

Ashland Newcomers Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for Jan 1 thru Jan 29, 2003

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; car pools will leave for trailhead around 9:05 am. Bring lunch and water and be prepared for wet and/or cool weather.

TH = trailhead; EDT = Estimated Drive Time

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January 1, 2003: Ashland city streets and trails

TH: Safeway parking lot; EDT: zero

Hike description: walk to Lithia Park; then take Winburn St to Nutley St to Strawberry Lane to the Maksymowicz residence (310 Skycrest Dr) for hot beverage; follow Skycrest trail to Ditch trail and return to town along Grandview and Nutley

Distance: 3 – 4 mi RT; elev gain: around 350 ft

January 8, 2003: Bear Creek Greenway

TH: Terminus of Greenway on Suncrest Rd in Talent; leave shuttle car in Ashland Dog Park; EDT: 30 min

Hike description: walk from Talent to Ashland along paved path next to Bear Creek; lunch in Talent is an option after we pick up our cars after the walk

Distance: 5.7 mi; elev gain: minimal

January 15, 2003: White Rabbit Trail

TH: Top of Park St, Ashland; EDT: 10 min

Hike description: This is primarily a mountain bike route—it's steep. We'll do a round trip, starting out uphill and finishing downhill.

Distance: 4.5 mi; elev gain: 700 ft

January 22, 2003: Sterling Mine Ditch Trail: Tunnel Ridge TH to Bear Gulch TH

TH: Proceed west from Phoenix to Sterling Creek Rd; turn left (south) 9.4 mi to Buncom; turn left on Little Applegate Rd to intersection at 3.2 mi; keep left on Little Applegate Rd (gravel) 4 mi to Little Applegate TH; EDT: 75 min

Hike description: Climb up to the Ditch, then follow it 3 mi or so, before turning around and descending to the Bear Gulch TH

Distance: about 6.5 miles; elev. gain: 800 ft

January 29, 2003: Lower Table Rock

TH: Follow Table Rock Road (off Biddle Rd in Central Point, near I-5, Exit 33) for 10 mi; turn left on Wheeler Rd 0.8 mi to parking area; EDT: 45 min

Hike description: Climb 1.6 mi through woods to plateau; follow old road and airstrip 1.1 mi to viewpoint; return same way. Trail will probably be muddy & slippery in places

Distance: 5.4 mi RT; elev gain: 720 ft including some steep stretches