

The Hiking Group

Hike Schedule for July 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

July 1: High Lakes Trail from Great Meadows to Summit Sno Park via Brown Mt

TH: Drive DIM Hwy 22 mi to FS 37; turn left 8 mi to Hwy 140; turn right 5 mi to Summit Sno-Park; leave shuttle and drive 2mi on Hwy140 to Aspen Point. EDT: 60 min
Description: take High Lakes trail to junction with PCT; turn left and follow PCT 2 miles to high point on flanks of Brown Mt; after lunch, return on PCT to Summit Sno Park.
Distance: 10.5 mi; elev gain: 750 ft. RT mileage: 90 mi (\$7)

July 8: PCT from Siskiyou Gap to Mt Ashland Hwy

TH: leave shuttle car at PCT crossing of Mt Ashland Hwy, just beyond 7 mi marker; continue past the ski area on FS Rd 20 to PCT crossing at Siskiyou Gap; EDT: 75 min
Description: follow PCT 5 mi to Grouse Gap for lunch, then continue on some 3 mi to Mt Ashland Hwy; good views of Mt Shasta, Mt McLoughlin, and Pilot Rock
Distance: 8 mi; elev. gain: 1000 ft; RT mileage: 50 mi (\$4)

July 15: Wagner Butte (p. 134 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: From Talent take Rapp Rd and Wagner Creek Rd 7.6 mi to junction with FS 22; go left 2mi on FS 22 to TH. EDT: 45 min
Description: uphill most of the way, but great flower displays and spectacular views from the top.
Distance: 10.4 miles RT; elev gain: 2200 ft. RT mileage: 30 mi (\$3)

July 23: Taylor Lake (Russian Wilderness) (p. 202 in *100 Hikes*)—**meet 8:00 am**

TH: Take I-5 to Fort Jones exit (1 mi south of Yreka); follow Hwy 3 27 mi to Etna; make right on Collier way and continue 10.4 mi to Etna Summit; EDT: 90 min
Description: follow PCT along a view-packed ridge crest to Taylor Lake; option: return via the trail leading down to Smith and Ruffey Lakes, lovely but strenuous.
Distance: 8 mi RT; elevation gain: 1500 ft. RT mileage: 160 mi (\$13)

July 30: Mt Eddy (opposite Mt Shasta in California) (p. 210 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Drive south on I-5 and take Stewart Springs Rd exit (about 1.5 mi after passing rest area next to Weed); turn right at stop sign, then left onto Stewart Springs Rd; after 4 miles, turn right onto Road 17 for 9.3 miles to PCT crossing. EDT: 105 min
Description: Wildflower heaven, inviting lakes, spectacular views of Mt Shasta; alternate turn around point is the ridge top before the long, barren slog to the summit.
Distance: 9 mi; elev gain to summit 2635 ft, to ridge 1800 ft. RT mileage: 165 mi (\$13)