

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for April 2011

Leave from Safeway parking lot in Ashland at 9:00 am. 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 edition.

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April 1: Rogue River Trail, east from Peyton Bridge to Hurd Creek (p.79 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: From Medford drive 35.5 mi on Hwy 62; turn left on Lewis Rd to Peyton Bridge TH parking area (east end of Lost Creek Lake); EDT: 60 min

Description: Follow undulating trail along the north shore of the Rogue River to the second of two impressive waterfalls; return same way.

Distance: 6.5 mi RT; total elev. gain: 1000 ft. RT mileage: 100 mi

April 8: Sterling Mine Ditch Trail: south from Deming Gulch (*100 Hikes*, p. 138)

TH: From Jacksonville drive Hwy 238 to Ruch, turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd, then left again onto Little Applegate Rd; at Buncom, turn left onto Sterling Creek Rd, then right onto Deming Gulch Rd for 0.7 mi to Deming Gulch TH; EDT: 60 min

Description: Follow the Sterling Mine Ditch trail till lunch time, then retrace route; great views if the weather is clear.

Distance: 6 -8 miles; elev gain: 200 ft. RT mileage: 65 mi

April 15: Lower Table Rock (p.76 in *100 Hikes*)—leader: Lynn Clegg

TH: Exit I-5 at Hwy 62 and go north on Biddle Rd past the airport to Table Rock Road; turn right on Table Rock Rd 10 miles, then left on Wheeler Rd 0.8 mi to Lower Table Rock parking area; EDT: 45 min

Description: Climb 1.6 mi through woods to plateau; turn left onto a side trail, then meander through flower-filled meadows along the rim of the mesa to the end of the old airstrip some 1.5 miles; take the trail on the other side of the airstrip to our usual lunch spot overlooking the Rogue Valley; return along the old airstrip.

Distance: 6 mi RT; elev. gain: 750 ft. RT mileage: 50 mi

April 22: Sterling Ditch Tr: Little Applegate TH to Tunnel Ridge TH (*100 Hikes*, p. 138)

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville 8 mi to Ruch; turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd; after 7 mi turn left on Little Applegate Rd; and continue 8.5 mi to Little Applegate TH; leave shuttle car at Tunnel Ridge TH on the way. EDT: 75 min

Description: Trail starts out uphill and finishes downhill, climbing above the Ditch Trail to go around a private inholding; some nice views over the Siskiyou Mountains.

Distance: 6 miles; elev. gain/loss: 950/1200 ft. RT mileage: 80 miles

April 29: Viewpoint Mike (near Lost Creek Lake)

TH: From Medford drive Hwy 62 past the turn off for the Lost Creek Lake fish hatchery and take next right into parking area; EDT: 60 min; RT mileage: 100 mi

Description: very nicely laid out trail parallels Hwy 62 as it climbs through varied terrain to a large rock outcrop with good views of the surrounding area.

Distance: 5 mi RT; elev gain: 1000 ft