

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for April 2009

Leave from Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am; passengers reimburse drivers 8¢ per mile. Bring water, lunch, hat, sunscreen and 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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April 1: Sterling Mine Trail: Little Applegate TH to Tunnel Ridge TH

TH: At Ruch, turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd; after 7 mi turn left on Little Applegate Rd and continue 8.5 mi to Little Applegate TH; EDT: 75 min

Description: Loop trail, starting out uphill and finishing downhill; return to Tunnel Ridge TH via road

Distance: 7.7 miles; elev. gain: 2000 ft

April 8: Lower Table Rock (p.76 in *100 Hikes*)—**may want to do a variant of this one**

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)

April 15: 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)

April 22: 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)

April 29, 2008: Rogue River East Trail: Grave Creek towards 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)