

The life and times of “hitchBOT”

The Canadian talking and tweeting hitchhiking robot that met an untimely demise in the U.S. might be given another chance at life. The creators of *hitchBOT* say they may rebuild it following a strong public outcry

WORLD TRAVELS

1 CANADA

Aug 21:
Ends trip
at Victoria

Jul 27, 2014:
Sets out from
Halifax

10,869km

CANADA

4 U.S.

Planned finish in
San Francisco

Jul 17, 2015:
Begins U.S.
trip in Boston

Aug 1: Found
vandalised
beyond repair
in Philadelphia

MEXICO

LED screens

**Alternative
power:** Solar
panels afixed to
“beer
bucket”
torso

Hitchhiking
thumb

2 GERMANY

**Feb 13-22,
2015**

Hamburg

Berlin

Cologne

Munich
Start/finish

3 NETHERLANDS

Jun 7-24, 2015: Takes part
in Twente Biennale

Communication:
hitchBOT could see, listen
and conduct limited
conversations using
array of sensors

Rechargeable batteries

Immobile robot
designed to traverse
continents, dependent
on kindness of
strangers to help it
reach destinations
on its “bucket list”