

Ashland Newcomers Hiking Group

August 15, 2001,

Hikes take place on Wednesdays. Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; 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. Normally, we should return to Safeway by 2:00 pm. Heavy rain cancels.

Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz 482-1964

Today's hike: Grizzly Peak (see description in August 1 flyer)

August 22, 2001: Brown Mountain Trail (southern flank)

Trailhead: Dead Indian Rd 22 miles to FS road #37; left on FS #37 for 6 miles to FS #3705; right on FS 3705 for 3.5 miles to trailhead. All roads are paved.

Estimated drive time to trailhead: 45 to 60 minutes

Hike Description: trail goes mainly through forest; **huckleberries may be ripe**

Distance: 4 miles (2 miles each way)

Elevation gain: minimal

No huckleberries on bushes whatsoever. Group was in good mood and hiked about one extra mile.

August 29, 2001: High Lakes Trail (Great Meadows to Aspen Point and return)

Trailhead: Highway 140 between mileposts 37 and 38, approx 2 miles east of Dead Indian Rd

Estimated drive time to trailhead: 60 min

Hike description: hike through grassy meadow to Aspen Point (near Lake of the Woods) and back

Distance: 3.6 miles (1.8 miles each way)

Elevation gain: minimal

We altered the hike to make it more interesting by starting somewhat west of Great Meadows TH. We probably ended up hiking 5 to 6 miles.

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. Temperatures are usually cool in the morning, warming up towards mid-day—easy on/off layers of clothing are a good idea. Use a hat and sunscreen to protect against sunburn. Rain happens—carry a poncho or be prepared to enjoy the liquid sunshine. Insect repellent could also come in handy, especially for midsummer hikes near water.