

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for January 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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January 6, 2012: PCT from Old Hwy 99 to Pilot Rock Road

TH: Take I-5 south and get off at exit 6 (Mt Ashland); drive about 1 mi on Old Hwy 99 to PCT heading north (towards Pilot Rock). EDT: 30 min

Description: walk along the PCT thru varied habitats to its intersection with Pilot Rock Rd; return the same way or walk down the road to Old Hwy 99, then make a right and walk uphill to the TH. Distance: 6 mi; elev gain: 750 ft

January 13, 2012: 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: woodsy trail with lots of uphill but excellent views. We will climb to the high point for lunch, then retrace our steps to the TH

Distance: 5.5 mi; total elev. gain: 1500 ft. RT mileage: 85 mi

If you are coming from Medford, we can arrange to meet you in the Jacksonville library parking lot between 9:30 and 9:45; let Alex know ahead of time. If you're already in the Applegate, we can arrange to meet you in Ruch around 10:20.

January 20: Bear Creek Greenway from Ashland Dog Park to Talent

TH: Safeway parking lot; EDT: zero

Description: starting out at Safeway, take city streets to Ashland Dog Park, then follow Bear Creek Greenway to Talent (Valleyview Rd); we can either eat lunch in Talent, then take the RVTB bus back to Ashland; or we can take the bus and eat in Ashland. Buses leave Talent at 18 and 48 min after the hour; cost for seniors: \$1, more for regular folk.

Distance (from Safeway): 7 mi; elev gain: 200 ft. RT mileage: 0 mi

January 27: Buck Prairie—**Snowshoe Trip; Sno Pass required for drivers**

TH: Follow DIM some 20 miles to Buck Prairie Snow Park; EDT: 30 min

Description: follow level Buck Prairie Rd 0.9 mi to outhouse, then bear right uphill another 0.9 mi along Natasha's web to the start of Bullwinkle's Run; return the same way or complete the moderately strenuous Natasha's Web loop.

Distance: RT to Bullwinkle's Run: 3.8 mi; elev. gain: 500 ft; Natasha's web loop: distance: 4.6 mi; elev gain: 550 ft. RT mileage: 40 mi