



Overdue PCT Backpackers

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Saturday afternoon, Walt Walker received a call from the Banning office of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, that two hikers were overdue on a hike along the Pacific Crest Trail.

The two young hikers had told parents while in Idyllwild (who had brought them a fresh supply of food) that it would take them a week to hike to Big Bear Lake. Not an impossible task, but unlikely that they would make that good of time.

It was decided not to start a search, but wait a day or so. The two young men telephoned home, two days later.

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