

Hikes from Muscle Busters, Sole Pursuits & Others in Curry County and Northern California 2011

Courtesy of Al Collinet

Welcome to the hiker's update of hikes in Curry County and nearby areas. Due to the easy access of Hwy 199, hikes in Josephine County, NW corner of Siskiyou County and Del Norte County are also covered. Some hikes in Humboldt County are covered for our friends in Crescent City. These hikes are all free and you should contact electronic reference listed on individual hikes for more information.

Sun, May 15th, Tolowa Dunes Stewards, 1pm - 4pm BIG DUNE RESTORATION & BEACH GRASS PULLING Crescent City

MEET AT THE LAKE EARL WILDLIFE AREA INFO CENTER BY 1:00PM at
2591 Old Mill Road, Crescent City, California (off Northcrest Drive and at the end of Old Mill).

RAIN CANCELS. (this includes drizzle -- call Sandy 707 954-5253 if unsure)

We have great fun with dune restoration every third Sunday (and every first Saturday) of each month. Mark your calendar.

This Sunday spend a fun afternoon with the Tolowa Dunes Stewards. Hike one-mile to Del Norte County's largest and highest living Dune while discovering the native plants along the way. Learn of the challenges they face growing in wind and sand. Assist with conservation efforts to eradicate invasive European beach grass which has inundated California coastal dunes and has contributed to the destruction of critical habitat for native dune species.

This is a moderate activity. Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes, bring water, hat, and sunscreen, also a short shovel and gloves if you have them. FREE EVENT

Educational & Interpretive programs held at Tolowa Dunes State Park and the Lake Earl Wildlife Area are sponsored by the: North Coast Redwood Interpretive Association in collaboration with the TOLOWA DUNES STEWARDS

For more information, please call Sandy at 707 954-5253.

May 28-30 Saturday, Sunday, Monday Pearsoll Peak Backpack Siskiyou Project out of Cave Junction - Siskiyou Project ecologist, Rich Nawa, will lead a backpack trip to the highest peak in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. We meet at 10 am at Whetstone (Onion Camp) Trailhead and backpack about 3.5 miles to Chetco Pass (1,000 ft elevation gain). Sunday we day hike to Pearsoll Peak lookout (1,500 ft elevation gain). Monday we backpack down to McCaleb Ranch on an old mining road and car shuttle back to Onion Camp (4,000 ft elevation loss). This is an easy/moderate backpack trip for people with some experience. Hike features spectacular views and large numbers of common and rare flower species blooming. Group size limited to 12. Call Rich at [541-218-7973](tel:541-218-7973) for reservation and arrangements.

Sat, May 28, Sole Pursuits - Loeb State Park River & Redwoods Trail Starting in the Day Use area in Loeb State Park we will follow the easy, one mile, River Trail upstream beneath a canopy of Myrtle trees adorned with moss, and views of the turquoise waters of the Chetco River. Return for an easy walk or cross over the road to a moderate one mile loop through a grove of young and old Redwood Trees along a cascading creek.

One Shoe= Breathe easy -OR- 2 Shoes= some uphill walking

Carpooling: Brookings Coastal Cardiology at 10:00; Gold Beach Hospital at 9:15; Port Orford Battle Rock Park at 8:30

Sat, June 11th, Sole Pursuits & SWCC - Kalmiopsis Trek to Gardner Mine and Vulcan Lake with **Walt Schroeder** and **Fred Bowen** - Come search for the rare *Kalmiopsis leachiana*. View mountains, valleys, old mines, an ancient weeping spruce and that famous pink blossom that grows only here. Witness how the landscape is recovering from the Biscuit Fire, 9 years ago. The trail from Gardner Mine to Vulcan Lake is a moderately difficult cross country trail. **No dogs please.** Register with Southwestern Oregon Community College or just show up. The drive requires high clearance vehicles only. Carpooling recommended. **2 Shoes to 3 Shoes Moderately challenging. Seasoned hikers can continue past the mines to Vulcan Lake for a more advanced hike.**

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Departing from the SWOCC campus, 420 Alder, Brookings. At 8:30a.m. All Day Trip.

Saturday, June 11, 9:00am, Native Plant Society Oregon - Woodcock Bog RNA / Rough and Ready Creek Preserve.

See late spring serpentine flora at two special locations in the Illinois Valley, hopefully including all the species of rush lily



(*Hastingsia*), a genus found only in Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Purple rush lily (N. Jensen) Viewing the rare large-flowered purple rush lily covering Woodcock Fen is one of the great Klamath Mountain botanical experiences. Limited to 15 participants. Email leader Norm Jensen at normjensen@gmail.com to register. Meeting location details will be sent in the week prior to the field trip.

That's all folks!

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