

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for January 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; alex_m@jeffnet.org

January 7, 2004: Bear Creek Greenway

TH: Safeway parking lot; EDT: zero

Description: take city streets to Ashland Dog Park, then follow Bear Creek Greenway to Talent (Valleyview Rd); eat lunch in Talent; take RVTB bus back to Ashland

Distance: about 7 mi; altitude gain: minimal

January 14, 2003: White Rabbit/Alice-in-Wonderland-Trails Loop

TH: Top of Park St, Ashland; EDT: 10 min

Description: This is primarily a mountain bike route—it's steep. We'll do a round trip, starting out uphill and finishing downhill. Follow White Rabbit trail from Park St to upper TH on Ashland Loop Rd; take Alice-in-Wonderland and BTI trails down to Glenview Drive; turn right on Glenview Drive and continue to Lithia Plaza for lunch. After lunch walk to Safeway Parking lot; shuttle car will take drivers to Park St TH to pick up their vehicles.

Distance: 4.5 mi; altitude gain: 700 ft (These are my off-the-cuff, non-GPS-certified estimates)

January 21, 2004: Sterling Mine Ditch Trail: Tunnel Ridge TH to Bear Gulch TH

TH: Follow route 238 thru Jacksonville to Ruch; turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd 2.9 miles; turn left on Little Applegate Rd 9.7 mi to Tunnel Ridge TH; EDT: 75 min

Description: Climb up to the Ditch, then turn left and follow it 3 miles or so, before turning around and descending to the Bear Gulch TH; turn left on road about 0.5 miles to starting point at Tunnel Ridge TH.

Distance: about 6.5 miles; elev. gain: 800 ft

January 28, 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

Hike description: Climb 1.6 mi through woods to plateau; follow old road and airstrip 1.1 mi to viewpoint; return same way. Trail will probably be muddy & slippery in places. (If this doesn't appeal to you, please propose some other hike.)

Distance: 5.4 mi RT; elev gain: 720 ft including some steep stretches