

Ashland Newcomers Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for May 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; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail

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May 7, 2003: Rogue River East Trail: Grave Creek to Whiskey Creek

TH: Take I-5 north to Merlin (Exit 60); drive thru Merlin and follow Galice Rd (paved) 19 mi to far side of Grave Creek bridge; turn left downhill to boat ramp and trailhead; EDT: 90 min

Hike description: Follow east rim of Rogue River canyon past Rainie Falls to Whiskey Creek cabin and back; the scenery is spectacular but the trail is somewhat rough, and there is considerable exposure—walking stick highly recommended

Distance: 7 mi; elev gain: 300 ft

May 14, 2003: Grizzly Peak

TH: Drive Dead Indian Memorial Highway 7 mi; turn left on Shale City Rd (paved but potholed); follow Grizzly Peak Trail signs: 3 mi on pavement, 2 mi on dirt; EDT: 30 min

Description: Spring flowers should be in full bloom on this popular trail near Ashland

Distance: 5 miles; elev. gain: around 800 ft

May 21, 2003: Union Creek Trail

TH: Take Hwy 62 east from Medford to Union Creek; EDT: 90 min

Description: This is a wonderful, basically level, 4-mile trail along a lovely brook. First two miles of the trail are lined by Pacific Dogwood. They gave us gorgeous fall reds and should provide stunning blooms in the spring—if it ever comes.

Distance: 8.2 mi; elevation gain: 330 ft. Car shuttle can be used to shorten trip to 4.5 mi.

May 28, 2003: Pacific Crest Trail: Bocard Point to Greensprings Summit

TH: Drive Hwy 66 14.5 miles to PCT crossing at Greensprings Summit and leave shuttle car; backtrack a short distance on Hwy 66 and take Tyler Creek Rd 1.4 mi; turn left on Baldy Creek Rd 7.9 mi to TH; EDT: 60 min

Description: Trail is in the newly-designated Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument; after checking out the view from Bocard Point, drive back 1.8 mi to PCT and leave vehicle(s); follow PCT north 5 mi Greensprings Summit, making short detours to Soda Mt and Hobart Bluff.

Distance: about 7.5 mi; elev gain: about 1000 ft