

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for August 2010

Leave from Safeway parking lot in Ashland promptly at 9:00 am. Bring water, lunch, hat, sunscreen and rain gear. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; RT = round trip; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Highway. *100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon, 1st edition*

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August 6: Grouse Gap to Sisikiyou Peak (PCT) RT; leader: Lynn Clegg

TH: Leave I-5 at exit 6 and take Mt Ashland Hwy to ski area the drive another 2 mi on FS 20 to PCT at Grouse Gap.

Description: follow PCT 2.7 mi to Siskiyou Peak for lunch; return the same way.

Distance: 5.4 mi; elevation gain: 1050 ft. RT mileage: 45 mi

August 13: PCT from Soda Mt Rd to Greensprings Summit via Hobart Bluff (p. 128 in *101 Hikes*)

TH: Drive Hwy 66 14.5 miles to Greensprings Summit and leave shuttle car; turn right on Soda Mt Rd and continue some 5 mi to PCT crossing. EDT: 45 min

Description: trail is in the newly-designated Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument; go north on PCT to "Hobart Bluff Viewpoint" sign; turn right 0.3 mi to top of bluff; enjoy 360 deg views; then return to PCT and continue north to Greensprings Summit. We can eat a somewhat late (1:00 to 1:30 pm) lunch at Greensprings Inn.

Distance: 5 mi; elev gain: 1000 ft; RT mileage: 45 mi

August 20: Deadfall Lakes (Mt Eddy) loop; (p. 210 in *100 Hikes*) —meet 8:30 am

TH: Drive south on I-5 and take Stewart Springs Rd exit (about 1.5 mi after passing rest area next to Weed); turn right at stop sign, then left onto Stewart Springs Rd; after 4 miles, turn right onto Road 17 for 9.3 miles to PCT crossing & leave shuttle car; continue 1.3 mi to start of Deadfall Lakes Trail. EDT: 105 min

Description: Walk uphill 1.5 mi along Deadfall Creek to PCT at Middle Deadfall Lake (800 ft elev gain); you can laze around here or walk uphill 1 mi more to Upper Deadfall Lake for lunch; walk back down to Middle Deadfall Lake and follow PCT 2.8 mi back to Road 17. We may wish to stop at Stewart Springs Resort for refreshments.

Distance: 4.5 mi to Middle Deadfall, 6.5 mi to Upper Deadfall; elev gain: 1200 ft and 1500 ft respectively. RT mileage: 165 mi

August 27: Big Red Mountain (PCT) RT

TH: From Talent take Wagner Creek Rd (FS #22) up to its intersection with FS #20 (continuation of Mt Ashland Hwy on top of Siskiyou Ridge. Turn right 0.5 mile to PCT crossing. EDT: 90 min

Description: From Siskiyou Gap follow PCT around Big Red Mt thru cool woods and over serpentine barrens to Wrangle Gap; uphill stretches in both directions; since we return the same way, there is always an option to turn around early.

Distance: 6 miles RT; elev gain: 1200 ft. RT mileage: TBD