

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for May 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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May 4, 2005: Lower Rogue River East Trail: Grave Creek to Booz Creek

TH: Take I-5 north to Merlin (Exit 60); drive thru Merlin and follow Galice Rd 19 mi to far side of Grave Creek bridge; turn left downhill to boat ramp and TH; EDT: 90 min
Description: Follow east rim of Rogue River canyon past Rainie Falls to Booz Creek and back; spectacular scenery, but trail is a little rough in places. For a shorter hike, stop for lunch at Whiskey Creek (6 miles, 1000 ft)
Distance: 10 mi; elev gain: 1200 ft (guess)

May 11, 2005: Collings Mountain (above Applegate Reservoir)

TH: Drive south from Ruch about 20 mi to TH at Watkins Campground; drop off shuttle car along the way at Hart-tish Park, 3.4 mi back along the road; EDT: 75 min
Description: woody trail with excellent views
Distance: 6.5 mi; total elev. gain: 2000 ft

May 18, 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: 90 min
Description: follow the relatively flat 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)

May 25, 2005: Rogue River Trail—Woodruff Bridge to Prospect; leader: TBD —meet 8:30 am

TH: Take Hwy 62 to Prospect Ranger Station and leave shuttle car; continue on to FS 68, make left, and drive some 2-3 miles to the TH at Woodruff Bridge; EDT: 90 min
Description: We hiked this portion of the Rogue River trail last fall. This time we'll check it out in spring time. The trail is generally downhill, but there are some moderate uphill stretches on the Takelma Gorge between Woodruff Bridge and River Bridge.
Distance: 11 miles; elev gain: about 1000 ft (my guess)