

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for March 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; alexmaks@jeffnet.org

March 2, 2005: Snowshoe Hike; leader: Dan Stubblefield

If the snow is still good, the hike will be in the Lake of the Woods area; otherwise, we will do something on the backside of Mt. Ashland. Meet at Safeway at 9 AM as usual.

March 9, 2005: Little Grayback Trail

TH: From Ruch travel south on Upper Applegate Rd 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: steady climb across the southern slopes of Little Grayback Mt toward Squaw Peak; return the same way

Distance: about 7 mi; elev. gain: about 1000 ft (my estimate)

March 16, 2005: Toothpick-Catwalk Loop Variations; leader: Dan Stubblefield

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

March 23, 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 till lunch time, then retrace route

Distance: 8-10 miles; elev gain: 500 ft (my estimate)

March 30, 2005: Jacksonville Trail System

TH: City parking lot in Jacksonville behind post office; EDT: 30 min

Description: springtime jaunt along Jacksonville trail system, including Beekman Woods trail; several steep stretches; expect lots of flowers

Distance: about 6 mi; elev. gain/loss: 1200 ft/1200 ft (estimate)