

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for September 2005

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am except where otherwise specified; bring water, lunch, sunscreen and rain gear. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Hwy; *100 Hikes* = book *100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1st edition
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Sept 7, 2005: PCT across Brown Mountain Lava Field (p. 122 in *101 Hikes*)

TH: Take DIM 31 mi to FS 3720; go left 2 mi to FS 700, then right 0.4 mi to PCT; leave shuttle car and return to FS 3720, turn right 2 mi to FS 3705; turn right 4 mi to FS 37, then right 2.2 mi to Hwy 140, right again 4.2 mi to Summit Sno-Park. EDT: 90 min
Description: follow PCT south across Hwy 140 and over west flank of Brown Mt; portions of trail are covered with lava rocks or cinder stones—wear boots with sturdy soles

Distance: 10.6 mi; elev gain: about 1000 ft; RT mileage: 100 mi

Sept 14, 2005: Mt Thielsen (near Diamond Lake) (p. 50 in *101 Hikes*)—meet at 8:00 am

TH: take Hwy 62 and 230 toward Diamond Lake; turn left (towards Roseburg) on Hwy 138 and drive 1.4 miles to TH; EDT: 120 min

Description: Back by popular demand! Option 1: hike to the junction with the PCT, then return the same way; option 2: cross the PCT and continue towards the summit as far as you dare—you will end up on very loose scree; last 80 ft to summit is technical

Distance (PCT/summit: 7.6/10 miles; elevation gain: 2000/3800 feet; RT mileage: 190 mi

Sept 21, 2005: PCT from Siskiyou Gap to Mt Ashland Hwy (p. 137 in *101 Hikes*)

TH: leave shuttle car at PCT crossing of Mt Ashland Hwy, just beyond 7 mi marker; continue past the ski area on FS Rd 20 to PCT crossing at Siskiyou Gap; EDT: 75 min
Description: take advantage of the high country before winter sets in; follow PCT 5 mi to Grouse Gap and continue on some 3 mi to Mt Ashland Hwy; good views of Mt Shasta, Mt McLoughlin, Pilot Rock, and mountain ranges to the west.

Distance: 8 mi; elev. gain: 1000 ft; RT mileage: 50 mi

Sept 28, 2005: PCT from Greensprings Summit to Hobart Bluff (p. 128 in *101 Hikes*)

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; RT mileage: 35 mi