

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for October 2003

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am, except when otherwise indicated; car pools will leave for trailhead at 9:05 am; bring water, lunch, and rain gear

TH = trailhead; EDT = Estimated Drive Time

Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz 482-1964; alex_m@jeffnet.org

Oct 1, 2003: Rogue River Trail, east from Peyton Bridge

TH: From Medford drive 35.5 mi on Hwy 62; turn left on Lewis Rd to Peyton Bridge TH parking area (east end of Lost Creek Lake); EDT: 60 min

Description: Very pleasant, well-maintained trail upstream along the Rogue River, but lots of ups and downs.

Distance: about 7 mi RT; elev. gain: about 500 ft

October 8, 2003: Rogue Gorge Trail: Union Creek to Woodruff Bridge (Meet at 8:00 am)

TH: Hwy 62 east from Medford to Union Creek; leave shuttle car at Woodruff Bridge (NW Forest fee area; Golden Age passport OK); EDT: 90 min

Description: from the Rogue River Gorge overlook follow the river to Woodruff Bridge. With luck, this will be the right time for spectacular fall color.

Distance: 7.5 miles; elev gain: minimal

Oct 15, 2003: PCT from Mt Ashland Rd to I-5

TH: Mt Ashland Rd at 7.2 mi; leave shuttle car on I-5 access road; EDT: 30 min

Description: mainly moderate downhill or level walking, with a few short steep uphill or downhill sections; alternates between lightly wooded areas in the national forest and open clearcuts on BLM lands—with great views

Distance: 8 mi; pretty much downhill all the way—with some exceptions

Oct 22, 2003: Sterling Mine Trail: Little Applegate TH to Tunnel Ridge TH

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville 8 mi to Ruch; turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd; after 7 mi turn left on Little Applegate Rd; and continue 8.5 mi to Little Applegate TH; EDT: 75 min

Hike description: Pleasant loop trail with good views of the Siskiyou to the south and coastal ranges to the west; starts out uphill, finishes downhill

Distance: 6.6 miles; elev. gain: 800 ft – 1000 ft (need GPS unit to pin this down)

Oct 29, 2003: Union Creek Falls Trail

TH: Take Hwy 62 east from Medford to Union Creek; EDT: 90 min

Hike description: this is a wonderful, basically level, 4-mile trail along a lovely brook to a very unspectacular waterfall; first two miles of trail are lined by Pacific Dogwood, which provided us with gorgeous fall color last year. It's easy to set up a shuttle for people who want to hike only one way—as long as a car for this purpose is available

Distance: 8.2 mi round trip; elevation gain: 330 ft—almost imperceptible