

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for April 2008

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; car pools will leave for trailhead at 9:05 am; passengers reimburse drivers 8¢ per mile. Bring water, lunch, rain gear. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Rd; *100 Hikes* = *100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1st edition

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Apr 2, 2008: Lost Creek Lake (North Shore) (p.78 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Drive 35.5 mi on Hwy 62; turn left on Lewis Rd 1 mi to TH; EDT: 60 min

Description: “generally level”, pretty trail through the woods along the east shore of Lost Creek Lake past the spur to the Blue Grotto and on to our usual lunch spot at the bench below a rock outcrop overlooking the lake; return the same way

Distance: about 7 mi RT; elev. gain: about 500 ft. RT mileage: 100 mi (\$8)

Apr 9, 2008: Lower Table Rock (p.76 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Follow Table Rock Road (off Biddle Rd in Central Point, near I-5, Exit 33) for 10 mi; turn left on Wheeler Rd 0.8 mi to parking area; EDT: 45 min

Description: Climb 1.6 mi through woods to plateau; turn left onto a side trail, then meander through flower-filled meadows to the end of the old airstrip some 1.5 miles; continue on to our usual lunch spot, then return along the old airstrip trail.

Distance: about 6 mi RT; elev. gain: 750 ft. RT mileage: 50 mi (\$4)

Apr 16, 2008: Rogue River Trail, east from Peyton Bridge (p.79 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: From Medford drive 35.5 mi on Hwy 62; turn left on Lewis Rd to Peyton Bridge TH parking area (east end of Lost Creek Lake); EDT: 60 min

Description: Follow trail along north shore of Rogue River some 3.5 mi; return same way; substantial ups and downs.

Distance: about 7 mi RT; total elev. gain: about 1000 ft. RT mileage: 100 mi (\$8)

Apr 23, 2008: Mule Mountain Trail (Applegate Valley) (p.228 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: On left hand side of Upper Applegate Road, just past 12 mile marker (5.5 miles beyond the Star Ranger Station); park off pavement wherever you can; EDT: 60 min

Description: Lovely trail that winds its way up the hillsides above Applegate Valley—should give us a great spring flower display; however, it does go uphill unremittingly.

Distance: 8 mi RT; elev gain: 2500 ft. RT mileage: 70 mi (\$6)

Apr 30, 2008: 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 (\$11)