

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for February 2005

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

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February 2, 2005: Stewart State Park (Lost Creek Lake) I

TH: From Medford drive Hwy 62 to Salmon Fish Hatchery turn off at east end of Lost Creek Lake; continue on 62 a short distance (ca. 100 yd) across bridge to Crowfoot Road; turn **left** and drive to TH at end of road. EDT: 60 min

Description: follow the mostly flat trail along south shore of Lost Creek Lake until the urge for lunch becomes overwhelming; return same way

Distance: about 8 mi RT; elev gain: several hundred feet (my guess)

February 9, 2005: Taylor Creek Trail (Tin Can Campground to Lone Tree Pass)

TH: Take Merlin exit 61 off I-5 and drive 8.5 miles towards Galice; turn left onto Taylor Creek Rd (FS 25) about 5.5 miles; cross creek to TH; EDT: 90 min

Description: hike Taylor Creek Trail to Lone Tree Pass; return same way. We did a shorter portion of this two years ago

Distance: 9.2 miles; elev gain: 1500 ft

February 16, 2005: Sterling Ditch Trail: south from Deming Gulch

TH: Proceed west from Phoenix to Sterling Creek Rd; turn left (south) for 7.3 mi; turn left on Deming Gulch Rd for 0.7 mi to Deming Gulch TH; EDT: 60 min

Description: Follow the Sterling Mine Ditch trail for about 4 mi, then retrace route

Distance: 8 miles; elev gain: 500 ft (my estimate)

February 23, 2005; Stewart State Park (Lost Creek Lake) II

TH: From Medford drive Hwy 62 to main entrance of Stewart State Park; enter park, drive as far as possible to lake, park car and find the trail (near store); EDT: 60 min

Description: follow the mostly flat trail along south shore of Lost Creek Lake from the main parking area to Taggarts Creek (below Peyton Bridge); return same way

Distance: 7.2 mi RT; elev gain: negligible