

## The Hiking Group

### **Hike Schedule for May 2006**

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; car pools will leave for trailhead at 9:05 am; passengers reimburse drivers 6¢ per mile. Bring water, lunch, hat, sunscreen and rain gear. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Rd; *100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition  
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May 3, 2006: Rogue River East Trail: Grave Creek to Booz Creek (p. 189 in *101 Hikes*)  
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 north 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). RT mileage: 140 mi

May 10, 2006: Collings Mountain (above Applegate Reservoir) (p.141 in *100 Hikes*)  
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: woodsy trail with excellent views  
Distance: 6.5 mi; total elev. gain: 2000 ft. RT mileage: 85 mi

May 17, 2006: Rogue R Trail thru Takelma Gorge (p.80 in *100 Hikes*)—**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). RT mileage: 140 mi

May 24, 2006: PCT from Little Pilot Rock to Greensprings Summit via Hobart Bluff  
TH: Take Hwy 66 to Greensprings Summit; leave shuttle car; backtrack ½ mile on Hwy 66 and take Tyler Creek Rd/Baldy Creek Rd 5-6 mi south to PCT crossing just beyond Little Pilot Rock. EDT: 90 min  
Description: follow PCT north to Hwy 66 through lovely country, passing Soda Mt and making a short side trip to Hobart Bluff for lunch and panoramic views  
Distance: about 7.5 miles; elev gain: 1350 ft. RT mileage: 50 mi

May 31, 2006: Grizzly Peak  
TH: Drive Dead Indian Memorial Highway 7 mi; turn left on Shale City Rd (paved but potholed); follow Grizzly Peak Trail signs: 3 mi on pavement, 2 mi on dirt; EDT: 30 min  
Description: Spring flowers should be coming into bloom on this popular trail near Ashland  
Distance: 5 miles; elev. gain: 1200 ft. RT mileage: 45 mi