

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for February 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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February 3: Sterling Mine Ditch Trail (Tunnel Ridge-Bear Gulch loop) (*100 Hikes*, p. 152)

TH: Follow route 238 thru Jacksonville to Ruch; turn left onto Upper Applegate Rd 2.9 miles; turn left on Little Applegate Rd 9.7 mi to Tunnel Ridge TH; EDT: 75 min

Description: Climb up to the Ditch, then turn left and follow the Ditch trail to the Bear Gulch trail; turn left again and descend to the Bear Gulch TH; turn left on walk along the road about 0.5 miles to starting point

Distance: 5 miles; elev gain: 800 ft. RT mileage: 70 mi

February 10: Little Grayback Trail

TH: From Ruch travel south on Upper Applegate Rd to Applegate Dam; follow the road across the dam for 1.5 mi; turn left for 2 mi to French Gulch divide TH; EDT: 60 min.

Description: steady climb across the southern slopes of Little Grayback Mt toward Squaw Peak; return the same way; watch out for graybacks (ticks)

Distance: about 7 mile; elev gain: about 1000 ft; RT mileage: 85 miles

February 17: Mt Ashland Ski Area to Grouse Gap RT (*100 Hikes*, p. 141)—**Snowshoe trip; Sno Pass required for drivers (at DMV, day pass: \$3; annual pass: \$20; slightly higher at sports stores)**

TH: Closed gate on FS Rd 20, just beyond Mt Ashland Ski Area parking; EDT: 30 min

Description: follow level road (FS 20) to Grouse Gap; turn left to shelter for lunch; return same way. Cross country detour uphill to Rabbit Ears and back down ½ mile on the Mt Ashland summit road is an option on the return leg for those who need more exercise.

Distance: 5 mi; elev. gain: around 500 ft. RT mileage: 35 mi

February 24: Applegate Lake Loop (*100 Hikes*, p. 157)

TH: Take Hwy 238 from Jacksonville area to Ruch (8 mi); take Upper Applegate Rd 15 mi to Applegate Dam; drive left across dam to French Gulch TH (1.2 mi); EDT: 60 min

Description: Make a loop on the Applegate Lake Trail system, with a possible detour to Hal's Point for lunch

Distance: 6.4 mi; elevation gain: about 500 ft. RT mileage: 80 mi