

**Celebrating 50 years of  
the Pacific Crest Trail**



# Catherine Montgomery, “Mother of the Pacific Crest Trail”



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Special Collections*



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## House, Senate Agree On National Trails Bill

House and Senate conferees yesterday agreed on the National Trails Bill.

The bill establishes two national trails, the Pacific Crest Trail and the Appalachian Trail. The Cascade Crest Trail in Washington and Skyline Trail in Oregon are part of the Pacific Crest Trail.

Senator Henry M. Jackson, chairman of the Senate Inte-

rior and Insular Affairs Committee, said the Continental Divide and Potomac Heritage Trails will be studied for possible inclusion in the trail system.

The Pacific Crest Trail has existed since 1937, with 80 per cent of the trail in federal lands. The bill provides for trail improvements. It provides \$500,000 for land acquisition for the national trail system.



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## LBJ Designates the Pacific Crest Trail a National Scenic Trail



# Views of the PCT --California



*"I'd read the section in my guidebook about the trail's history the winter before, but it wasn't until now—a couple of miles out of Burney Falls, as I walked in my flimsy sandals in the early evening heat—that the realization of what that story meant picked up force and hit me squarely in the chest: **preposterous as it was, when Catherine Montgomery and Clinton Clarke and Warren Rogers and the hundreds of others who'd created the PCT had imagined the people who would walk that high trail that wound down the heights of our western mountains, they'd been imagining me.**"*



---Cheryl Strayed,  
*Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*



# Views of the PCT --California



Photos from the Pacific Crest Trail Association





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*"The three of us watched in silence as the last sliver of the sun slipped below the horizon. We talked as it fell, but at that moment, as if on cue, our words disappeared, lost in the awe, stolen by the beauty. Sometimes you simply stare."*

*--Daniel Alvarez*





# Views of the PCT--Oregon



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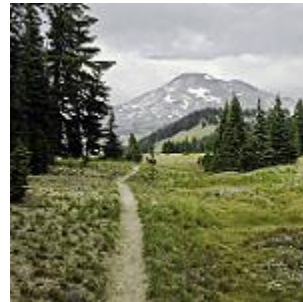


# Views of the PCT--Oregon





# Views of the PCT--Oregon



# Views of the PCT-Washington





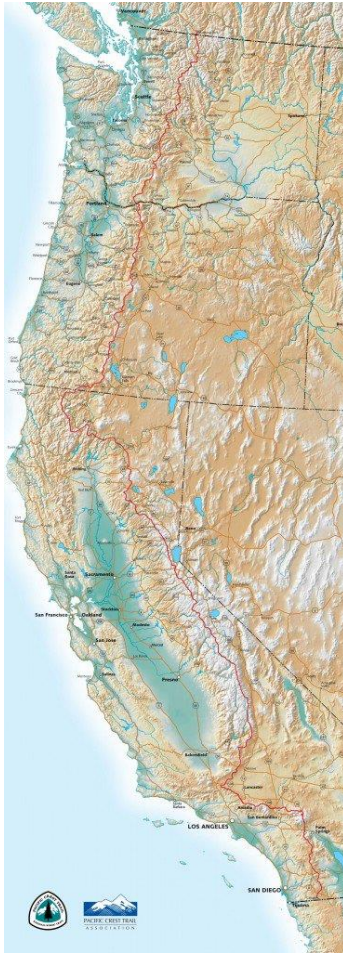
# Views of the PCT-Washington



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2560 miles!



*“We finished! At last I will be warm and dry.”*

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*Mary Chambers,  
age 10*



# Multnomah County:

## Team challenge: Pacific Crest Trail

September 26, 2018 — October 23, 2018 ⓘ

7,500 steps / day, average

595 Participants (in 90 Teams)

111,806,593 Total steps walked

6,711 Average steps/day

2.2  — Equivalent to 2.2 trips around the

Earth!

~5,031,297 Calories burned

~1,438 Pounds lost

