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Subject: Re: Fanning Takes a Hike!

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2010 02:25:36 GMT

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Ben Tupper writes:

- > Can you give us a hint about which portion of the trail you'll be on?
- > It would be fun to see where you will be on ...
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- > <http://www.scribd.com/doc/13427052/PCT-Pacific-Crest-Trail-Elevation-Profiles>

I'm getting on the trail near Ashland, OR and walking to the Columbia River at Cascade Locks. (If all goes well, I'll probably go a little way into Washington, as I have allocated more days for this than I think I will actually need.)

- > P.S. Have you read *\_The Long Walk\_* by Slavomir Rawicz? Maybe you
- > should wait until you get home.

No, that's a book I haven't read. I'll add it to my list. I've read a LOT of walking books in the past six months, as I have in mind to try my hand at writing one when I get back. :-)

By the way, I was inspired to do this walk by, among others, Werner Herzog, the film director. He gave a lecture at CU-Boulder earlier this year entitled "Traveling on Foot". He said if you wanted to be a film maker you would learn more by walking from Boston to Miami than you would ever learn by going to film school. That immediately struck me as an absolutely true statement. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Herzog didn't mean you should carry your whole house on your back, but whatever...The important thing is to go slowly and allow yourself the time to experience the reality of your life and the connections and dependence you have on other people.

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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