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Subject: Fanning Takes a Hike!

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 24 Jul 2010 20:40:22 GMT

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Cheers,

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Subject: Re: Fanning Takes a Hike!

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2010 14:07:33 GMT

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I assume the obituary reason was a joke since, dude, you ain't that old. So, get a grip, protect the  
knees, and good  
luck with the mozzies. :o)

cheers,

paulv

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Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2010 15:37:12 GMT

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Good luck, Dave. Sounds like a great trip!

If you haven't read it, you might want to carry

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A book can provide a great source of tinder in emergencies. ;-)

Ken

P.S. No electronics? But you are taking a compact digital camera aren't you?

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2010 16:07:37 GMT

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I've never used a book for tinder (too many flashbacks of Fahrenheit 541). But I have used book pages for, uh, other things. :-)

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> digital camera aren't you?

My original plan was no electronics. But I am taking a small digital camera (many people have asked for stories about the hike, and they are boring without pictures) and I have been hounded into carrying a cell phone, which seems like carrying an extra brick to me. I don't plan on calling anyone! (Although marital harmony may require something. Hiking is easier when you are a single person.)

I pretty much plan to be off the grid (and good riddance to it!) for at least a month.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2010 16:18:13 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

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Did I mention dyslexia seems to be more of a problem these days? :-(

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Subject: Re: Fanning Takes a Hike!  
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2010 18:49:31 GMT  
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- > something. Hiking is easier when you are a single person.)

My new iPhone 4 has quite a good camera in it, shoots  
720p video, and is a good cell phone too (compared to the  
first generation iPhone that I replaced). I have not had  
any antenna problems. :-)

You will need to find a way to charge it, but that is true  
for any gadget that you carry. There seem to be a lot of  
solar chargers out there.

Cheers, Ken

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Subject: Re: Fanning Takes a Hike!  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2010 19:22:09 GMT  
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My son is off to Nepal for five months later this week.

No phone, of course, but he does have camera equipment. The solar charger was not expensive, but the camera adaptor to connect the charger to the camera was an arm and a leg.

Plus, you have to carry the darn thing. Not a big concern for Jonathan as sherpas are reasonably inexpensive, but I purposely bought the small backpack so I wouldn't be tempted to think I needed goodness knows what luxuries. "Fast, light, simple" is the mantra I will be using as I walk along. :-)

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Subject: Re: Fanning Takes a Hike!

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Tue, 27 Jul 2010 18:27:47 GMT

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On Jul 24, 4:40 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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So you must really dislike IDL version 8, if it's driving you into the wilderness, huh?

Craig

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Subject: Re: Fanning Takes a Hike!

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2010 12:22:16 GMT

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Sounds nice

[http://www.pcta.org/images/media/pct\\_map\\_high.jpg](http://www.pcta.org/images/media/pct_map_high.jpg)

I watched some days ago a movie about a hike at the east coast.

Good luck!

cheers  
Reimar

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Subject: Re: Fanning Takes a Hike!

Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2010 12:56:55 GMT

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It might also be a good time to re-read "A Walk in the Woods"  
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Ken

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Subject: Re: Fanning Takes a Hike!

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2010 13:21:17 GMT

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On Jul 28, 8:56 am, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:  
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And to re-read "into the Wild" by Jon Krakauer. I just saw the excellent movie last week for the first time. But I hope that David's adventure has a happier ending... --Wayne

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2010 13:23:38 GMT  
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Kenneth P. Bowman writes:

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> by Bill Bryson. :-)

I finished that last week! What a hoot! :-)

[http://www.dfanning.com/reading/coyote\\_reading.html](http://www.dfanning.com/reading/coyote_reading.html)

If I had friends with that kind of sarcastic sense of humor,  
I probably wouldn't be doing this alone. ;-)

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2010 13:29:39 GMT  
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The only example in memory of a movie being as good  
as, or better, than the book! :-)

I did feel some affinity with Chris, as I was, believe  
it or not, young and idealistic once upon a time. And  
I did foolish things solo hiking that could have  
ended just as badly. But, what doesn't destroy us,  
strengthens us, or some such nonsense...

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David

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Subject: Re: Fanning Takes a Hike!

Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2010 01:51:28 GMT

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Cooooool! That sounds like fun!

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 ...

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/13427052/PCT-Pacific-Crest-Trail-Elevation-Profiles>

Cheers,  
Ben

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

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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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Posted by [proffmw@gmail.com](mailto:proffmw@gmail.com) on Sat, 31 Jul 2010 19:11:39 GMT

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Vaya con dios, David

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Subject: Re: Fanning Takes a Hike!

Posted by [Harry Kim](#) on Mon, 02 Aug 2010 08:13:27 GMT

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Have a nice trip David. However, please do not come back too late. We  
will miss you a lot!! (^.^)

Harry

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Subject: Re: Fanning Takes a Hike!  
Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Mon, 02 Aug 2010 09:09:34 GMT

On Aug 2, 1:13 am, Harry Kim <kim4ecohy...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Have a safe and nice hike David. I hope you enjoy and explore nature  
in a good way. Please bring some nice photo to share with us. We will  
miss you (meanly your P.S.s)

Cheers

Dave

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