

Ashland Hiking Group

Friday Hike Schedule for May 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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May 4: Viewpoint Mike (near Lost Creek Lake)—leader: Lynn Clegg (*100 Hikes*, p. 241)

TH: From Medford drive Hwy 62 past the turn off for the Lost Creek Lake fish hatchery and take next right into parking area; EDT: 60 min; RT mileage: 88 mi

Description: very nicely laid out trail parallels Hwy 62 as it climbs through varied terrain to a large rock outcrop with good views of the surrounding area.

Distance: 5 mi RT; elev gain: 1000 ft

May 11: Lower Rogue River Trail: Graves Ck to Whiskey Ck Cabin RT (p. 199 in *100 Hikes*) —leader: Lynn Clegg

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 18: Lower Table Rock (p.86 in *100 Hikes*)—leader: Lynn Clegg

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: Climb 1.6 mi through woods to plateau; turn left onto a side trail, then meander through flower-filled meadows along the rim of the mesa to the end of the old airstrip some 1.5 miles; take the trail on the other side of the airstrip to our usual lunch spot overlooking the Rogue Valley; return along the old airstrip

Distance: 6 mi RT; elev. gain: 750 ft. RT mileage: 50 mi

May 25: Collings Mountain RT (above Applegate Reservoir) (p.156 in *100 Hikes*) —leader: Lynn Clegg

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