

## Ashland Newcomers Hiking Group

### **Hike Schedule for Jan 23 through Feb 20, 2002**

Hikes take place on Wednesdays. Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; car pools will leave for trailhead by 9:05 am. We take a lunch break to allow for social interaction, so bring something to eat and drink. Be prepared for cool and/or damp weather. TH = trailhead

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#### January 23, 2002: Lower Table Rock

TH: Follow Table Rock Road (off Biddle Rd in Central Point, near I-5, Exit 33) for 10 mi; turn left on Wheeler Rd 0.8 mi to parking area.

Est. drive time: 45 min

Hike description: Climb 1.6 mi through woods to plateau; follow old road and airstrip 1.1 mi to south viewpoint; return same way

Distance: 5.4 mi RT; elev. gain: 720 ft; moderate (some steep stretches)

#### January 30, 2002: Sterling Mine Trail System: Little Applegate TH to Tunnel Ridge TH

TH: Proceed west from Phoenix to Sterling Creek Rd; turn left (south) and drive 9.4 mi to Y-intersection in Buncom; turn left on Little Applegate Rd 3.2 mi; at intersection keep left on Little Applegate Rd (gravel) 5.1 mi to Little Applegate TH

Estimated drive time: 75 min (allows 15 min to set up car shuttle—1.8 mi)

Hike description: Loop trail, starting out uphill and finishing downhill, with long flat stretch in between; along the way you will have to squeeze thru 4 ft high tunnel

Distance: 6.6 miles; elev. gain: 730 ft; difficulty: moderate

#### February 6: No scheduled hike—Alex & Lillian Maksymowicz out of town

#### February 13, 2002: Collings Mountain

TH: Drive north from Ruch about 20 mi to TH at Watkins Campground; drop off shuttle car at Hart-tish Park TH, 3.4 mi back along the road

Estimated drive time: 75 min (allowing for shuttle set up)

Hike description: woodsy trail with excellent views; Bigfoot trap 0.5 mi from end point

Distance: 7 mi; elev. gain: 1040 ft; difficulty: moderate to strenuous (fairly long; steep downhill stretch at the end)

**Great weather, great hike. A couple of FS rangers were sprucing up the Bigfoot Trap preparatory to the arrival of a film crew.**

#### Feb 20, 2002: Toothpick Trail (in place of Lost Creek Lake Trail)

TH: Take Tolman Road 3.1 miles to TH

Estimated drive time: 20 min

Hike description: I have found no published description of this hike. It goes uphill through woods, sometimes steeply, then downhill again, sometimes very steeply.

Distance: Around 4 mi (my guess); elev. gain: around 1000 ft (my guess again); difficulty: moderate