

## Ashland Newcomers Hiking Group

August 29, 2001 (Revised)

Hikes take place on Wednesdays. Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am, unless otherwise specified; car pools will leave for trailhead at 9:10 am. We take a lunch break to allow for social interaction and discussion of natural history—bring something to eat. We try to return to Safeway by 2:00 pm, but we don't always succeed.

Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz 482-1964

Today's hike: High Lakes Trail

September 5, 2001: Garfield Peak, Crater Lake National Park

**\*\*\*Leader: Chris Bird; meeting time in Safeway lot: 8:00 am\*\*\***

Trailhead: Crater National Park Lodge. Take Dead Indian Road to Hwy 140; turn right; turn left on county road 531 to Fort Klamath; turn left on Hwy 62 to Crater Lake NP

Estimated drive time to trailhead: 1 hr 45 min to 2:00 hr

Park entrance fee: \$10 per car

Hike Description: trail goes uphill to the top of Garfield Peak, overlooking the lake. We will have lunch in the Crater Park lodge

Distance: 3 miles (1.5 miles each way)

Elevation gain: close to 1000 feet

**We had about 12 people on the hike and everyone made it to the top. Temperature was a little cool at the start but warmed up later. Lodge food was OK, ambience was very nice.**

September 12, 2001: Pacific Crest Trail from Grouse Gap to Siskiyou Gap

Trailhead: Forest Road 20 at Grouse Gap, about 2 miles beyond Mt. Ashland ski area

Estimated drive time to trailhead: 45 min

Hike description: hike through woods and across scree slopes

Distance: about 5 to 6 miles RT if we go all the way to Siskiyou Gap

Elevation gain: gradual uphill on the way out, downhill on the way back

**Only we and the Birds showed up for this hike, due to unpromising weather. Hike was very enjoyable, with only a minimal amount of precipitation. Worth redoing in the summer.**

September 19, 2001: Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) from Hyatt Lake to Highway 66

Trailhead: drive east about 17.5 miles to Greensprings Inn, then turn left and drive 3 miles to PCT crossing just before entrance to Hyatt lake fee area.

Estimated drive time to trailhead: 30 min

Hike description: we will use car shuttle to make this a one-way hike downhill; take PCT heading south to Little Hyatt Lake, then continue to Highway 66. Lunch at Greensprings Inn is an option.

Distance: about 6 miles total; original description said 4 miles

Elevation gain: almost entirely downhill

Very enjoyable hike through lovely woods. Contrary to my description, there was a non-negligible amount of climbing on the way. Another hiker warned us to skirt a hornets nest located on a tree in a meadow beyond Little Hyatt Lake. Hike is not almost entirely downhill!

Equipment: sturdy boots with good ankle support are recommended although not essential. Bring water (about 1 quart/liter per person on hot days) and lunch. Note that weather is becoming cooler in the mountains.