

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for December 2003

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; car pools will leave for trailhead at 9:05 am; bring water, lunch, and rain gear

TH = trailhead; EDT = Estimated Drive Time

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

Dec 3, 2003: Toothpick-Catwalk Trail

TH: Take Tolman Creek Road 3.1 miles to TH on right hand side; EDT: 20 min

Hike description: Hike starts out level on the Toothpick Trail, then goes steeply uphill on the Catwalk Trail; last portion goes downhill to Ashland Loop Road, then on to the lunch spot at junction with Toothpick Trail; last mile goes along the generally level Toothpick Trail back to Tolman Creek Road.

Distance: Around 4 mi (my guess)—we can lengthen it somewhat if weather is good; elev. gain: around 1000 ft (my guess again)

Dec 10, 2003: Mule Mountain Trail (Applegate Valley)

TH: On left hand side of Upper Applegate Road 5.5 miles beyond the Star Ranger Station; park off pavement wherever you can; EDT: 60 min

Hike description: Winds up the hillsides above Applegate Valley; have not hiked this one

Distance: about 8 mi RT; elev gain: 2500 ft if we go all the way

Dec 17, 2003: Hitt Road Trail System

TH: Park on Skycrest Drive in Ashland; EDT: 5 minutes

Hike description: First half mile is easy; then trail climbs steeply up Hitt Road and beyond for about 2 miles. We will turn around at National Forest boundary, since thereafter trail turns into a well-graded but extremely boring road.

Distance: 6-7 miles; elev. gain: about 1800 ft

Dec 24, 2003: No hike

Dec 31, 2003: Ashland City streets and Trails

TH: Safeway parking lot; EDT: zero

Hike description: walk to Lithia Park; then take Winburn St to Granite St climb up Granite St steps to Ditch Trail (level); turn left onto Skycrest Tr system (uphill) and proceed to the Maksymowicz residence (310 Skycrest Dr) for hot beverage; follow Skycrest Dr to Grandview to Scenic to Nutley to Lithia Park and back to Safeway.

Distance: 3 – 4 mi RT; elev gain: around 350 ft