

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for August 2003

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland **at specified time**. Bring lunch and water and be prepared for wet and/or cool weather. Please take turns driving.

TH = trailhead; EDT = Estimated Drive Time; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail

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August 6, 2003: Frog Pond Loop (Red Buttes Wilderness Area)

Meet at Safeway at 9:00 am

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville 8 mi to Ruch; turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd for 19 mi past Applegate Lake; turn left onto Applegate Rd 1.2 mi; turn sharp right onto FS 1040 13 mi; EDT: 90 min

Description: Pretty hike through woods at lower elevations, grassy meadows higher up (hike #66 in *100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*)

Distance: 5.8 mi with car shuttle/7.9 mi without; elev gain: 1800 ft/2100 ft

Aug 13, 2003: Squaw Meadow and beyond (Mt Shasta)

Meet at Safeway at 8:00 am

(Joint hike with Jerry Loebell's YMCA hiking group from Phoenix, Arizona)

TH: Take I-5 72 mi to Central Mt Shasta exit 738; drive thru town 1 mi, then go left on Everitt Memorial Hwy 12.7 mi to Panther Meadows parking lot; EDT: 90 min

Description: the Squaw Meadow loop starts at 7440 ft and reaches a high point of 8100 ft; loop distance is 3.6 mi, with an additional 1.8 mi if we make a side trip to Gray Butte. We could go farther and higher, depending on snow conditions and adaptation to the relatively high altitude.

Distance: 5.4 mi; elev gain: about 1000 ft

Aug 20, 2003: Azalea Lake (Red Buttes Wilderness)

Meet at Safeway at 8:00 am (long hike)

TH: See hike #67 in *100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*; trailhead is actually several miles west of TH for the Frog Pond Loop (hike of Aug 6); EDT: between 90 min and 2 hr

Description: Jerry Loebell rates this hike as an eleven on a scale of 1 to 10!

Distance: 13 mi; elev gain: 2030 ft

Aug 20, 2003: PCT from Grouse Gap to FS Road 22 and back

~~TH: take Mt Ashland Road past the ski area to its intersection with the PCT at Grouse Gap; EDT: 45 min~~

~~Description: Follow PCT uphill and down to its intersection with FS 22; good views of Mt Shasta, Mt McLoughlin, and Pilot Rock. Option: scramble to top of Siskiyou Peak~~

~~Distance: 7 mi; elev. gain: 1200 ft (add 300 ft for Siskiyou Pk scramble)~~

Aug 27, 2003: Abbott Butte/Elephant Head (Umpqua-Rogue Divide Wilderness)

Meet at Safeway at 8:00 am

TH: Take Hwy 62 towards Crater Lake past the 51 mi marker; turn left onto Woodruff Meadows Rd #68 12.3 mi (last 7.9 mi are one-lane gravel); EDT: 90 min

Description: huckleberries, meadows, views, elephant head rock sculpture (see hike #36 in *100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*)

Distance: 7.2 mi (Abbott Butte)/9.8 mi (Elephant Head); elev gain: 1500 ft/1950 ft