

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for July 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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July 6, 2005: PCT from Little Pilot Rock to Greensprings Summit via Hobart Bluff

TH: Take Hwy 66 to Greensprings Summit; leave shuttle car; backtrack ½ mile on Hwy 66 and take Tyler Creek Rd/Baldy Creek Rd 5-6 mi south to PCT at Little Pilot Rock.
EDT: 90 min

Description: follow PCT north to Hwy 66 through lovely country, passing Soda Mt and and stopping for lunch and panoramic views on Hobart Bluff

Distance: about 7 miles; elev gain: unknown, but there are some uphill stretches, so a gain of up to 2000 feet is possible

July 13, 2005:Wagner Butte

TH: From Talent take Rapp Rd and Wagner Creek Rd 7.6 mi to junction with FS 22; go left 2mi on FS 22 to TH. EDT: 40 min

Description: great flower displays along the way and spectacular views from the top.

Distance: 10.4 miles RT; elev gain: 2200 ft

July 20, 2005:Mt Eddy (opposite Mt Shasta in California)

TH: Drive south on I-5 and take Stewart Springs Rd exit about 1.5 mi after passing rest area next to Weed airport; follow lead car to TH. EDT: 105 min

Description: Wildflower heaven, inviting lakes, spectacular views of Mt Shasta and other peaks from the summit—but a lot of work. A more sensible turn around point is the ridge top before the long, barren slog to the summit; enjoy a refreshing dip in one of the lakes while waiting for the hardy summiteers to complete their round trip journey to the summit (bring a swim suit, if you wish).

Distance to summit: 9 miles RT; elev gain to summit: 2635 ft, to ridge about 1800 ft

July 27, 2005: Abbott Butte – Golden Staircase (Umpqua-Rogue Divide Wilderness)

TH: Take Hwy 62 towards Crater Lake past the 51 mi marker; turn left onto Woodruff Meadows Rd #68 12.3 mi (last 7.9 mi are one-lane gravel); leave shuttle car at Golden Staircase TH, about 3 miles beyond Woodruff Bridge. EDT: 90 min

Description: pleasant woods, rock outcrops, flower-filled meadows, great views on the way to lunch below the abandoned lookout tower on top of Abbott Butte; return leg via Golden Staircase is new territory—we will do it only if we have shuttle car available; this is a ridgetop hike which should have outstanding views

Abbott Butte RT: distance: 7.2 mi; elev gain: 1500 ft

Abbott Butte—Golden Staircase: distance estimate: 10 miles; elev gain estimate: 2000 ft