

## The Hiking Group

### Hike Schedule for March 2008

Meet in Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; car pools will leave for trailhead at 9:05 am; bring water, lunch, and rain gear.

TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Rd

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#### March 5, 2008: Sterling Ditch Trail: south from Deming Gulch

TH: Proceed west from Phoenix to Sterling Creek Rd; turn left (south) for 7.3 mi; turn left on Deming Gulch Rd for 0.7 mi to Deming Gulch TH; EDT: 60 min

Description: Follow the Sterling Mine Ditch trail till lunch time, then retrace route. Be prepared for poison oak—bring Tecnu.

Distance: 8-10 miles; elev gain: 500 ft (my estimate). RT mileage: 65 mi (\$5)

#### March 12, 2008: Little Grayback Trail

TH: From Ruch travel south on Upper Applegate Rd to Applegate Dam; follow the road across the dam for 1.5 mi; turn left for 2 mi to French Gulch divide TH; EDT: 60 min.

Description: steady climb across the southern slopes of Little Grayback Mt toward Squaw Peak; return the same way; watch out for graybacks (ticks)

Distance: about 7 mi; elev. gain: about 1000 ft; RT mileage: 85 miles (\$7)

#### March 19, 2008: Crater Lake National Park—**snowshoe trip**

TH: Cafeteria parking lot, Crater Lake NP; EDT: 120 min

Description: this farewell-to-winter walk follows the rim of the lake in a clockwise direction; splendid views, if the weather is sunny; return the same way; last snowshoe trip of the season.

Distance: 5 mi RT; elev gain: 200-300 ft. RT mileage: 190 mi (\$15)

#### March 27, 2008: Jacksonville Woodlands Trail System

TH: City parking lot in Jacksonville behind post office; EDT: 30 min

Description: welcome spring with this jaunt along the Jacksonville trail system, including Beekman Woods trail; several steep stretches; expect lots of flowers—unless winter lingers. After lunch in the park, adjourn to the coffee shop for hot chocolate or coffee.

Distance: about 6 mi; elev. gain/loss: 850 ft/850 ft. RT mileage: 35 mi (\$3)