

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for February 2008

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; car pools will leave for trailhead at 9:05 am; bring water, lunch, and rain gear.

TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Rd

Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz 482-1964; alexmaks@jeffnet.org

Feb 6, 2008: Sterling Mine Ditch Trail (Tunnel Ridge-Bear Gulch loop)

TH: Follow route 238 thru Jacksonville to Ruch; turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd 2.9 miles; turn left on Little Applegate Rd 9.7 mi to Tunnel Ridge TH; EDT: 75 min

Description: Climb up to the Ditch, then turn left and follow the Ditch trail to the Bear Gulch trail; turn left again and descend to the Bear Gulch TH; turn left on walk along the road about 0.5 miles to starting point

Distance: 5 miles; elev. gain: 800 ft. RT mileage: 70 mi (\$6)

Feb 13, 2008: Grouse Gap (Mt Ashland)—**Snowshoe Trip**

TH: Gate on FS 20 just beyond Mt Ashland ski area parking lot; EDT: 30 min;

Description: Take PCT to Grouse Gap Meadow; go uphill to FS 20; continue on road to Grouse Gap shelter for lunch; return along FS 20.

Distance: 5.5 mi; elev gain: 300 ft. RT mileage: 40 mi (\$3)

Feb 20, 2008: Applegate Lake Loop (p. 142 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville area to Ruch (8 mi); take Upper Applegate Rd 15 mi to Applegate Dam; drive left across dam to French Gulch TH (1.2 mi); EDT: 60 min

Description: Make a loop on the Applegate Lake Trail system

Distance: 6.4 mi; elevation gain: about 500 ft. RT mileage: 80 mi (\$6)

February 27, 2008: Lake of the Woods/High Lakes Trail—**Snowshoe Trip**

TH: Follow DIM to the Great Meadow Sno Park at the intersection of DIM and Hwy 140; EDT: 75 min

Description: Follow the trail across the Great Meadow to Lake of the Woods, then turn right and follow the High Lakes Trail a reasonable distance before stopping for lunch; return the same way

Distance: 4-5 mi; elev. gain: 100-200 ft. RT mileage: 85 mi (\$7)