

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for July 2008

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am for car pooling; passengers reimburse drivers 10¢ 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*, 1st edition

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July 2, 2008: Rogue R Trail thru Takelma Gorge (p.80 in *100 Hikes*)—**meet 8:30 am**

TH: Take Hwy 62 to end point of hike near 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 (\$14)

July 9, 2008: Eight-mile RT on PCT starting on Mt Ashland Hwy

TH: Take Mt Ashland exit off I-5 and go to the PCT crossing just past the 7-mile marker on the Mt Ashland Rd. EDT: 20 min

Description: follow PCT uphill to Grouse Gap shelter for lunch; return same way.

Distance: 6 mi RT; elev gain: 1000 ft. RT mileage: 35 mi (\$4)

July 16, 2008:Wagner Butte (p. 134 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: From Talent take Rapp Rd and Wagner Creek Rd 7.6 mi to junction with FS 22; go left 2mi on FS 22 to TH. EDT: 45 min

Description: uphill most of the way, but great flower displays and spectacular views from the top.

Distance: 10.4 miles RT; elev gain: 2200 ft. RT mileage: 30 mi (\$3)

July 23, 2008:Mt Eddy (opposite Mt Shasta in California) (p. 210 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Drive south on I-5 and take Stewart Springs Rd exit (about 1.5 mi after passing rest area next to Weed); turn right at stop sign, then left onto Stewart Springs Rd; after 4 miles, turn right onto Road 17 for 9.3 miles to PCT crossing. EDT: 105 min

Description: Wildflower heaven, inviting lakes, spectacular views of Mt Shasta and other peaks from the summit—but a lot of work. A more sensible turn around point is the ridge top before the long, barren slog to the summit; enjoy a refreshing snooze while waiting for the hardy summiteers to complete their round trip journey; return via PCT.

Distance: 9 mi; elev gain: to summit 2635 ft, to ridge 1800 ft. RT mileage: 165 mi (\$17)

July 30, 2008: Taylor Lake (Russian Wilderness) (p. 202 in *100 Hikes*)—**meet 8:00 am**

TH: Take I-5 to Fort Jones exit (1 mi south of Yreka); follow Hwy 3 27 mi to Etna; make right on Collier way and continue 10.4 mi to Etna Summit; EDT: 90 min

Description: follow PCT along a view-packed ridge crest to Taylor Lake; option: return via the trail leading down to Smith and Ruffey Lakes, lovely but strenuous.

Distance: 8 mi RT; elevation gain: 1500 ft. RT mileage: 160 mi (\$16)