

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for September 2008

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am for car pooling; passengers reimburse drivers 10¢ 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 3, 2008: Blue Lake Basin (p. 108 in *100 Hikes*)

Take DIM to its end point at Hwy 140; turn right (east); after approx 3 mi go left on FS 3651 8.5 mi; turn left onto FS 3659 1.3 mi to parking area at TH; EDT: 90 min

Description: Hike through Sky Lakes Wilderness Area towards Blue Lake; return same way. There were lots of huckleberries along the trail two years ago.

Distance: 10.6 mi RT; elev gain: moderate, since this is a gently undulating trail. RT mileage: 115 mi (\$12)

September 10, 2008: Mt McLoughlin (p. 110 in *100 Hikes*)—meet at 7:30 am; leader: Dan Stubblefield

TH: Take DIM to 22 mile marker; turn left onto FS 37 for 8 miles; turn right on 140 to 36 mile marker; turn left on FS 3661 towards Fourmile Lake for 2.9 mi; then turn left on FS 3650 for 0.2 mi to TH parking lot; EDT: 90 min

Description: Up, up, up and more up all the way to the top, but only the last 1.2 mile, 1300 ft elevation gain portion is really steep. If you don't want to go to the top, there are nice spots to stop along the way above the tree line with good views of the lakes and mountains; best is Sandy Point, some 4 miles in, where the final steep pitch begins.

Distance: 10.6 mi; elev gain: 3915 ft. RT mileage: TBD

September 17, 2008: Seven Lakes West to Alta Lake (p. 102 in *100 Hikes*)—**new hike**

TH: Follow directions in *100 Hikes*. EDT: 75 min

Description: See *100 Hikes*. Mosquitoes should be gone but be prepared.

Distance: 8.4 miles RT; elevation gain: 2000 ft. RT mileage: 90 mi (\$9)

September 24, 2008: 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. Side trip to Gray Butte adds another 3 mi.

Distance: about 7.5 mi; elevation gain: about 2000 ft. RT mileage: 180 mi