

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for July 2010

Leave from Safeway parking lot in Ashland promptly at 9:00 am. Bring water, lunch, hat, sunscreen and rain gear. TH = trailhead; EDT = estimated drive time; RT = round trip; PCT = Pacific Crest Trail; DIM = Dead Indian Memorial Highway. *100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*, 1st edition

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July 9: Pilot Rock Rd to Babbitt Gap RT

TH: Take Mt Ashland exit 6 off I-5; follow old Hwy 99 under the freeway 2.3 miles; go left on Pilot Rock Rd, drive 1 mi to PCT crossing (Sky King Cole TH)

Description: Walk along PCT past former Pilot Rock parking area and the spur trail to Pilot Rock to Babbitt Gap for lunch with spectacular view of Mt Shasta and Mt Eddy. Return the same way.

Distance: 5.6 mi; elev. gain: 955 ft. RT driving mileage: 32 mi

July 16: Mt Ashland Hwy to Grouse Gap on PCT RT

TH: Take Mt Ashland exit 6 off I-5; turn right onto Mt Ashland Hwy; parking area for PCT is just around the bend after the 7 mi road marker; EDT: 30 min

Description: Hike south on the PCT to Grouse Gap; turn left and walk about ¼ mile along the road to Grouse Gap shelter for lunch; we should see lots of flowers in bloom, especially in the meadow areas return the same way (it's all downhill)

Distance: about 6 miles (RT); elevation gain: about 1000 ft. RT mileage: 30 mi

July 23: Rhyolite Hwy loop next to Pilot Rock

TH: Take Mt Ashland exit 6 off I-5; follow old Hwy 99 under the freeway 2.3 miles; go left on Pilot Rock Rd and drive 3 miles to closed gate below quarry; EDT: 30 min

Description: walk uphill 1 mile along the road to former Pilot Rock parking area; walk the Rhyolite Highway loop to the PCT for lunch on the ridge above the quarry. After lunch there are two options: (1) easy, short cross-country walk down the quarry face to starting point; or (2) follow PCT north about 1/2 mile to Pilot Rock parking area, thereby completing a full-loop, then walk back along road to starting point at base of quarry, where the option 1 people will be waiting for you.

Distance: 4 – 5 miles, depending on the option; elevation gain: 500 ft; RT mileage: 32 mi

July 30: High Lakes Trail from Aspen Point to Summit Sno Park on Hwy 140

TH: Drive DIM 22 mi to FS 37; turn left 8 mi to Hwy 140; turn right 5 mi to Summit Sno-Park and leave shuttle car; drive Hwy 140 to Aspen Point turn off; EDT: 60 min

Description: walk thru woods along Lake of the Woods to PCT; turn right (north) onto PCT; cross Hwy 140; continue on PCT to Summit Sno Park. Post-hike refreshments at Lake of the Woods Resort.

Distance: 5 miles; elevation gain: 500 ft; RT mileage: 80 mi