

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for January 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

Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz 482-1964; alex_m@jeffnet.org

January 5, 2005: Bear Creek Greenway

TH: Safeway parking lot; EDT: zero

Description: take city streets to Ashland Dog Park, then follow Bear Creek Greenway to Talent (Valleyview Rd); eat lunch in Talent; return along the Greenway or take RVTB bus back to Ashland (buses leave Talent at 18 and 48 min after the hour)

Distance: about 4 mi one way; elevation gain: minimal

January 12, 2005: White Rabbit/Alice-in-Wonderland-Trails Loop Variations

TH: Top of Park St, Ashland; EDT: 10 min

Description of standard route: Take White Rabbit trail from Park St to upper TH on Ashland Loop Rd, then Alice-in-Wonderland and BTI trails down to Glenview Drive and on to Lithia Plaza for lunch. Leader may vary route to extend distance and increase elevation gain, including walk back to Park St TH to pick up cars.

Distance/elevation gain: to be determined by leader

January 19, 2005: Sterling Mine Ditch Trail: Tunnel Ridge TH to Bear Gulch TH

TH: Follow route 238 thru Jacksonville to Ruch; turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd 2.9 miles; turn left on Little Applegate Rd 9.7 mi to Tunnel Ridge TH; EDT: 75 min

Description: Climb up to the Ditch, then turn left and follow it 2 miles before descending to the Bear Gulch TH; turn left on road about 0.5 miles to starting point at Tunnel Ridge TH.

Distance: 4.7 miles; elev. gain: 800 ft

January 26, 2005: Toothpick-Catwalk Loop Variations

TH: Take Tolman Creek Road 3.1 miles to TH on right hand side; EDT: 20 min

Description: Hike starts out level on the Toothpick Trail, then goes steeply uphill on the Catwalk Trail. What happens after that depends on the leader.

Target distance/elevation gain: 7 miles/2000 feet