

## The Hiking Group

### **Hike Schedule for December 2006**

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am except where otherwise specified; bring water, lunch, and rain gear. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; *100 Hikes* = book *100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition  
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#### December 6, 2006: Ostrich Peak

TH: Alex & Lillian's house

Description: Full loop going counterclockwise around Ostrich Peak; exact route varies from year to year. Be prepared for snow on higher sections of the trail.

Distance: 9-10 mi RT; total elev. gain: 2250 ft. RT driving mileage: 3 mi

#### December 13, 2006: **Snowshoe trip**: Mt Ashland Ski Area to Grouse Gap RT

TH: Closed gate on FS Rd 20, just beyond Mt Ashland Ski Area parking; **Sno permit required**. EDT: 30 min

Description: follow level road to Grouse Gap shelter for lunch; return same way, or, if you're feeling adventurous, take the PCT to first road crossing and turn left on road some 200 yards to FS 20; turn right on FS 20 some ¼ mi to TH

Distance: 5 mi; elev. gain: around 500 ft. RT driving mileage: 35 mi

#### December 20, 2006: Jacksonville Trail System

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

Description: Close-to-home, pre-Christmas leg stretcher on Jacksonville trail system; includes several steep stretches. Warm up at the coffee shop after the hike.

Distance: about 6 mi; elev. gain/loss: 850/850 ft. RT driving mileage: 30 mi

#### December 27, 2006: Ashland City Streets and Trails Ramble

TH: Safeway parking lot; EDT: zero

Description: walk to Lithia Park; then take Winburn St to Granite St; climb up Granite St steps to Ditch Trail (level); follow Ditch Trail to turn off (left) onto Strawberry-Hald Park trail system (uphill) and proceed to the Maksymowicz residence (310 Skycrest Dr) for hot beverage and cookies; finish the hike by taking Orchard St to Westwood to Strawberry Lane; return to Lithia Park using one of several alternate routes.

Distance: 5 mi RT; elev gain: 350 ft. RT driving mileage: 0 mi