

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for August 2005

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am except where otherwise specified; bring water, lunch, sunscreen and rain gear. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail; *100 Hikes* = book *100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1st edition
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Aug 3, 2005: Taylor Lake (Russian Wilderness) (p. 202 in *100 Hikes*)—**meet 8:30 am**

TH: Take I-5 to Fort Jones exit (1 mi south of Yreka); follow Hwy 3 27 mi to Etna; make right on Collier way and continue 10.4 mi to Etna Summit; EDT: 105 min

Description: follow PCT along a view-packed ridgecrest to Taylor Lake; option: continue another 2.2 mi to dramatic granite basin at Payne's Lake; return same way.

Distance: 8/12 mi RT (Taylor/Payne's Lake); elevation gain: 1500 ft/2200 ft

Aug 10, 2005: PCT between Jackson Gap and Siskiyou Gap

TH: From Talent take Rapp Rd and Wagner Creek Rd 7.6 mi to junction with FS 22; follow FS 22 to junction with FS 20; follow FS 20 ½ mile west to PCT crossing at

Siskiyou Gap. Leave shuttle car and continue some 6 miles to Jackson Gap, passing Wrangle Gap. (This last section of the drive has some rough sections.) EDT: 90 min

Description: follow PCT from Jackson Gap to Wrangle Gap, then contour around Red Mt or climb over it to Siskiyou Gap; wonderful flowers and views

Distance: 7 miles; elevation gain: around 1000 ft

Aug 17, 2005: Squaw Meadow and Gray Butte (Mt Shasta) (p. 218 in *100 Hikes*)—**meet 8:30 am**

TH: Take I-5 72 mi south to Central Mt Shasta exit 738; drive thru town 1 mi, then go left on Everitt Memorial Hwy 12.7 mi to Panther Meadows parking lot; EDT: 90 min

Description: The Squaw Meadow loop starts at 7440 ft and reaches a high point of 8100 ft; loop distance is 3.6 mi; a short side trip to our lunch spot adds 1 mi more. Optional side trip to Gray Butte adds another 3 mi.

Distance: about 7.5 mi; elevation gain: about 2000 ft

Aug 24, 2005: Black Butte Hike; leader: Dan Stubblefield (p. 216 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: exit I-5 south of Weed 4 mi and follow the leader; EDT: 90 min

Description: switchback your way to the top for spectacular views all the way from the Sacramento Valley to Oregon including Mt. Shasta, Mt. Eddy, Mt. Lassen, Castle Crags, Mt. McLoughlin and the Klamath range.

Distance: 5.2 mi RT; elev gain: 1850 ft

Aug 31, 2005: Mount Bailey; leader: Hal Slack (p. 54 in *100 Hikes*)—**meet 8:30 am**

TH: Very close to south shore of Diamond Lk; take Hwy 62 to Union Creek, then branch left on Hwy 230 to Diamond Lk. For detailed directions, see *100 Hikes*. EDT: 2 hr

Description: see "100 Hikes in Southern Oregon"; expect to spend 3 hours climbing to the top, and 2 hours coming down. Pray for a clear day!

Distance: 9.8 mi RT; elevation gain: 3130 ft

