

## Chapter 1: Beginnings (Days 1 - 4)

Day 2, 14 AUG: 12 miles, Blair Creek

FB Post: Good first night's sleep, and saw a few elk pass by my site.

Very hot, very dry, and lots of "blowdowns" (dead treefall that cover the trail). This will be a recurring theme, and I really had no idea how many I would have to face.

Two for two on awesome creekside campsites. I really like the lack of keeping up with mileage, no pressure of getting to the next shelter, hiking as I want. I'm sure there will be days where I push, but for now I will enjoy.

CDT vs. AT: not better or worse, not harder or easier, just completely other.