Wilderness Areas along the Pacific Crest Trail

50 years of Wilderness along the PCT

On Sept. 3, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law, recognizing places "where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

Countless people have passed and will continue to pass through America’s most treasured landscapes, including the 48 wilderness areas that include the Pacific Crest Trail.

The Wilderness Act established the National Wilderness Preservation System and set aside an initial 9.1 million acres of wild lands for the use and benefit of the American people. Over the last 50 years, Congress has added more than 100 million acres to this unique land preservation system.

To learn more about the country’s wilderness areas, visit www.wilderness.net.