

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for November 2005

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am, except where noted; we will leave for trailhead around 9:05 am. Bring lunch, lots of water, hat, and sunscreen; be prepared for cool and/or wet weather. TH = trailhead; EDT = Estimated Drive Time; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail; *100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1st edition
Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz (541) 482-1964

Nov 2, 2005: Union Creek Falls Trail (p. 84 in *100 Hikes*)—**meet at 8:30 am**

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

Hike description: this is a wonderful, basically level, 4-mile trail along a lovely brook to a very unspectacular waterfall; first two miles of trail are lined by Pacific Dogwood, which may provide us with gorgeous fall color

Distance: 8 mile round trip; elev gain: 500 ft. RT distance: 150 mi

Nov 9, 2005: PCT from Mt Ashland Rd to I-5

TH: Mt Ashland Rd at 7.2 mi; leave shuttle car on I-5 access road; EDT: 30 min

Description: mainly downhill trail, with a few short uphill sections; alternates between lightly wooded areas in the national forest and open clearcuts on BLM lands, which provide great views—weather permitting

Distance: 8 mi; elev gain: 800 ft. RT mileage: 40 mi

Nov 16, 2005: Rogue River Trail: Woodruff Bridge to Prospect (p. 80 in *100 Hikes*)—**meet at 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: Mostly downhill trail thru woods along the Rogue River; some moderate uphill stretches on the Takelma Gorge between Woodruff Bridge and River Bridge.

Distance: 11 mi; elev gain: about 1000 ft. RT mileage: 140 mi

Nov 23, 2005: Applegate Lake Loop

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville area to Ruch (8 mi); take Upper Applegate Rd 15 mi to Applegate Dam; drive left across dam to French Gulch TH (1.2 mi); EDT: 60 min

Description: Make a loop on the Applegate Lake Trail system

Distance: 6.4 mi; elevation gain: about 500 ft. RT mileage: 80 mi

Nov 30, 2005: Lost Creek Lake (south shore) (p. 78 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Take Hwy 62 to Lost Creek Lake; just before the dam, turn left onto Takelma Rd at “Fish Hatchery” sign; drive to end of road and continue on gravel road to TH, some 2-3 miles from Hwy 62; EDT: 75 min

Description: follow Lost Creek Lake trail to our usual lunch bench; return the same way

Distance: 7 mi; elev gain: about 1000 ft. RT mileage: 100 mi