

Ashland Newcomers Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for April 2003

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; car pools will leave for trailhead around 9:05 am. Bring lunch and water and be prepared for wet and/or cool weather.

TH = trailhead; EDT = Estimated Drive Time

Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz 482-1964; alex_m@jeffnet.org

April 2, 2003: Lost Creek Lake

TH: From Medford drive 35.5 mi on Hwy 62; turn left on Lewis Rd 1 mile to Lewis Rd TH; EDT: 60 min

Description: mostly level, pretty trail through the woods along the east shore of Lost Creek Lake to an open meadow for lunch (about 3.5 mi); at 2.4 mi a short steep side trip takes us to the Blue Grotto; return the same way. There may be some short swampy patches along the trail, so wear boots.

Distance: about 7 mi RT; elev. gain: about 400 ft

April 9, 2003: 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; EDT: 45 min

Description: Climb 1.6 mi through woods to plateau; follow old road and airstrip 1.1 mi to south viewpoint; return same way; expect spectacular flower displays

Distance: about 6 mi RT; elev. gain: 800 ft (some steep stretches)

April 16, 2003: Hitt Road **(Canceled following prehike: too boring on the way down)**

TH: Upper end of Strawberry Lane, Ashland; EDT: 10 min

Description: follow Hitt Rd through woods to upper end of Lithia Park; this will probably be a strenuous hike—I'll try to check it out ahead of time and send you an update; we'll preposition a shuttle car to take drivers back to TH

Distance: 8.5 mi starting from my house; elev. gain/loss: 1700 ft (These numbers derived both from topo map and Dan Stubblefield's GPS unit)

April 16, 2003: Jacksonville Trails **(moved up from April 23 to replace Hitt Rd hike)**

TH: City parking lot in Jacksonville behind post office; EDT: 30 min

Description: Follow Jacksonville trail system; one steep stretch; expect lots of flowers

Distance: about 5 mi; elev. gain: about 500 ft

April 23, 2002: Sterling Mine Trail: Little Applegate TH to Tunnel Ridge TH **(delayed replacement for canceled Hitt Road hike scheduled for April 16)**

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville 8 mi to Ruch; turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd; after 7 mi turn left on Little Applegate Rd; and continue 8.5 mi to Little Applegate TH; EDT: 75 min

Hike description: Loop trail, starting out uphill and finishing downhill

Distance: 6.6 miles; elev. gain: 800 ft

April 30, 2003: Middle Fork of the Applegate River

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville 8 mi to Ruch; turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd for 19 mi past Applegate Lake; turn left onto Applegate Rd 1.2 mi; turn sharp right onto FS 1040 5 mi; turn right onto FS 1035 ¼ mi to TH; EDT: 75 min

Description: Walk 2.5 mi along the river on this national scenic trail; return the same way; lots of flowers along the way.

Distance: about 5 mi; elev. gain: about 800 ft