

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for July 2011

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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 1: Rogue Gorge: Natural Bridge to Woodruff Bridge RT (p.82 in *100 Hikes*)—**leave at 8:30 am.**

TH: Take Hwy 62 east from Medford toward Crater Lake; 9 miles beyond Prospect turn left at sign for Natural Bridge and drive to parking area. EDT: 90 min

Description: Follow Rogue River downstream from Natural Bridge to Woodruff Bridge. It's a late springtime along the Rogue this year—dogwoods and other flowers should still be in bloom.

Distance: 6.8 mi; elev gain: 500 ft. RT mileage: 150 mi

July 8: Pilot Rock Rd to Babbitt Gap RT (first anniversary hike for Friday group)

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). EDT: 30 min

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. Celebrate first anniversary of the Friday hiking group at Callahan's.

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

July 15: PCT heading north from Porcupine Gap

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 about 2 mi to the old quarry; bear left (downhill) onto dirt road some 3 miles to the PCT access at Porcupine Gap. EDT: 45 min

Description: hike north along the PCT some 3 mi to the first gate; turn around and walk back about 0.5 mi to a lovely lunch spot directly across from Mt Ashland. Hike consists of open stretches with wonderful views and cool stretches among Douglas firs with Spotted Coralroot and Phantom orchids in bloom.

Distance: 6 mi; elev gain: 1,000 ft RT driving mileage: 40 mi

July 22: 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: 7.6 miles (RT); elevation gain: 870 ft. RT mileage: 30 mi

July 29: 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 Hwy140 to Aspen Point turn off; EDT: 90 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: 7 miles; elevation gain: 500 ft; RT mileage: 80 mi