

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for December 2004

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am, except where otherwise noted; we will leave for trailhead around 9:05 am. Bring lunch, water, hat, and warm clothing; be prepared for cold and/or wet weather

TH = trailhead; EDT = Estimated Drive Time

Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz (541) 482-1964

Dec 1, 2004: Rogue River Trail, east from Peyton Bridge

TH: From Medford drive 35.5 mi on Hwy 62; turn left on Lewis Rd to Peyton Bridge TH parking area (east end of Lost Creek Lake); EDT: 60 min

Description: Follow trail along north shore of Rogue River some 3.5 mi; return same way; substantial ups and downs.

Distance: about 7 mi RT; total elev. gain: about 1000 ft (my estimate)

Dec 8, 2004: Applegate Lake Loop

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville area to Ruch (8 mi); take Upper Applegate Rd 15 mi to Applegate Dam; drive left across dam to French Gulch TH (1.2 mi); EDT: 60 min

Description: Make a loop on the Applegate Lake Trail system

Distance: 6.4 miles; elevation gain: about 500 ft

Dec 15, 2004: Toothpick-Catwalk Trail

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

Description: Close-to-home hike with various extension possibilities if weather is good

Distance: Around 5 mi (guess); elev. gain: around 1000 ft (guess)

Dec 22, 2004: Jacksonville Trail System

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

Description: Close-to-home, pre-Christmas leg stretcher on Jacksonville trail system; includes several steep stretches

Distance: about 6 mi; elev. gain/loss: 850/850 ft

Dec 29, 2004: Ashland City Streets and Trails

TH: Safeway parking lot; EDT: zero

Description: walk to Lithia Park; then take Winburn St to Granite St; climb up Granite St steps to Ditch Trail (level); turn left onto Strawberry-Hald Park trail system (uphill) and proceed to the Maksymowicz residence (310 Skycrest Dr) for hot beverage and cookies; finish the hike by taking Orchard St to Westwood to Strawberry Lane; wend your way down to Lithia Park using one of several alternate routes.

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