

## The Hiking Group

### **Hike Schedule for November 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, 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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#### November 5, 2008: Sterling Mine Ditch Trail: Tunnel Ridge TH to Little Applegate TH (p. 138 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville 8 mi to Ruch; turn left 7 mi onto Upper Applegate Rd, then left 9.7 mi on Little Applegate Rd to Tunnel Ridge TH; EDT: 75 min

Description: Loop trail with good views of the Siskiyou to the south and coastal ranges to the west; starts out uphill, finishes downhill; return to cars via road

Distance: 7 miles; elev. gain: 1500 ft (guesstimate). RT mileage: 80 mi (\$6)

#### November 12, 2008: Applegate Lake Loop (p. 142 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville area to Ruch (8 mi); take Upper Applegate Rd 15 mi to Applegate Dam; drive left across dam to French Gulch TH (1.2 mi); EDT: 60 min

Description: Make a loop on the Applegate Lake Trail system

Distance: 6.4 mi; elevation gain: about 500 ft. RT mileage: 80 mi (\$6)

#### November 19, 2008: Lost Creek Lake (west shore) (p. 78 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Take Hwy 62 to Lost Creek Lake; just before the dam, turn left onto Takelma Rd at "Fish Hatchery" sign; drive to end of road and continue on gravel road to TH at the boat ramp, some 2-3 miles from Hwy 62; EDT: 75 min

Description: follow Lost Creek Lake trail to our usual lunch bench; return the same way

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

#### November 26, 2008: Triple Loop Trail

TH: Take Tolman Road 3.1 miles to Toothpick TH; EDT: 20 min

Description: Climb up the Catwalk, then take Ashland Loop Rd (ALR) downhill to Lamb's Mine TH to complete 1st part of loop 1; continue on ALR to unnamed trail crossing & turn right onto trail leading to the top of White Rabbit trail; from White Rabbit parking area go uphill on ALR to previous trail crossing to complete loop 2; turn right & follow trail back to Lamb's Mine TH, thereby completing loop 3; follow Toothpick trail back to our vehicles to complete remaining portion of loop 1.

Distance: 7 mi; elev. gain: about 1200 ft. RT mileage: 20 mi (\$2)