

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for November 2004

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am, except where noted; we will leave for trailhead around 9:05 am. Bring lunch, lots of water, hat, and sunscreen; be prepared for cool and/or wet weather.

TH = trailhead; EDT = Estimated Drive Time; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail
Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz (541) 482-1964

Nov 3, 2004: Lower Rogue River East Trail: Grave Creek to Booz Creek

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

Description: Follow east rim of Rogue River canyon past Rainie Falls to Booz Creek and back; spectacular scenery, but trail is a little rough in places. For a shorter hike, turn around at Whiskey Creek (6 miles, 1000 ft)

Distance: 10 mi; elev gain: 1200 ft (guess)

Nov 10, 2004: Rogue River Trail: Woodruff Bridge to Prospect —meet at 8:00 am

TH: Take Hwy 62 to Prospect Ranger Station and leave shuttle car; continue on to FS 68, make left, and drive some 2-3 miles to the TH at Woodruff Bridge; EDT: 90 min

Description: this is the only portion of the Upper Rogue River trail between Prospect and Union Creek that our group has not yet hiked; now is the time to do it. Since we'll be walking downstream, the trail is generally downhill, but there are some moderate uphill stretches on the Takelma Gorge between Woodruff Bridge and River Bridge.

Distance: 11 miles; elev gain: about 1000 ft (this is just my guess)

Nov 17, 2004: Lost Creek Lake (south shore)

TH: Take Hwy 62 to Lost Creek Lake; just before the dam, turn left onto Takelma Rd at "Fish Hatchery" sign; drive to end of road and continue on gravel road to TH, some 2-3 miles from Hwy 62; EDT: 75 min

Description: follow Lost Creek Lake trail till the urge for lunch becomes overwhelming; return the same way after lunch. We enjoyed this trip last year.

Distance: 7 mi; elev gain: about 1000 ft

Nov 24, 2004: Ostrich Peak (Ashland)

TH: Park at gate on Hitt Road in Ashland; EDT: 5 minutes

Description: We climb steeply up Hitt Road about 2.5 miles, then turn right onto a side trail. After about ¼ mile, the trail splits; take the right hand branch and contour around Ostrich Peak to Ashland Mine Rd; go left on Ashland Mine Rd about ¼ mile to Ostrich Peak. Continue straight ahead (Ashland Mine Rd makes a sharp right here) to get onto return portion of the loop around Ostrich Peak. Keep left at major trail junction about ½ mile down the trail and continue to original trail split. Go right at split to return to Hitt Rd, then turn left to return to starting point. Be prepared for snow!

Distance: 6-7 miles; elev. gain: about 2500 ft