

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for February 2006

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; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Rd

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February 1, 2005: Viewpoint Mike (Lost Creek Lake)

TH: From Medford drive Hwy 62 past the turn off for the Lost Creek Lake fish hatchery and take next right into parking area; EDT: 60 min; RT mileage: 100 mi

Description: very nicely laid out trail parallels Hwy 62 as it climbs through varied terrain to a large rock outcrop with good views of the surrounding area. Hot chocolate at the Eagle Point golf club is an option on the way back

Distance: 5 mi RT; elev gain: 1000 ft

February 8, 2006: Lake of the Woods/High Lakes Trail (Snowshoe Trip)

TH: Follow DIM to the Great Meadow Sno Park at the intersection of DIM and Hwy 140; EDT: 75 min; RT mileage: 80 mi

Description: Follow the trail across the Great Meadow to Lake of the Woods, then turn right and follow the High Lakes Trail a reasonable distance before stopping for lunch; return the same way

Distance: 4-5 mi; elev. gain: 100-200 ft

February 15, 2006: Sterling Mine Ditch Trail (Tunnel Ridge-Bear Gulch loop)

TH: Follow route 238 thru Jacksonville to Ruch; turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd 2.9 miles; turn left on Little Applegate Rd 9.7 mi to Tunnel Ridge TH; EDT: 75 min; RT mileage: 70 mi

Description: Climb up to the Ditch, then turn left and follow the Ditch trail to the Bear Gulch trail; turn left again and descend to the Bear Gulch TH; turn left on walk along the road about 0.5 miles to starting point

Distance: 5 miles; elev. gain: 800 ft

February 22, 2006: Buck Prairie (Snowshoe Trip)

TH: Take DIM about 18 mi to Buck Prairie Sno Park; EDT: 30 min; RT mileage: 40 mi

Description: follow Buck Prairie Rd a reasonable distance past the viewpoint at 1.7 mi; return the same way or complete a loop via Bullwinkle's Run, Wayback, and Peabody's cross-country ski trails

Distance: 4-5 mi; elev. gain: 200-300 ft