

## Ashland Newcomers Hiking Group

### **Hike Schedule for March 27 through April 18, 2002**

Next hike will be on Wednesday, March 27. Starting April 4, our hikes will take place on Thursday. We will revert to Wednesday on June 12. 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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Mar 27, 2002: Sterling Ditch Trail: Deming Gulch TH to ~~Armstrong Gulch TH~~

TH: Proceed west from Phoenix to Sterling Creek Rd; turn left (south) for 7.3 mi; turn left on Armstrong Gulch Rd for 0.3 mi; leave vehicle for shuttle; turn left on Deming Gulch Rd for 0.7 mi to Deming Gulch TH

Estimated drive time: 60 min

Hike description: Follow the Sterling Mine Ditch trail for about 5 mi, then retrace route ~~for about 2.5 mi to Armstrong Gulch TH~~

Distance: 7.5 miles; elev gain: negligible; difficulty: easy—but a little on the long side; ~~steep, 100-yd cross-country downhill scramble at the very end to get to Armstrong Gulch Road~~

**Comment: Pleasant, pretty much flat stretch of trail with no obstructions. We hiked some 3.5 miles, then retraced our steps to Deming Gulch TH to avoid the steep scramble down to Armstrong Gulch.**

April 4, 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; expect some spectacular flower displays

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

April 11, 2002: Applegate Lake

TH: Cross Applegate Dam and drive 1.2 mi to French Gulch TH

Hike Description: Follow Payette Trail 4.1 mi along lakeshore; turn left on Osprey Trail to Dagelma TH; continue on Calsh Trail to junction with Payette Trail; turn right and follow Payette Trail back to French Gulch TH

Distance: 6.4 mi; elevation gain: about 400 ft

**Comment: We did not do this hike; it does not have any redeeming features—logging under way, with helicopters, quite a racket**

April 18, 2002: Jacksonville Trail System

Departure time from Safeway parking lot: 11:30 am, after Newcomers Club meeting

TH: City parking lot in Jacksonville behind post office

Est drive time: 30 min

Hike description: Follow Jacksonville trail system wheresoever it may lead us

Distance: 3 to 5 mi; elevation gain: 400 to 600 ft

Flowers were splendid!