

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for April 2004

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

April 7, 2004: 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 (some steep and/or rough stretches); meander through the meadows to the end of the old airstrip some 1.5 miles; return same way; expect spectacular flower displays. Bring your own vehicle if you don't want to wait for the flower sniffers.

Distance: about 6 mi RT; elev. gain: 800 ft

April 14, 2004: Jacksonville Trail System

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

Description: Follow Jacksonville trail system, including Beekman Woods; several steep stretches; expect lots of flowers

Distance: about 6 mi; elev. gain/loss: 1200/1200 ft (my estimates)

April 21, 2004: Sterling Mine Trail: Tunnel Ridge TH to Little Applegate TH

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

Description: Loop trail, starting out uphill and finishing downhill; return to Tunnel Ridge TH via road

Distance: 7 miles; elev. gain: 1500 ft (my estimate—may be more)

April 28, 2004: Mule Mountain Trail (Applegate Valley)

TH: On left hand side of Upper Applegate Road, just past 12 mile marker (5.5 miles beyond the Star Ranger Station); park off pavement wherever you can; EDT: 60 min

Description: Lovely trail that winds its way up the hillsides above Applegate Valley; should give us a great spring flower display; however, it does go unremittingly, if mostly moderately, uphill; although you could always turn back part way; steepest stretch is near the beginning

Distance: 8 mi RT; elev gain: 2500 ft (these are actuals, not estimates)