

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for May 2011

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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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May 6: Lower Rogue River Trail: Graves Ck to Whiskey Ck Cabin RT (p. 189 in *100 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: 7.6 mi; elev. gain: 1270 ft. RT mileage: 140 mi

May 13: Lower Table Rock—the other leg of the horseshoe (*100 Hikes*, p. 76)

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: Take “secret” trail to the abandoned road that leads to the top of the east leg of the horseshoe for Rogue Valley views and lunch; return on the abandoned road to the top of the west leg of the horseshoe and take the standard trail down to the parking area.

Distance: about 5 mi RT; elev. gain: 1000 ft. RT mileage: 50 mi

May 20: Collings Mountain RT (above Applegate Reservoir) (p.141 in *100 Hikes*)

TH: Drive south from Ruch about 20 mi to TH at Watkins Campground; EDT: 75 min

Description: woody trail with lots of uphill but excellent views. We will climb to the high point for lunch, then retrace our steps back to the TH.

Distance: 5 mi; total elev. gain: 1500 ft. RT mileage: 85 mi

May 27: Enchanted Forest Trail Loop via Felton Memorial (Applegate Valley)

TH: From Jacksonville, take Hwy 238 15 mi and go straight onto North Applegate Rd where Hwy 238 turns left to cross the Applegate River; continue 4.6 mi; bear right onto Kubli Rd; after 200 yds turn right onto Slagle Creek Rd for 1 mile to Wooldridge Creek Winery. EDT: 60 min

Description: walk along road 0.5 miles to Enchanted Forest TH; follow trail 0.7 miles, then turn right onto Felton Memorial trail for 1.5 mi; complete loop thru private property for lunch at the Wooldridge Creek Winery.

Distance: 5.0 mi (from WC Winery); elev gain: 1500 ft (estimate). RT mileage: 80 miles