

## The Hiking Group

### **Hike Schedule for August 2006**

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; car pools will leave for trailhead at 9:05 am; passengers reimburse drivers 6¢ per mile. Bring water, lunch, hat, sunscreen and rain gear. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail; *100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition  
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August 2, 2006: Abbott Butte (Umpqua-Rogue Divide Wilderness) (p. 85 in *100 Hikes*)  
—meet 8:30 am

TH: Take Hwy 62 towards Crater Lake past the 51 mi marker; turn left onto Woodruff Meadows Rd #68 12.3 mi (last 7.9 mi are one-lane gravel); EDT: 105 min  
Description: pleasant woods, rock outcrops, flower-filled meadows, great views on the way to lunch below the abandoned lookout tower on top of Abbott Butte  
Abbott Butte RT: distance: 7.5 mi; elev gain: 2500 ft. RT mileage: 165 mi

August 9, 2006: Taylor Lake (Russian Wilderness) (p. 202 in *100 Hikes*)—meet 8:00 am

TH: Take I-5 to Fort Jones exit (1 mi south of Yreka); follow Hwy 3 27 mi to Etna; make right on Collier way and continue 10.4 mi to Etna Summit; EDT: 105 min  
Description: follow PCT along a view-packed ridge crest to Taylor Lake; option: continue another 2.2 mi to dramatic granite basin at Payne's Lake; return same way.  
Distance: 8/12 mi RT (Taylor/Payne's Lake); elevation gain: 1500 ft/2200 ft. RT mileage: 160 mi

August 16, 2006: PCT between Jackson Gap and Siskiyou Gap

TH: From Talent take Rapp Rd and Wagner Creek Rd 7.6 mi to junction with FS 22; follow FS 22 to junction with FS 20; follow FS 20 ½ mile west to PCT crossing at Siskiyou Gap. Leave shuttle car and continue some 6 miles to Jackson Gap, passing Wrangle Gap. (This last part of the drive has some rough sections.) EDT: 90 min  
Description: follow PCT from Jackson Gap to Wrangle Gap, then contour around Red Mt or climb over it to Siskiyou Gap; wonderful flowers and views  
Distance: 7 miles; elevation gain: around 1000 ft

August 23, 2006: Squaw Meadow and Gray Butte (Mt Shasta) (p. 218 in *100 Hikes*)—  
meet 8:30 am

TH: Take I-5 72 mi south to Central Mt Shasta exit 738; drive thru town 1 mi, then go left on Everitt Memorial Hwy 12.7 mi to Panther Meadows parking lot. EDT: 90 min  
Description: The Squaw Meadow loop starts at 7440 ft and reaches a high point of 8100 ft; loop distance is 3.6 mi; a short side trip to our lunch spot adds 1 mi more. Optional side trip to Gray Butte adds another 3 mi.  
Distance: about 7.5 mi; elevation gain: about 2000 ft

August 30, 2006: Mount Bailey (p. 54 in *100 Hikes*)—meet 8:00 am

TH: Very close to south shore of Diamond Lk; take Hwy 62 to Union Creek, then branch left on Hwy 230 to Diamond Lk. For detailed directions, see *100 Hikes*. EDT: 2 hr

Description: see "100 Hikes in Southern Oregon"; expect to spend 3 hours climbing to the top, and 2 hours coming down.

Distance: 9.8 mi RT; elevation gain: 3130 ft