

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for September 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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September 3: PCT between Mt Ashland Hwy and Siskiyou Summit

TH: Leave shuttle car where PCT heading south intersects old highway 99 on Siskiyou Summit; continue to PCT crossing of Mt Ashland Hwy just before 7-mile marker.

Description: Go north along woodsy stretch of PCT down to Siskiyou Summit; there are occasional openings with views; mostly downhill with one uphill stretch.

Distance: 8 miles; elev gain: 300 ft. RT mileage: 40 mi

September 10: Red Lake (Sky Lakes Wilderness) RT (p. 108 in *100 Hikes*)

Take DIM to its end point at Hwy 140; turn right (east); after approx 3 mi go left on FS 3651 for 8.5 mi; turn left onto FS 3659 for 1.3 mi to parking area at TH; EDT: 90 min

Description: Hike through Sky Lakes Wilderness Area Red Lake; return same way. There are usually some very good huckleberry picking opportunities on this trail.

Distance: 7.5 mi RT; elev gain: 800 ft. RT mileage: 115 mi

September 17: Fish Lake Trail (Summit Sno Park - Hwy 140 to N. Fork Campground)

TH: Follow DIM 22 mi to FS 37; go left 7 mi to North Fork campground and leave shuttle car; continue to Hwy 140 and go right 5 mi to Summit Sno Park. EDT: 60 min

Description: Pick up PCT heading south; cross Hwy 140 and continue to junction with High Lakes Tr; turn right onto High Lakes Tr and continue 6 mi past Fish Lake Resort to North Fork campground.

Distance: 7 mi; elev gain: 500 ft. RT mileage: 85 mi

September 24: Squaw Meadow (Mt Shasta) (p. 218 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Take I-5 72 mi to Central Mt Shasta (exit 738); drive thru town 1 mi, then go left on Everitt Memorial Hwy 12.7 mi to Panther Meadows parking lot; EDT: 90 min

Description: The Squaw Meadow loop starts out in an alpine meadow, climbs through some woods, and comes out on the rocky alpine slopes below Mt Shasta; this sequence of terrain is reversed on the way down. (Optional side trip to the top of Gray Butte would add another 2 mi and some 500 ft of elevation gain. On a clear day, you can see Mt Lassen from the top of Gray Butte.)

Distance: 4 mi; elevation gain: about 1000 ft. RT mileage: 180 mi