

Ashland Hiking Group

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Friday Hike Schedule for October 2011

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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Website: <http://jeffnet.org/~danstub/Hiking/index.html>

October 7: Union Creek Falls Trail (p.84 in *100 Hikes*)—leave at 8:30 am

TH: Take Hwy 62 east from Medford to Union Creek; trail starts behind the cabins in Union Creek Resort (on the other side of the road from Becky's). EDT: 90 min

Description: This is a scenic, generally level trail along a lovely brook.

Distance: 8.4 mi; elevation gain: 630 ft. RT mileage: 150 mi

October 14: Lower Rogue River Trail: Graves Ck to Whiskey Ck Cabin RT (p. 189 in *100 Hikes*) —leave at 8:30 am

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

October 21: Upper Rogue River Tr: Union Ck to Woodruff Br (p. 82 in *100 Hikes*)—leave at 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 28: Bear Creek Greenway from Ashland to Talent—no designated leader

TH: Safeway parking lot; EDT: zero

Description: starting out at Safeway, take city streets to Ashland Dog Park (eastern end of Helman St), then follow Bear Creek Greenway to Talent (Valleyview Rd); after eating lunch in Talent, take the RVTB bus back to Ashland (buses leave Talent at 18 and 48 min after the hour; cost for seniors: \$1, more for regular folk).

Distance: 7 mi; elev gain: 200 ft. RT mileage: 0 mi