Compilation,” by Scott Williamson, who hiked the first successful PCT yo-yo (Mexico to Canada and back)
- 10:30 “2004 Thru-Hike,” a DVD by Weather Carrot that’s been getting raves at every presentation

## Sunday (breakfast provided)

Early AM Breakfast

- 8:00 Thru-hikers: Hit the trail!
- 9:00 Site cleanup

## Cool Gifts for 2005 Thru Hikers from Recent Thru Hikers

These presents from past hikers show future hikers just what kind of community they’re joining.

For the third year, the **Class of 2002** (spearheaded by Gottago, Yogi, and Cupcake) have made multipurpose PCT bandanas with map (the only map you’ll need), mileages, and hitchhiking aids—this year in purple! Visit Gottago in site 43 to get yours.

Freefall and others from the **Class of 2003** are again serving up a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning in exile site 86.

Not to be outdone, members of the **Class of 2004** plan to serve dinner Friday evening in site 76.



## 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 22–24) and thank them for their support.

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*Have a great hike!*