

McCall Hiking Club August 2007 Hikes

All August hikes will leave at **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. The McCall Recreation van on Wednesdays will not be available until the end of the month. We recommend a donation of \$3 to \$5 depending on distance to offset transportation costs. Please bring a spare pair of shoes for traveling as well as plenty of drinking water, food, sun screen and insect repellent. 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 Tom Derieg at 634-9781. This schedule has been revised since the August planning meeting due to wildfires in the McCall area.

**Wed.
August 1** **Crystal Lake.** This is an approximate 5 mile RT with a 1,950 foot elevation gain. It is a strenuous hike. Anyone wanting a less difficult hike can go up to Fall Creek Saddle to the lake overlook, but that hike also is a good workout. Hike leader is Bruce Hovey.

**Sat.
August 4** **Blackwell Lake.** This is an intermediate/advanced hike starting at the Crestline Trailhead. The hike is 6 to 7 miles RT with about a 1,500 foot elevation gain. Hikers wanting a shorter hike can turn around at any point. It is a pretty hike. Hike leader is Bill Starowicz.

Wed., Aug. 8 and Sat., Aug. 11.

No local hikes this week. Everyone at the planning meeting was going to the Stanley campout from August 8 through August 11. Anyone wanting to do a local hike should contact me with the hike information and the hike leader and I will put out the information.

**Wed.
August 15** **Rainbow Lake.** This is an easy to moderate hike of 6 to 7 miles with only a few hundred feet elevation gain. Those wishing more exercise can push on to Black Lake for another 2 miles RT. This hike is on an ATV trail so the hiking is easy but it will probably be dusty. Hike leader TBA.

**Sat.
August 18** **Goose Creek Trail to Brundage Reservoir.** This is an easy to moderate hike of 6 miles with an elevation drop if we do it South to North. We will put cars at both ends so we only have to go one way. This hike is dependent on a lower water flow out of Brundage reservoir so we can make one log creek crossing. We will check the water flow before the day of the hike. Hike leader TBA.

Wed. **Pearl / Brush Lakes.** It is an easy 3 mile round trip to Pearl Lake with a few hundred feet elevation gain. Those who go on to Brush lake will have a 7 to 8 mile RT. Between Pearl and Brush you have to give up about 700 feet and then earn most of it back once you cross Brush Creek. Hike Leader TBA.

Sat. **East Fork of the Lake Fork / Maki Lake / Snow Slide Lake Crossover.** There will be an easy, approximate 6 mile, hike starting at the East Fork of the Lake Fork going to Idler Creek. The rest of the group will do a crossover from the Snowslide Lake Trailhead past Maki Lake to the East Fork of the Lake Fork. This will be a strenuous hike of about 8 miles with a 1,900 foot elevation gain. Hike Leaders TBA.

Wed. **Lava Buttes.** This is an intermediate/difficult hike 7 to 8 miles RT with a 700 foot elevation gain. These are very pretty lakes which we will view from above.

September Planning Meeting. The September planning meeting will be held at the Deriegs after the August 15th hike, approximately 3:30 p.m. On Wednesday, September 5th we will do trail maintenance for the Payette Forest Service to try and slightly repay the wonderful use we get from the forest.

HIKE LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO MANY VARIABLES INCLUDING WEATHER, FOREST FIRES, LEADER UNAVAILABILITY, ETC. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO EMAIL MEMBERS IF TIME PERMITS WHEN THE HIKE SCHEDULE CHANGES.

