

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for September 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 the two early starts this month.**

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

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Sept 1, 2004: Stein Butte/New London Trails (Applegate Valley)

TH: take Upper Applegate Rd from Ruch 18.8 mi to its end; turn left and drive 0.9 miles to the Stein Butte TH at Seattle Bar picnic area; continue 3 miles farther on FS 1050 and leave shuttle car at the New London TH; return to Seattle Bar to start hike; EDT: 90 min

Description: Climb steadily 2.5 miles through forest to Elliott Ridge; follow ridge to Stein Butte; descend via New London trail

Distance: 7.8 miles; elev gain: 2500 feet

Sept 8, 2004: PCT from Grouse Gap to Siskiyou Gap and back

TH: take Mt Ashland Road/FS 20 past the ski area to its intersection with the PCT at Grouse Gap; EDT: 45 min

Description: take advantage of the high country before winter sets in; follow PCT uphill and down to its intersection with FS 22; good views of Mt Shasta, Mt McLoughlin, and Pilot Rock, and mountain ranges to the west. We had morning frost on this one last year!

Distance: 10 mi; elev. gain: 2800 feet

Sept 15, 2004: Mt Scott & Garfield Peak (Crater Lake National Park)—**meet at 7:30 am**

TH for Mt Scott: East Rim Drive; for Garfield Peak: next to park lodge; EDT: 120 min

Description: Great views on both trails; we will climb Mt Scott before lunch at the lodge
Mt Scott: 5 miles RT; elev gain: 1000 ft; Garfield Peak: 3 mi RT; elev gain: 1000 ft

Sept 22, 2004: Mt Thielsen (near Diamond Lake)—**meet at 7:30 am**

TH: take Hwy 62 and 230 toward Diamond Lake; turn left (towards Roseburg) on Hwy 138 and drive 1.4 miles to TH; EDT: 120 min

Description: option 1: hike to the junction with the PCT, then return the same way; option 2: cross the PCT and continue to the ledge below the summit (it's an additional, somewhat technical 80 ft climb to the summit itself)

Distance (PCT/summit option): 7.6/10 miles; elevation gain: 2000/3800 feet

Sept 29, 2004: PCT from Mt Ashland Rd to I-5

TH: Mt Ashland Rd at 7.2 mi; leave shuttle car on I-5 access road; EDT: 30 min

Description: relax before next week's climb up Mt McLoughlin on this mainly downhill trail, with a few short uphill sections; alternates between lightly wooded areas in the national forest and open clearcuts on BLM lands, which provide great views

Distance: 8 mi; elev gain: 800 ft (about 1/5th of next week's climb of Mt McLoughlin)