

KENDALL KATWALK HIKE

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EVENT INFORMATION

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This is a moderately difficult day hike with a 2700 foot elevation gain. The best times to do this hike are in August and September. 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 varied trails, 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. Information in these directions obtained from the Washington Trails Association website www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/kendall-katwalk and other sources.

This hike requires hiking boots for rough talus slopes, hiking sticks especially for crossing streams. **Remember, you're in the mountains (trail starts at Snoqualmie Pass, but rises to 5400 feet), so be prepared for changing weather conditions. Carry extra clothes, snacks, water. Sunscreen, a hat and bug repellent and a first aid kit are good ideas. Consider the 10 Hiking Essentials. Always let someone know where you are going before you go!!**

Please check current weather and trail information especially in July:

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 or the Washington Trail Association – wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/kendall-katwalk picture here.

No cell coverage except close to I-90, so no emergency phone.

Driving Directions: EB I-90 to Snoqualmie Pass, Exit 52 "West Summit". At end of ramp, turn left under the freeway onto Alpentel Rd. In 0.1 mile, take the first right, unmarked but with a brown Forest Service sign. 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. Vault toilets in both lots. A Northwest Forest Pass (available online and at various ranger stations and retailers) or an equivalent permit is required to park. Self-register at the trailhead for a permit to hike.

Northwest Region Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Kendall Katwalk Y0786, 19Km (12 miles) – Rated 4C

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Driving Directions are on the Event Information page. Be sure to fill out the **Alpine Lakes Wilderness Pass** at the trailhead. Make sure you have the **proper parking pass**.

