

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for December 2005

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 7, 2005: 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. RT mileage: 100 mi

Dec 14, 2005: Little Grayback Trail

TH: From Ruch travel south on Upper Applegate Road to Applegate Dam; follow the road across the dam for 1.5 mi; turn left for 2 mi to French Gulch divide TH

EDT: 60 min

Description: gentle climb across the southern slopes of Little Grayback Mt toward Squaw Peak

Distance: 7 mi; elev. gain: around 1000 ft. RT mileage: 85 mi

Dec 21, 2005: 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. With luck we'll even get to see Jan Musgrove's cougar!

Distance: about 6 mi; elev. gain/loss: 850/850 ft. RT mileage: 30 mi

Dec 28, 2005: Ashland City Streets and Trails Ramble

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: 5 mi RT; elev gain: 350 ft. RT mileage: 0 mi