

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for September 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; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Rd; *100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1st edition
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September 6, 2006: Black Butte Hike (p. 216 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: exit I-5 south of Weed 4 mi and follow the leader; EDT: 90 min

Description: switchback your way to the top for spectacular views all the way from the Sacramento Valley to Oregon including Mt. Shasta, Mt. Eddy, Mt. Lassen, Castle Crags, Mt. McLoughlin and the Klamath range.

Distance: 5.2 mi RT; elev gain: 1850 ft. RT mileage: 150 mi

September 13, 2006: 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

September 20, 2006: Castle Lake Trail (west of Mt Shasta City) (p. 122 in *101 Hikes*)— leave 8:30 am

TH: take Central Mt Shasta exit off I-5 and follow the leader; EDT: 90 min

Description: follow Castle Lake Trail uphill into the Castle Crags wilderness area, then downhill till we run out of steam; return the same way, with a short but steep detour to Heart Lake and outstanding view of Mt Shasta for the hardy. I am familiar with only the first mile or so of the trail, but it's a beautiful area.

Distance: 8 -10 mi; elev gain: 2000 ft? RT mileage: 180 mi

September 27, 2006: 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