

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for April 2012

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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*, 3rd edition.

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April 6: Sterling Mine Ditch Trail: south from Armstrong Gulch (*100 Hikes*, p. 152)

TH: TH: Proceed west from Phoenix to Sterling Creek Rd; turn left (south) for 7.3 mi then turn right onto Deming Gulch Rd; at the road junction turn right 1.2 mi to the Armstrong Gulch TH; plenty of parking. EDT: 60 min

Description: Follow the Sterling Mine Ditch trail 3.5 mi till lunch time, then retrace route; great views if the weather is clear.

Distance: 7 miles; elev gain: 200 ft. RT mileage: 65 mi

April 13: Lower Table Rock—the other leg of the horseshoe (*100 Hikes*, p. 86)

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 west leg of the horseshoe for Rogue Valley views and lunch; return on the abandoned road to the top of the east 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

April 20: Sterling Ditch Tr: Little Applegate TH to Tunnel Ridge TH (*100 Hikes*, p. 152)

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 27: Jacksonville Woodlands Trail System (*100 Hikes*, p. 150)

TH: City parking lot in Jacksonville behind post office; EDT: 30 min

Description: check out the spring flowers on this jaunt along the Jacksonville trail system, including Beekman Woods trail.

Distance: 5.3 miles; elev. gain 1100 ft. RT mileage: 35 mi