

# KENDALL KATWALK HIKE (SNOQUALMIE PASS NORTH PCT)

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## EVENT INFORMATION

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**Trail Info:** This is a moderately difficult day hike with a 2700 foot elevation gain. Although a 12 mile round trip, there is much to enjoy along the way if you feel you need to turn back at any time. Enjoy old growth forests, gorgeous wild flowers in season and open talus slopes. You'll have unobstructed views of Lundin Peak and Red Mountain and at times Mount Rainier behind you. When you reach the Katwalk you'll see views of Gold Creek Valley and the peaks of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. This hike requires hiking boots for rough talus slopes and hiking sticks especially for crossing streams. Remember, you're in the mountains (trail starts at Snoqualmie Pass - 3,000 feet, but rises to 5400 feet). This is a wilderness hiking trail so carry the ten essentials with you. Check current weather and trail info before you go especially early or late in the hiking season. Snoqualmie Ranger District's North Bend Office (425-888-1421: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/mbs/home>.) Additional trail information at Pacific Crest Trail Association -- [pcta.org](http://pcta.org) or the Washington Trail Association -- [wta.org/gohiking/hikes/kendall-katwalk](http://wta.org/gohiking/hikes/kendall-katwalk).

**Restroom Info:** Vault toilets are in both parking lots. Travelers Rest (Area) at the pass has flush toilets.

**Driving Directions: EB I-90,** take Exit 52 "West Summit". At end of ramp, turn left under the freeway onto Alpental Rd. In 0.1 mile, take the first right, small sign says PCT North Trailhead. In another 0.1 mile take the right fork to the main parking lot. The left fork is a horse trailer lot and overflow parking.

**WB I-90,** take Exit 53 "East Summit". At end of ramp, turn left under the freeway. At the "T" stop sign, turn Right on SR 906 (unmarked) towards the pass. You will drive through the Snoqualmie Pass summit area with Travelers Rest (WDOT Restrooms) on you right. You will then drive under I-90 onto the Alpental Road. In 0.1 mile, take the first right, small sign says PCT North Trailhead. In another 0.1 mile take the right fork to the main parking lot. The left fork is a horse trailer lot and overflow parking.

**GPS Coordinates: 47.42784 -121.41346**

**Parking Passes:** You must have either a Northwest Forest Pass, an America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass, an Interagency Senior Pass, or a Military Pass to park at the trailhead. Make sure you have the **proper parking pass** on your vehicle.

## Snoqualmie Pass North Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Kendall Katwalk Y0786, 19Km (12 miles) – Rated 4C

1. *Fill out a hiking permit at the trail kiosk.* From the main PCT vehicle parking lot, enter the trail and forest just to the right of the kiosk.
2. In a short distance is an unmarked trail junction to the left. Stay **RIGHT** (or **STRAIGHT**) on the PCT.
3. Continue on the trail as it steadily climbs up (with switchbacks) through old growth forests on the side of Kendall Peak.
4. At 2 miles, the trail enters the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, then goes through an open boulder slope, with views of Commonwealth Basin and Red Mountain.
5. At 2 1/4 miles, **CROSS** a stream with a small waterfall on the steep uphill side of the trail.
6. At 2 1/2 miles (4K) is a signed "Y" junction and trail to the left for Commonwealth Basin. Stay **STRAIGHT** on the PCT. The trail will continue to climb steadily in the forest.
7. **CROSS** the same stream (Dir. #5) further up the trail. Early in the season, this stream runs lots of water so at high runoff, you may not be able to avoid getting wet. Hiking poles may come in handy for this crossing.
8. Continue up the trail through old-growth forest.
9. At 4 1/4 miles, you will get to a nearly flat area on the ridge.
10. Traverse a steep hillside through old growth forest, breaking out into open talus at about 5000 feet. Views of Mt Rainier and the local peaks.
11. The trail becomes a narrow ledge, climbing steeply through rocks below Kendall Peak. There are great views and in season, beautiful wildflowers. This is known as Kendall Gardens.
12. At 5400 feet the trail turns right and levels off a bit.
13. At the knife edged ridge top, an unmarked way trail turns right to ascend Kendall Peak. Turn **LEFT** at this junction and stay on the PCT.
14. Along the final up and down half mile that is in timber and small openings, lingering snow may make the way treacherous early or late in the hike season.
15. You will break out of the timber on an open flat spot on top of the knife-edged rocky ridge. The Katwalk is just beyond the open flat spot. Walk the narrowest part of the Katwalk (150 yards) if you choose and then turn **AROUND** and return the way you came back to the trailhead.

We hope you enjoyed this hike on the PCT.

