

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for October 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; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Rd; *100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1st edition
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October 1, 2008: PCT around the West Rim of Crater Lake – Meet at 8:00 am

TH: Drop a shuttle car at Rim Village. Continue around the lake to the PCT crossing at North Junction. EDT: 2 hours

Description: Follow the rerouted PCT around the West rim of Crater Lake back to Rim Village. Distance: ~6 miles; elevation gain: ~800 feet including the trip up to The Watchman. RT mileage: 180 miles.

October 8, 2008: PCT from Greensprings Summit to Hobart Bluff (p. 128 in *101 Hikes*)

TH: Drive Hwy 66 14.5 miles to PCT crossing at Greensprings Summit. EDT: 45 min

Description: trail is in the newly-designated Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument; go south on PCT 3.3 mi to “Hobart Bluff Viewpoint” sign; turn right 0.3 mi to top of bluff; enjoy 360 deg views and lunch before returning the same way

Distance: 7.5 mi; elev gain: about 1500 ft; RT mileage: 35 mi (\$4)

October 15, 2008: Rogue Gorge Trail: Union Creek to Woodruff Bridge (p. 82 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Hwy 62 to Union Creek; leave shuttle car at Woodruff Bridge EDT: 105 min

Description: from the Rogue River Gorge overlook follow the river to Woodruff Bridge. With luck, this will be the right time for spectacular fall color.

Distance: 7.5 miles; elev gain: minimal. RT mileage: 150 mi (\$12)

October 22, 2008: Lower Rogue River Trail: Grave Ck to Booz Ck (p. 189 in *100 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 Rogue River canyon to Booz Creek (almost) and back; spectacular scenery, but trail is a little rough in places.

Distance: 10 mi; elev gain: 1200 ft. RT mileage: 130 mi (\$13)

October 29, 2008: High Lakes-Fish Lake Trail from Lake of the Woods to FS 37 (p. 120 in *101 Hikes*)

TH: Follow DIM 22 mi to FS 37; go left 7 mi to North Fork Campground and leave shuttle car; continue to Hwy 140 and turn right; turn right again on FS 3601 (west side of Lake of the Woods) to High Lakes Trail crossing just before reaching the Great Meadow. EDT: 60 min

Description: follow High Lakes Trail west 6 mi to Fish Lake resort; then continue 4 mi to FS 37 on Fish Lake Tr; trail parallels Hwy 140.

Distance: 9.3 mi; elev gain: 750 ft. RT mileage: 90 mi (\$9)