

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for May 2004

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; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail

Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz 482-1964

May 5, 2004: Rogue River East Trail: Grave Creek to Whiskey Creek

TH: Take I-5 north to Merlin (Exit 60); drive thru Merlin and follow Galice Rd (paved) 19 mi to far side of Grave Creek bridge; turn left downhill to boat ramp and trailhead; EDT: 90 min

Description: Follow east rim of Rogue River canyon past Rainie Falls to Whiskey Creek cabin and back; the scenery is spectacular but the trail is somewhat rough, and there is considerable exposure—walking stick highly recommended

Distance: 7 mi; elev gain: 800 ft (my estimate)

May 12, 2004: Middle Fork of the Applegate River

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 5 mi; turn right onto FS 1035 ¼ mi to TH; EDT: 90 min

Description: Walk 2.5 mi along the river on this national scenic trail; return the same way; lots of flowers along the way.

Distance: about 5 mi; elev. gain: about 1000 ft (my estimate)

May 19, 2004: 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: 7 mi; elev gain: 300 ft (my estimate)

May 26, 2004: Grizzly Peak

TH: Drive Dead Indian Memorial Highway 7 mi; turn left on Shale City Rd (paved but potholed); follow Grizzly Peak Trail signs: 3 mi on pavement, 2 mi on dirt; EDT: 30 min

Description: Spring flowers should be in full bloom on this popular trail near Ashland

Distance: 5 miles; elev. gain: around 1000 ft