

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for September 2003

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am, unless otherwise indicated; car pools will leave for trailhead no later than 9:10 am; bring water, lunch, and rain gear

TH = trailhead; EDT = Estimated Drive Time

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Sep 3, 2003: Wizard Island in Crater Lake NP (co-leaders: Dan Stubblefield & Bill Heiman)

Meet in the Safeway parking lot at 7 AM.

TH: Park at Cleetwood Cove trailhead on the north rim of Crater Lake, then hike 640 feet down to the water on a 1.1-mile switch back trail to catch the 11 AM boat to Wizard Island; EDT: 2 ½ hours.

Description: the boat ride to Wizard Island costs \$19.25 per person and takes about 40 minutes; to reserve a place on the boat, you should have sent a cheque to Bill Heiman by August 28. From the Wizard Island harbor it is a 764-foot climb in a one-mile series of switchbacks to the summit of the cinder cone. The boat ride back skirts the south shore of the lake and takes about 1 hour.

Distance: 4.2 mi; elev gain: 1400 ft (640 ft if you don't hike to the top of Wizard Peak)

Sep 10, 2003: Cross-country to Wagner Butte and back

TH: take Mt Ashland Road/FS 20 some 2 mi past Grouse Gap; EDT: 60 min

Description: starting at the base of McDonald Pk follow the ridgeline up and down to the top of Wagner Butte; it's cross-country, but not particularly difficult as long as we avoid the manzanita patches; views are spectacular

Distance: approx 7-8 mi RT (my guess); elev gain: approx 1000-1200 ft (my guess)

Sep 17, 2003: PCT from Grouse Gap to Siskiyou Gap and back

TH: take Mt Ashland Road/FS 20 past the ski area to its intersection with the PCT at Grouse Gap; EDT: 45 min

Description: take advantage of the high country before winter sets in; follow PCT uphill and down to its intersection with FS 22; good views of Mt Shasta, Mt McLoughlin, and Pilot Rock, and mountain ranges to the west. Option: scramble to top of Siskiyou Peak

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

Sep 24, 2002: PCT: Greensprings Summit to Hobart Bluff

TH: Drive Hwy 66 14.5 miles to PCT crossing at Greensprings Summit. EDT: 45 min

Description: trail is in the newly-designated Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument; go south on PCT 3.3 mi to "Hobart Bluff Viewpoint" sign; turn right 0.3 mi to top of bluff; enjoy 360 deg views and lunch before returning the same way

Distance: 7.2 mi; elev gain: about 1000 ft