

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for February 2011

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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*, 1st edition

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February 4: Sterling Mine Ditch Trail (Tunnel Ridge-Bear Gulch loop) (*100 Hikes*, p. 138)—leader: Lynn Clegg

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

February 11: Little Grayback Trail

TH: From Ruch travel south on Upper Applegate Rd to Applegate Dam; follow the road across the dam for 1.5 mi; turn left for 2 mi to French Gulch divide TH; EDT: 60 min.

Description: steady climb across the southern slopes of Little Grayback Mt toward Squaw Peak; return the same way; watch out for graybacks (ticks)

Distance: about 7 mile; elev gain: about 1000 ft; RT mileage: 85 miles

February 18: **Snowshoe Trip:** Great Meadow/High Lakes Trail (**Winema NF**)

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

Feb 25, 2011: Bear Creek Greenway from Ashland to Talent

TH: Ashland Safeway parking lot; EDT: zero;

Description: starting out at Safeway, take city streets to Ashland Dog Park, then follow Bear Creek Greenway to Talent (Valleyview Rd); after eating lunch in Talent, take the RVTD bus back to Ashland. Buses leave Talent at 18 and 48 min after the hour; cost for seniors: \$1, for regular folk (< 62years): \$2.

Distance: 7 mi; elev gain: 150 ft. RT mileage: 0 mi

Those who are feeling lazy can drive to the Ashland Dog Park at the foot of Helman St and join us there around 9:20 am. This should knock about one mile off the distance.