

Pacific Crest Trail Association

North Cascades Regional Representative



Office Location

The North Cascades Regional Representative's office location is co-located with the Forest Service District Office in North Bend, Wash. North Bend is located approximately 30 miles east of Seattle. The greater Seattle metropolitan area has a population of about 3.5 million people. Hiking, kayaking, biking, and skiing are some of the local outdoor activities offered in the city and surrounding area. Being near a large metropolitan area, there are a variety of public and private educational opportunities, and medical facilities.

Geographic Region and Agency Partners

PCTA's North Cascades region stretches roughly 490 trail miles from the 2000 Road in southern Washington to the northern PCT terminus at Manning Park in British Columbia, Canada. It encompasses three National Forests (three supervisor offices) and two National Parks:

- National Forests: Okanogan-Wenatchee (five districts), Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie (four districts) and Gifford Pinchot (two districts)
- National Parks: Mt Rainer and North Cascades Complex

Current Trail Protection Issues

Trail protection is an important aspect of the job in this region. There are Forest Plans in development affect the trail. PCTA works with the Forest Service and land trusts active in the area to acquire private parcels in four separate locations in the region. It is the job of the Regional Representative to work with the appropriate agencies and/or private owners to minimize impacts and make decisions about what is best for the trail on a variety of projects with potential impact on the PCT. Small trail relocations are schedule for near Stevens Pass and Snoqualmie Pass.

Programs and Partners

The Regional Representative coordinates logistics, works with, and provides training opportunities for several different volunteer groups, varying in age, background, and experience. Some of the groups include:

- PCTA's Mount Hood Chapter
- PCTA's North 350 Blades
- PCTA's White Pass Chapter
- Backcountry Horsemen of Washington
- EarthCorps
- The Mountaineers
- Washington Conservation Corps
- Pacific Northwest Trail Association
- Washington Trails Association

Each group brings their own unique dynamic to the PCT. PCTA has worked with, or helped to create, the PCTA groups above in the last eight years.