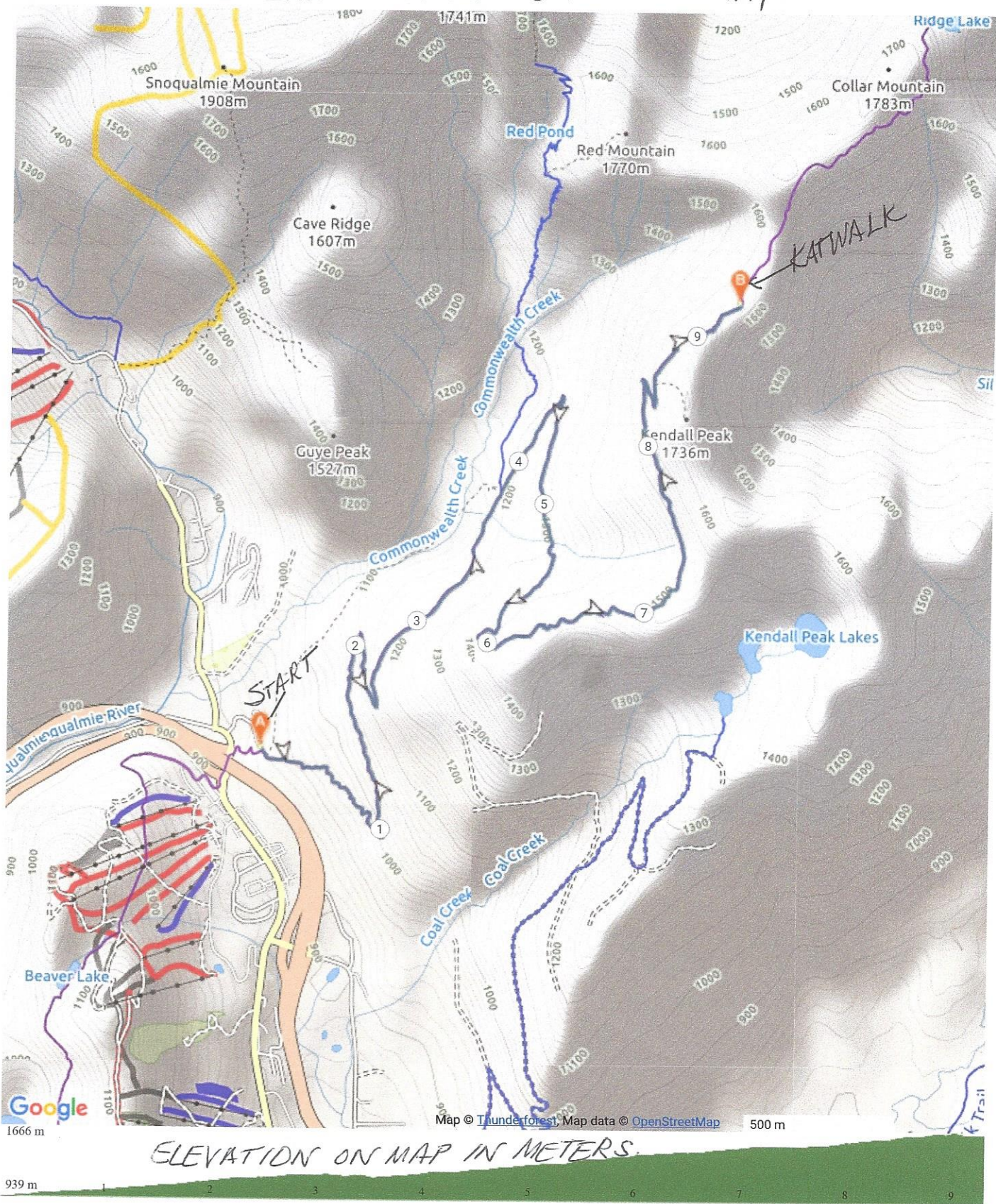
1. From the main Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) parking lot, fill out the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Pass at the trailhead. Enter the forest to an unmarked trail "T".
2. **Stay Right.** In 100 feet pass an overgrown trail on the left.
3. **Continue** along the wide trail, climbing gently, winding around with great views of Mt. Rainier on south facing trail sections, then along a series of long straight sections.
4. **At 2 miles** the trail enters the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, onto an open boulder slope, slowly dropping 100 feet. Watch your step. Red Mountain in view.
5. **At 2.25 miles**, pass a small waterfall on the steep uphill side of the trail.
6. **Two stream crossings** may require hiking poles for balance. In high runoff, you may not be able to avoid getting wet. If too much for you don't hesitate to turn back.
7. 500 feet further **stay right** on the PCT at the signed junction and climb steeply to a switchback through a semi-open area.
8. **Cross the same stream** further up. The trail briefly follows a gravelly runoff bed into a rock formation.
9. **Be careful here.** The trail turns sharply 180° to the right (south) but continues to climb steadily.
10. **Continue** through old-growth forest with views when open spots allow.
11. **Cross a nearly flat** ridge top at 4.25 miles.
12. **Traverse a steep hillside** through old-growth forest, breaking out into open talus at about 5000 feet of elevation.
13. The trail becomes a narrow ledge, climbing steeply through rocks, exposed with great views. In season see beautiful wildflowers, known as Kendall Gardens. A good place for a picnic on the way back.
14. **At 5400 feet the trail turns right** almost due east and levels off a bit.
15. **Along the final** up and down half mile, lingering snow may make the way treacherous. **Check trail conditions before you come.**
16. **Cross the pass** below Kendall Peak for new views. Walk the narrowest part of the Katwalk (150 yards) if you choose and return the way you came.

We hope you enjoyed this hike on the PCT.

Emergency cell service 911 may not be available except at the trailhead.

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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ELEVATION ON MAP IN METERS.

AVA and WASHINGTON STATE SPECIAL PROGRAMS CHECKLIST

WALK NAME Kendall Katwalk – Pacific Crest Trail		
NUMBER -- Y0786		
WASHINGTON STATE SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
39 COUNTIES [Ongoing]	King County,	
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[Ongoing]	WASHINGTON STATE
FLAG, HONORING OUR	[2015-2017]	
PACIFIC CREST TRAIL	[2018--]	Doing this trail will count when this national challenge is official.
VOLCANOS	[2015-2017]	Mount Rainier
WALK THE USA A - Z	[ongoing]	"S" – Snoqualmie Pass

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL (PCT) AVA SANCTIONED HIKES

WASHINGTON:

NACHES LOOP and DEWEY LAKE –Y2050 – Four Plus Foolhardy Folks

KENDALL KATWALK – Y0786

GILLETTE LAKE – Y2294

OREGON:

TIMOTHY LAKE – Y1514

HERMAN CREEK PINNACLES – Y1677

CALIFORNIA:

CARSON PASS – Y0880

DONNER PASS – Y1038

ROUND VALLEY/SALT RIDGE – Y0983

WHITEWATER – Y0975

Find other walks and hikes on the AVA website – www.ava.org.