

## The Hiking Group

### **Hike Schedule for October 2004**

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am, except where noted; we will leave for trailhead around 9:05 am. Bring lunch, lots of water, hat, and sunscreen; be prepared for cool and/or wet weather. **Note 3 early starts this month.**

TH = trailhead; EDT = Estimated Drive Time; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail

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#### Oct 6, 2004: Mt McLoughlin (new)—meet at 7:30 am

TH: Take Dead Indian Memorial Rd to 22 mile marker; turn left onto FS 37 for 8 miles; turn right on 140 to 36 mile marker; turn left on FS 3661 towards Fourmile Lake for 2.9 mi; then turn left on FS 3650 for 0.2 mi to TH parking lot; EDT: 90 min

Description: Up, up, up and more up all the way to the top—but only the last 1 ½ mile is very steep. This would be a good turn around point for those who don't want to go to the top.

Distance: 10.6 mi; elev gain: 3915 ft

#### Oct 13, 2004: PCT from I-5 to Pilot Rock parking area and back (new)

TH: Take Mt Ashland exit from I-5 and continue to the PCT TH heading east

Description: follow PCT thru forest, meadows, and rocky slopes

Distance: 8 miles; elev. gain: about 1500 ft

#### Oct 20, 2004: Rogue Gorge Trail: Union Creek to Woodruff Bridge—meet at 8:00 am

TH: Hwy 62 east from Medford to Union Creek; leave shuttle car at Woodruff Bridge (may still be a NW Forest fee area; Golden Age passport OK); EDT: 105 min

Description: from the Rogue River Gorge overlook follow the river to Woodruff Bridge. With luck, this will be the right time for spectacular fall color.

Distance: 7.5 miles; elev gain: minimal

#### Oct 27, 2004: Union Creek Falls Trail—meet at 8:00 am

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

Hike description: this is a wonderful, basically level, 4-mile trail along a lovely brook to a very unspectacular waterfall; first two miles of trail are lined by Pacific Dogwood, which may provide us with gorgeous fall color

Distance: 8 mile round trip; elevation gain: 500 ft—mostly imperceptible