

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for June 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, sunscreen and rain gear. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Road
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June 1, 2005: Union Creek Trail: leader Hal Slack—meet 8:30 am

TH: Take Hwy 62 east from Medford to Union Creek; EDT: 90 min

Description: This is a wonderful, “generally level”, 4-mile trail along a lovely brook. First two miles of the trail are lined by Pacific Dogwood, which should be in bloom
Distance: 8.2 mi; elevation gain: 500 ft.

June 8, 2005: Castle Crags State Park (Pacific Crest Trail)—meet 8:30 am

TH: Take I-5 south to Castella exit just south of Dunsmuir; turn right and proceed to visitor center; drive two additional miles to TH at Vista Point; EDT: 105 min

Description: follow the PCT west till lunch; return same way; good views of the Crags and Sacramento River Canyon (weather permitting)

Distance: 8-10 mi; elev gain: 1000-1500 ft, taking ups & downs into account (my guess)

June 15, 2005: PCT: Pilot Rock to Little Pilot Rock and back

TH: Take Mt Ashland exit 6 off I-5; follow old Hwy 99 under the freeway 2.3 miles; go left onto Pilot Rock Rd and drive 2.8 miles to parking lot at second crossing of PCT; EDT: 30 min

Description: Hike north on PCT to Little Pilot Rock; return the same way; expect lots of wonderful flowers. We will not attempt to climb Pilot Rock.

Distance: about 7 miles; elev. gain: about 500 ft (trail only)

June 22, 2005: Rogue Gorge: Union Creek to Woodruff Bridge—meet at 8:30 am

TH: Take Hwy 62 east from Medford to Union Creek; on the way, leave shuttle car at Woodruff Bridge; EDT: 90 min

Description: Follow Rogue River from Union Creek to Woodruff Bridge. It’s springtime along the Rogue—dogwoods and other flowers should be in bloom.

Distance: 7 miles; elev gain: mostly downhill

June 29, 2005: PCT: Hyatt Lake to Highway 66

TH: Hwy 66 17.5 miles to Greensprings Inn; left 3 mi to PCT; leave shuttle car at Greensprings Summit; EDT: 45 min

Description: **Hiking Group’s Fifth Anniversary Hike.** Walk along PCT thru woods and meadows and past a lake; post-hike celebration at Greensprings Inn

Distance: about 6 miles; elev gain: about 1200 ft (my estimate)