

**Ashland Hiking Group**  
**Hike Schedule for September 2009**

Leave from Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am. Bring water, lunch, hat, sunscreen and rain gear. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Highway. *100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1<sup>st</sup> ed; page numbers different in 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

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**September 2: Rogue Raft Trip or Blue Lake Basin Hike – Your Choice**

**Raft:** A 13 mile / 3 ½ hour self guided float trip on the Upper Rogue with some Class II rapids putting in below Lost Creek Lake in your choice of either a Tahiti or a 4 to 8 person raft. Raft and Tahiti rental is \$20 per person. Dress for the possibility of getting wet (you might want to bring dry clothes for after) and bring a hat, sunscreen and lunch. RT mileage: 65 miles.

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**Hike:** Blue Lake Basin hike (p. 108 in *100 Hikes*) – meet 9 am at Safeway

Take DIM to its end point at Hwy 140; turn right (east); after approx 3 mi go left on FS

3651 for 8.5 mi; turn left onto FS 3659 for 1.3 mi to parking area at TH; EDT: 90 min

Description: Hike through Sky Lakes Wilderness Area towards Blue Lake; return same way; you can shorten the hike by stopping to pick huckleberries along the trail.

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

September 9: Mt McLoughlin (p. 110 in *100 Hikes*)—meet at 7:00 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; only the last 1.2 mile, 1300 ft elevation gain portion is really steep; climbing to the summit is not mandatory.

Distance: 10.6 mi; elev gain: 3915 ft. RT mileage: about 80 mi

September 16: Squaw Meadow and Gray Butte (Mt Shasta) (p. 218 in *100 Hikes*)—meet 8:30 am. Leader: Dan Stubblefield

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

September 23: Seven Lakes West to Alta Lake (p. 102 in *100 Hikes*)—new hike

TH: Follow directions in *100 Hikes*. EDT: 120 min

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

Distance: 10.4 miles RT; elevation gain: 2000 ft. RT mileage: 90 mi (\$7)

September 30: Lower Rogue River Trail: Grave Ck to Alder Ck (p. 189 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Take I-5 north to Merlin (Exit 60); drive thru Merlin and follow Galice Rd 19 mi to far side of Grave Creek bridge; turn left downhill to boat ramp and TH; EDT: 90 min

Description: Follow Rogue River canyon to Alder Creek and back; spectacular scenery.

Distance: 9 mi; elev gain: 1200 ft. RT mileage: 130 mi