

## The Hiking Group

### **Hike Schedule for May 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*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition

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#### May 6: Rogue River Trail round trip from Woodruff Bridge to River Bridge (p.80 in *100 Hikes*)—**meet 8:30 am**

TH: Take Hwy 62 to towards Crater Lake and make a left onto FS 68 about 7 miles beyond Prospect; continue 2 miles to the TH at Woodruff Bridge; EDT: 90 min

Description: The trail is generally downhill, but there are some moderate uphill stretches on the Takelma Gorge between Woodruff Bridge and River Bridge.

Distance: 9.2 miles; elev gain: about 500 ft. RT mileage: 140 mi (\$11)

#### May 13: Collings Mountain (above Applegate Reservoir) (p.141 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Drive south from Ruch about 20 mi to TH at Watkins Campground; drop off shuttle car along the way at Hart-tish Park, 3.4 mi back along the road; EDT: 75 min

Description: woodsy trail with excellent views; for those so inclined, easy short detour to the Sasquatch trap. Poison oak can be a real nuisance on some portions of the trail.

Distance: 6.5 mi; total elev. gain: 2000 ft. RT mileage: 85 mi (\$7)

#### May 20: PCT from Little Pilot Rock to Greensprings Summit via Hobart Bluff

TH: Take Hwy 66 to Greensprings Summit; leave shuttle car; backtrack ½ mile on Hwy 66 and take Tyler Creek Rd/Baldy Creek Rd 5-6 mi south to PCT crossing just beyond Little Pilot Rock. EDT: 90 min

Description: follow PCT north to Hwy 66 through lovely country, passing Soda Mt and making a short side trip to Hobart Bluff for lunch and panoramic views

Distance: about 7.5 miles; elev gain: 1350 ft. RT mileage: 50 mi (\$4)

#### May 27: Union Creek Falls round trip (p.84 in *100 Hikes*)—**meet 8:30 am**

TH: Take Hwy 62 east from Medford to Union Creek; EDT: 90 min

Description: This is a scenic, “generally level”, 4-mile trail along a lovely brook to an unspectacular waterfall; retrace our route back to the TH after lunch. Dogwoods may be in bloom at the start of the trail, and there should be plenty of flowers along the way.

Distance: 8.2 mi; elevation gain: 500 ft. RT mileage: 150 mi (\$12)