

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for August 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; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Highway. *100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1st ed; page numbers different in 2nd ed. Coordinator: Alex Maksymowicz: 482-1964; maksbox1@gmail.com

August 5: Abbott Butte (p. 85 in *100 Hikes*)—meet 8:30 am

TH: Take Hwy 62 towards Crater Lake past the 51 mi marker; turn left onto Woodruff Meadows Rd #68 12.3 mi (last 7.9 mi are one-lane gravel); EDT: 105 min

Description: pleasant woods and flower-filled meadows, great views on the way to lunch below the abandoned lookout tower on top of Abbott Butte; return the same way

RT: distance: 7.5 mi; elev gain: 2500 ft. RT mileage: 165 mi (\$13)

August 12: RT on PCT between Siskiyou Gap and Sheep Spring Glade

TH: From Talent take Rapp Rd and Wagner Creek Rd 7.6 mi to junction with FS 22; follow FS 22 to junction with FS 20; follow FS 20 ½ mile west to PCT crossing at Siskiyou Gap. EDT: 90 min

Description: Hike west on PCT to lunch spot above Sheep Spring glade, about 1 mi beyond Wrangle Gap. Hike back to Wrangle Gap, then climb over the top of Big Red Mt and down to the PCT; follow PCT back to the starting point.

Distance: 7 miles; elevation gain: around 1000 ft. RT mileage: **TBD**

August 19: PCT between Mt Ashland Hwy and Siskiyou Summit

TH: Leave shuttle car where PCT heading north intersects old highway 99 on Siskiyou Summit; continue to PCT crossing of Mt Ashland Hwy just before 7-mile marker.

Description: Go north along woody stretch of PCT down to Siskiyou Summit; there are occasional openings with views; mostly downhill with one steep uphill stretch.

Distance: 8 miles; elev gain: around 300 ft. RT mileage: 40 mi (\$3)

August 26: Mount Bailey (p. 54 in *100 Hikes*)—meet 8:00 am

TH: Very close to south shore of Diamond Lk; take Hwy 62 to Union Creek, then branch left on Hwy 230 to Diamond Lake. For detailed directions, see *100 Hikes*. EDT: 2 hr

Description: see *100 Hikes*; expect to spend 3 hours climbing to the top and 2 hours coming down; you don't have to go all the way to the summit to see gorgeous views.

Distance: 9.8 mi RT; elevation gain: 3130 ft. RT mileage: 190 mi (\$15)