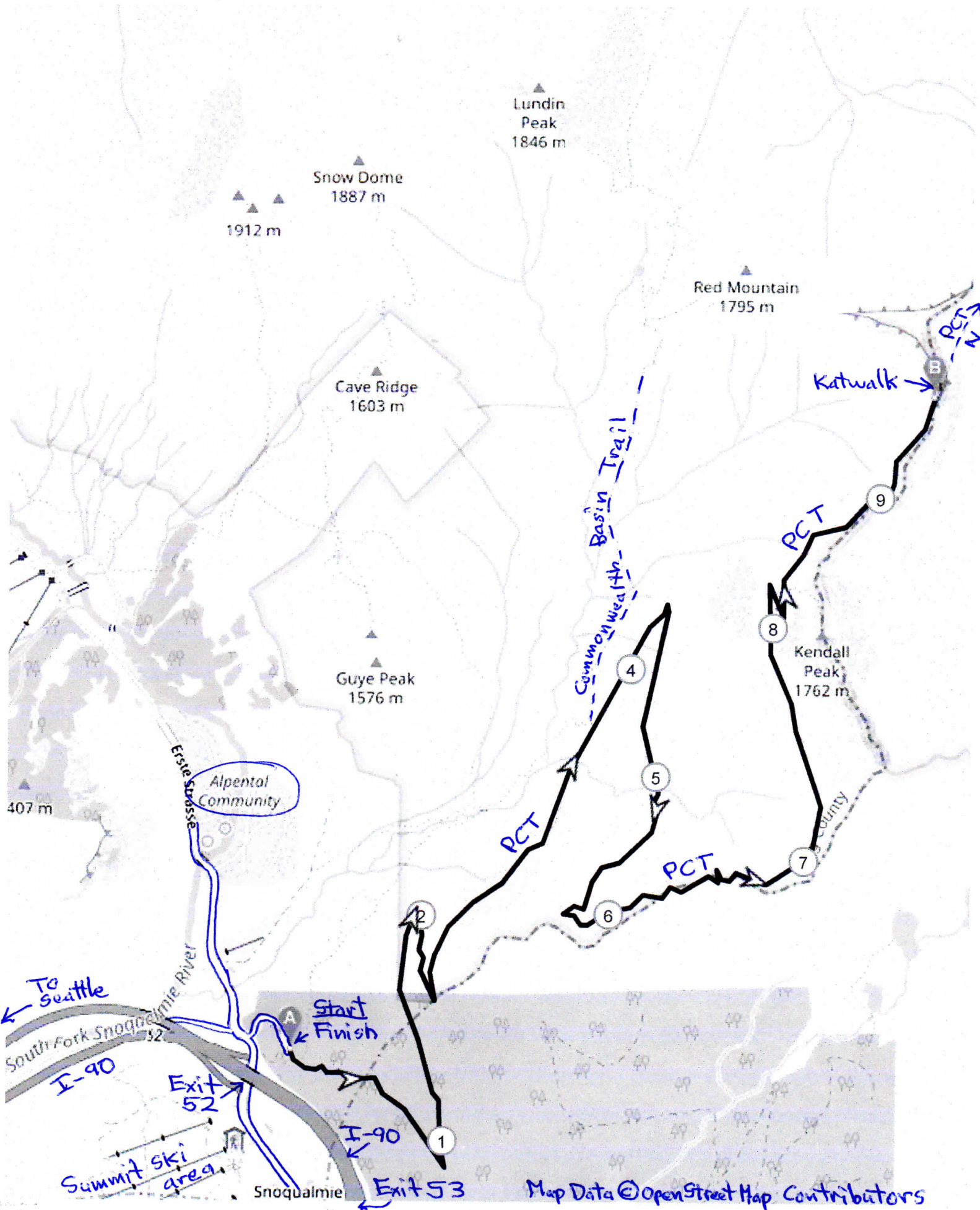
**Emergency phone number:** Call 911 if an emergency. Cell phone coverage is good near I-90 but is spotty the further up the trail you go.

These directions and map may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

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## **AVA hikes that qualify for the PCT Special Program Challenge**

### **WASHINGTON:**

1. Chinook Pass North – Sheep Lake and Sourdough Gap - Y2763
2. Mt. Rainier National Park -- Naches Loop and Dewey Lakes - Y2050
3. North Bonneville – Gillette Lake - Y2294
4. Snoqualmie Pass North – Kendall Katwalk - Y0786
5. Snoqualmie Pass South – Lodge Lake and Mirror Lake - Y3183
6. Stevens Pass North – Lake Valhalla - Y3182
7. Stevens Pass South – Josephine Lake - Y3184
8. White Pass North - Four Lakes – Y3190
9. White Pass South - Ginnette and Shoe Lakes – Y3191

### **OREGON:**

10. Cascade Locks – Herman Creek Pinnacles - Y1677
11. Eugene, OR – Willamette Pass Rosary Lakes – Y2465
12. Government Camp – Timothy Lake – Y1514
13. McKenzie Pass – Belknap Craters – Y3246
14. Wapinitia Pass – North Twin Lakes – Y3230
15. Sisters, OR – McKenzie Pass Matthieu Lakes – Y2435
16. Willamette Pass – South - Three Lakes – Y3240