

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for October 2005

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

Oct 5, 2005: High Lakes-Fish Lake Trail from Lake of the Woods to FS 37 (p. 120 in *101 Hikes*)

TH: Follow DIM 22 mi to FS 37; go right 7 mi to North Fork Campground and leave shuttle car; continue to Hwy 140, make right, then right again on FS 3601 (west side of Lake of the Woods) to High Lakes Trail Crossing. EDT: 60 min

Description: follow High Lakes Trail west 6 mi to Fish Lake resort; then continue 4 mi to FS 37 on Fish Lake Tr. Trail parallels Hwy 140.

Distance: 9.3 mi; elev gain: 750 ft. RT mileage: 90 mi

Oct 12, 2005: Lower Rogue River Trail: Grave Ck to Booz Ck (p. 189 in *100 Hikes*)

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.

Distance: 10 mi; elev gain: 1200 ft (guess). RT mileage: 130 mi

Oct 19, 2005: Rogue Gorge Trail: Union Creek to Woodruff Bridge (p. 82 in *100 Hikes*)—meet 8:30 am

TH: Hwy 62 east from Medford to Union Creek; leave shuttle car at Woodruff Bridge (may still be a NW Forest fee area; Golden Age passport OK); EDT: 105 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. RT mileage: 150 mi

Oct 26, 2005: Sterling Mine Trail: Tunnel Ridge TH to Little Applegate TH (p. 138 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville 8 mi to Ruch; turn left 7 mi onto Upper Applegate Rd, then left 9.7 mi on Little Applegate Rd to Tunnel Ridge TH; EDT: 75 min

Hike description: Loop trail with good views of the Siskiyou to the south and coastal ranges to the west; starts out uphill, finishes downhill; return to cars via road

Distance: 7 miles; elev. gain: 1500 ft (guessmate). RT mileage: 80 mi