

McCall Hiking Club - July 2009 Hikes

Please note that July and August departure times are moved up to 8:00 a.m. Hikers meet across from the post office at the south end of the Rite-Aid parking lot. Transportation is by car-pooling. We recommend a donation of \$4 to \$6 depending on distance to offset transportation costs. Please bring a spare pair of shoes for traveling as well as plenty of drinking water, food, sunscreen, insect repellent and a personal first-aid kit. The hikes are generally full day trips. No small children or dogs are allowed on the hikes. Scheduled hike locations and leaders are subject to change. For further information, please contact Roberta Thompson at 634-7465

Wed. July 1

Loon Lake: Easy, intermediate and advanced. The easy hike will go along the Secesh River to a bridge approximately 3.5 miles from the trailhead. There is a slight elevation gain. Intermediate and advanced will cross over the river and go to the lake approximately two miles further. Hikers have the option of going another 1 mile RT to the B-23 bomber crash site. Total elevation gain is 340 feet with a loss of 180 feet. Hikers will have the option of returning the same way or taking the Loon Lake Ridge Trail. Hike leader: Roberta Thompson

Sat. July 4

No hike scheduled.

Wed. July 8

Deep Lake/Summit Lake/Dragon Rock: Easy, intermediate and advanced. Deep Lake will be an easy 2 mile RT hike from the end of Road 431 off Warren Wagon Road. There is about a 600 foot elevation gain. Summit Lake is another 3 miles RT past Deep Lake with another 500 feet in elevation gain and bushwhacking. Dragon Rock is a new trek for those who want a new challenge. Elevation gain ??? Should be fun for the hardy. Hike leader Tom Derieg

Sat. July 11

Granite Mountain Lookout: Easy, intermediate and advanced. The easy hike will go to Twin Lakes approximately 2 miles RT with little elevation gain. Intermediate and advanced will go to the lookout, approximately 5 to 6 miles RT with an elevation gain of 1,798 feet. Hike leader for the lookout is Janis Seufert. Hike leader for Twin Lakes TBA.

Wed. July 15

Blackwell Lake: This is an intermediate/advanced hike starting at the Crestline Trailhead. The hike is 6 to 7 miles RT with about a 1500 foot elevation gain. Hikers wanting a shorter hike can turn around at any point. Hike leader; Ron Hines

Sat. July 18

Duck Lake/20 Mile Trail: (crossover and scavenger hunt) Easy, intermediate and advanced. The easy hike will go to Duck Lake two miles RT with little elevation gain. There will also be an easy hike starting from the 20 mile trail, six miles RT with a 300 foot elevation gain. The crossover and scavenger hunt will be divided into two groups. The women will start at the

Duck Lake trailhead off Lick Creek Road and the men will start at the 20 Mile trailhead off Warren Wagon Road. The hike is approximately 9 miles with a 1,600 foot elevation change. Car keys will be exchanged in the middle. Each group will be given a list of things to find on the trail. The group that finds the most items on the scavenger list will be treated to an Ice-cream Social after the hike. Women's hike leader Roberta Thompson, men's hike leader Tom Derieg.

Wed. July 22

Duck/Hum Lakes: Easy, intermediate and advanced hikes. The easy hike will go to Duck Lake off Lick Creek Summit, approximately 2 mile RT with a 330 foot elevation gain. The advanced hike will go on to Hum Lake. There is a 1000 foot ridge separating the two lakes which are about the same elevation. The Hum Lake trail is a steady climb on a good trail approximately 1.75 miles. The summit offers breathtaking views. The descent into Hum Lake is steeper, but also shorter. Hikers can choose to rest on the summit or descend to Hum Lake. The lake is another 2.5 miles RT with an elevation loss and gain of 874 feet. Hike leader: Loren Livermore.

Sat. July 25

Louie Lake/Jughandle Mountain: All hikers will drive to within one mile of Louie Lake. Easy and intermediate hikers will continue past the lake to the ridge at the base of Twin Peaks. Distance to be determined by hikers. Elevation gain is approximately 800 feet. Advanced hikers will have the option to continue from the ridge and bushwhack to the summit of Jughandle Mountain. Elevation gain is approximately 1700 feet with a distance of approximately 5 miles RT. Hikers going to the top of Jughandle Mountain may also have the option of going past Louie Lake on the South side and climbing the West facing slope. Hike leader: De Eveland **THERE WILL BE A MEETING AFTER THE HIKE TO DISCUSS AUGUST HIKES.**

Sun. July 26

Boat Social: We will meet at the McCall Marina at 3 p.m. and proceed by boat to North Beach for appetizers. Bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer. Sign up with Vreny Middleton (208) 382-6363 or e-mail vreny7@yahoo.com for boat reservations. Boat space is limited on a first come basis. Anyone who can volunteer a boat please contact Vreny. People who prefer to drive or cannot find boat space will meet at North Beach at 4:15 p.m.

Wed. July 29

Hazard Campground/Upper Hazard Lake/Hard Creek Lake: Easy, intermediate and advanced hikes. Upper Hazard Lake is an easy trail that meanders at the edge of forests and meadows and gradually climbs 350 feet to the lake. Hard Creed Lake is another quarter mile up the trail. Hikers can return back to Hazard Campground or continue on to Hard Creek Guard Station. This additional trail would require a car shuttle. The trail from Hard Creek Lake to Hard Creek Guard Station is approximately 2 miles with an elevation loss of 380 feet. Hike leader: ReNae Bradfield

Hike locations are subject to change due to many variables including weather, forest fires, leader changes etc. We will attempt to e-mail members if time permits of any changes.