

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for October 2006

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am except where otherwise specified; bring water, lunch, sunscreen and rain gear. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Hwy; *100 Hikes* = book *100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1st edition
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October 4, 2006: PCT from Greensprings Summit to Hobart Bluff (p. 128 in *101 Hikes*)
TH: Drive Hwy 66 14.5 miles to PCT crossing at Greensprings Summit. EDT: 45 min
Description: trail is in the newly-designated Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument; go south on PCT 3.3 mi to "Hobart Bluff Viewpoint" sign; turn right 0.3 mi to top of bluff; enjoy 360 deg views and lunch before returning the same way
Distance: 7.2 mi; elev gain: about 1000 ft; RT mileage: 35 mi

October 11, 2006: High Lakes-Fish Lake Trail from Lake of the Woods to FS 37 (p. 120 in *101 Hikes*)
TH: Follow DIM 22 mi to FS 37; go right 7 mi to North Fork Campground and leave shuttle car; continue to Hwy 140, make right, then right again on FS 3601 (west side of Lake of the Woods) to High Lakes Trail Crossing. EDT: 60 min
Description: follow High Lakes Trail west 6 mi to Fish Lake resort; then continue 4 mi to FS 37 on Fish Lake Tr; trail parallels Hwy 140.
Distance: 9.3 mi; elev gain: 750 ft. RT mileage: 90 mi

October 18, 2006: Rogue Gorge Trail: Union Creek to Woodruff Bridge (p. 82 in *100 Hikes*)—meet 8:30 am
TH: Hwy 62 east from Medford to Union Creek; leave shuttle car at Woodruff Bridge (may still be a NW Forest fee area; Golden Age passport OK); EDT: 105 min
Description: from the Rogue River Gorge overlook follow the river to Woodruff Bridge. With luck, this will be the right time for spectacular fall color.
Distance: 7.5 miles; elev gain: minimal. RT mileage: 150 mi

October 25, 2006: Lower Rogue River Trail: Grave Ck to Booz Ck (p. 189 in *100 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 east rim of Rogue River canyon past Rainie Falls to Booz Creek and back; spectacular scenery, but trail is a little rough in places.
Distance: 10 mi; elev gain: 1200 ft (guess). RT mileage: 130 mi