

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for December 2007

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*, 1st edition
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December 5, 2007: Ostrich Peak Loop

TH: Alex & Lillian's house, 310 Skycrest Drive, Ashland
Description: Full loop going counterclockwise around Ostrich Peak; exact route varies from year to year. Be prepared for snow on higher sections of trail.
Distance: 8 mi RT; total elev. gain: 2250 ft. RT mileage: 3 mi

December 12, 2007: **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 for drivers.** EDT: 30 min
Description: follow level road to Grouse Gap shelter for lunch; return same way. Each year we do a slightly different variant of this one
Distance: 5 mi; elev. gain: around 500 ft. RT mileage: 35 mi

December 19, 2007: 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 mileage: 30 mi

December 26, 2007: Bear Creek Greenway

TH: Safeway parking lot; EDT: zero;
Description: take city streets to Ashland Dog Park, then follow Bear Creek Greenway to Talent (Valleyview Rd); eat lunch in Talent; depending on weather or ambition, return along the Greenway or take RVTD bus back to Ashland (buses leave Talent at 18 and 48 min after the hour)
Distance: about 4 mi one way; elevation gain: minimal. RT mileage: 0 mi