

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for December 2009

Leave from Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am. 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.

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December 2: 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

December 9: Jacksonville Trail System

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

Description: Close-to-home, pre-Christmas leg stretcher on Jacksonville trail system; includes several steep stretches. Warm up at the coffee shop after the hike.

Distance: about 6 mi; elev. gain/loss: 850/850 ft. RT mileage: 30 mi

December 16: Bear Creek Greenway from Ashland Dog Park to Talent

TH: Safeway parking lot; EDT: zero;

Description: take city streets to Ashland Dog Park, then follow Bear Creek Greenway to Talent (Valleyview Rd); eat lunch in Talent; take RVTB bus back to Ashland (buses leave Talent at 18 and 48 min after the hour; cost for seniors: \$1, more for regular folk).

Distance: about 4 mi one way; elevation gain: trivial. RT mileage: 0 mi

December 23: Ashland City Streets and Trails Ramble

TH: Safeway parking lot; EDT: 0 min

Description: take N. Fork Rd to Glenview to Granite; walk up Heart Trail to Ditch Trail; cross Strawberry Lane and take first right to the top of Strawberry Hill; proceed to the Maksymowicz residence (310 Skycrest Dr) for hot beverage and cookies; return to Safeway on the route of your choice.

Distance: 5 mi RT; elev gain: 500 ft. RT mileage: 0 mi

December 30: **Snowshoe trip**: Mt Ashland Ski Area to Grouse Gap RT

TH: Closed gate on FS Rd 20, just beyond Mt Ashland Ski Area parking; **Sno permit required for drivers**; passengers should help pay for it. EDT: 30 min

Description: follow level road to Grouse Gap shelter for lunch; return same way.

Distance: 5 mi; elev. gain: around 500 ft. RT mileage: 35 mi