

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for March 2004

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; 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

March 3, 2004: Little Grayback Trail

TH: From Ruch travel south on Upper Applegate Rd to Applegate Dam; follow the road across the dam for 1.5 mi; turn left for 2 mi to French Gulch divide TH; EDT: 60 min

Description: steady climb across the southern slopes of Little Grayback Mt toward Squaw Peak; return the same way

Distance: around 7 mi; elev. gain: around 1000 ft (my estimate)

March 10, 2004: Taylor Creek (lower Rogue River area)

TH: Take exit 61 off I-5 (just north of Grants Pass); drive 12.1 mi past Merlin towards Galice; turn left on Taylor Creek Rd 7.4 mi to Taylor Ck TH parking area; EDT: 75 min

Description: trail climbs through woods to Lone Tree Pass at 2.6 mi; continue along wooded ridge for one more mile to lunch; return the same way

Distance: about 7 mi; elev gain: 1150 ft

March 17, 2004: Roxy Ann Peak (Medford); leader: Dan Stubblefield

TH: Take Phoenix exit off I-5, turn right at light, then make first left onto North Phoenix Rd and drive past Barnett Rd to traffic light at Hillcrest Rd; turn right on Hillcrest Rd 3.2 mi, then go left on Roxy Ann Rd 0.4 mi to gate. Walk past gate till you reach TH on the right hand side of road; EDT: 30 min

Description: Loop hike in Medford with very nice views in all directions; good leg-stretcher

Distance: 4 mi; elev gain: 1000 ft

March 24, 2004: 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: Follow trail along north shore of Rogue River some 3.5 mi; return same way; substantial ups and downs. This was a winner last year, with spring flowers in bloom very early.

Distance: about 7 mi RT; total elev. gain: about 1000 ft (my estimate)

March 31, 2004 Lost Creek Lake

TH: Drive 35.5 mi on Hwy 62; turn left on Lewis Rd 1 mi to TH; EDT: 60 min

Description: "generally level", pretty trail through the woods along the east shore of Lost Creek Lake to an open meadow for lunch (about 3.5 mi); return the same way.

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