

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for October 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;

100 Hikes = 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon, 1st edition

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October 1: Union Creek Trail (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. This year deadfall has been cleared away and washed out portions of the trail restored. Do this hike now, because next spring it will probably no longer be in such a good condition.

You don’t have to go all the way; there are lots of scenic spots to stop for lunch.

Distance: 8.2 mi; elevation gain: 500 ft. RT mileage: 150 mi

October 8: Lower Rogue River Trail: Graves Ck to Whiskey Ck RT (p. 189 in *101 Hikes*)

TH: Take I-5 north to Merlin (Exit 60); drive thru Merlin and follow Galice Rd 19 mi to far side of Grave Creek bridge; turn left downhill to boat ramp and TH; EDT: 90 min

Description: Follow north rim of Rogue River canyon past Rainie Falls to Whiskey Creek; take short spur trail to Whiskey Creek cabin for lunch; return same way; spectacular scenery, but trail is a little rough in places.

Distance: 7 mi; elev. gain: 1000 ft. RT mileage: 140 mi

October 15: Upper Rogue River Tr: Union Ck to Woodruff Br (p. 82 in *100 Hikes*)—meet 8:30 am

TH: Hwy 62 to Union Creek; leave shuttle car at Woodruff Bridge on the way. EDT: 105 min

Description: from the Rogue River Gorge overlook follow the river downstream to Woodruff Bridge. Hopefully, the vine maples and dogwoods will provide spectacular fall color. Pie at Becky’s in Union Creek after the hike.

Distance: 7.5 mi; elev gain: 100 ft. RT mileage: 150 mi

October 22: Soda Mt Rd to Little Pilot Peak RT (PCT)

TH: Drive Hwy 66 14 miles and turn right on Soda Mt Rd just before reaching Greensprings Summit; continue some 5 mi to PCT crossing. EDT: 45 min

Description: follow PCT south through meadows and forest to Little Pilot Peak; return the same way.

Distance: 5 mi; elev gain: 500 ft. RT mileage: 50 mi

October 29: Takelma Gorge (Upper Rogue River Trail) RT (p.80 in *101 Hikes*)

TH: Drive Hwy 62 to Woodruff Bridge. EDT: 90 min

Description: walk along the Rogue River thru Takelma Gorge from Woodruff Bridge to the Rogue Baptist camp; return the same way; trail is rough in places due to lava rocks.

Distance: 5 mi; elev gain: 500 ft. RT mileage: 130 mi