

## Ashland Hiking Group

### Friday Hike Schedule for November 2011

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Leave from Safeway parking lot in Ashland promptly at 9:00 am. Bring water, lunch, hat, and **rain gear**. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; RT = round trip; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail;. *100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon, 1<sup>st</sup> edition* Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz: 541-482-1964 Website: <http://jeffnet.org/~danstub/Hiking/index.html>

November 4: Emigrant Lake Loop TH: Drive Hwy 66 a short distance past the entrance to Emigrant Lake County Park and turn left on the dirt road to the parking lot for the old pioneer cemetery. Description: Walk along the lakeshore across the dam and through the park as far as you can go; retrace steps and go right onto the trail above a small stream to a systems of roads that leads back to Hwy 62; turn left onto Hwy 62, then left again onto the road leading to the park; cross the dam and follow the trail back to the cemetery. Distance: 5 mi; elev gain: 200 ft. RT mileage: 20 mi.

November 11: Takelma Gorge (Upper Rogue River Trail) RT (p.80 in *101 Hikes*)—leave at 8:30 am TH: Drive Hwy 62 to Woodruff Bridge. EDT: 90 min Description: walk along the Rogue River thru Takelma Gorge from Woodruff Bridge to the Rogue Baptist camp; return the same way; trail is rough in places due to lava rocks. A hiking trail is very useful on a very steep short stretch of trail. This is a good time and place to look for chanterelles. Distance: 6 mi; elev gain: 500 ft. RT mileage: 130 mi

November 18: Since the previously scheduled hike thru the Enchanted Forest in the Applegate Valley is not only steep but also likely to be muddy, I'm proposing to change the hike to the Bear Creek Greenway between Ashland and Talent, returning by bus. We can even shorten it by doing the Spelman variant, which means starting out in the Dog Park rather than at Safeway. But in either case, rain gear is probably de riguer.

November 25: Lost Creek Lake (west shore) (p. 78 in *100 Hikes*)—leader Lynn Clegg TH: Take Hwy 62 to Lost Creek Lake; just before the dam, turn left onto Takelma Rd at “Fish Hatchery” sign; drive to end of road and continue on gravel road to Takelma Park Rd (about 1 mile past the turnoff to the boat ramp); EDT: 75 min Description: drop down to the Lost Creek Lake trail and follow it to our usual lunch bench; return the same way

Distance: 5.5 mi; elev gain: 600 ft. RT mileage: 100 mi