

## The Hiking Group

### **Hike Schedule for May 2007**

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; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail; *100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition  
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May 2, 2007: 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 9, 2007: 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: 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. RT mileage: 140 mi

May 16, 2007: 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 23, 2007: 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 30, 2007: Union Creek Trail (p.84 in *100 Hikes*)—meet 8:30 am  
TH: Take Hwy 62 east from Medford to Union Creek; EDT: 90 min  
Description: This is a wonderful, “generally level”, 4-mile trail along a lovely brook.  
Distance: 8.2 mi; elevation gain: 500 ft. RT mileage: 150 mi