

MCCALL HIKING CLUB

August 2008 Hikes

Hikers will meet at 8:00 a.m. We meet across from the post office at the south end of the Rite-Aid parking lot. Transportation will be provided by the City of McCall Recreation Department van or by car-pooling. We recommend a donation of \$4 to \$6 depending on distance traveled. This is to offset transportation costs. Bring plenty of food; water, bug spray and sunscreen as well as a spare pair of shoes or sandals to keep vehicles clean on the ride home. The hikes are generally full-day trips. No dogs or small children are allowed on the hikes. Scheduled hike location and leaders are subject to change. For further information, please contact Tom Derieg at 634-9781.

You will note that this month's schedules has 6 "scenic" and easy hikes. Many thanks to **Jan Whitney** and **Diane DeChambeau** for stepping forward to help with these hikes. Thanks also to **Ron Hines, Gary Newby** and **Vreny Middleton** for leading hikes this month.

Saturday, August 2nd. There will be two hikes this day.

There will be a scenic hike to **Osprey Point in Ponderosa Park** led by Diane DeChambeau. The Osprey Point hike will be a relative flat, short hike that should last three to four hours..

Gary Newby will lead a regular hike to **Hum Lake**. The Hum lake hike is rated difficult because of a 1,000 foot climb in the second mile of the hike. The trail is good, the climb is steady, but not overly steep and the scenery is beautiful. The hike is 7 miles round trip with a total altitude gain of 1,200 feet.

Wednesday, August 6th and Saturday, August 9th. There will be no local hikes these days. The Club will be on its Stanley campout. Stanley hikes will be determined by the crew at Stanley.

Wednesday, August 13th. There will be two overlapping hikes this day.

There will be an easy hike to **Grassy Lakes** led by Vreny Middleton. Grassy Lakes is an easy hike, 5 miles round trip with a 400 foot altitude gain.

Those wishing to go past the Grassy Lakes will hike to **Frog Lake** led by Tom Derieg. Frog Lake becomes a moderate hike approximately 7 miles round trip with an 800 foot altitude gain.

Saturday, August 16th. There will be two hikes this day.

There will be a scenic hike to a "**huckleberry**" trail led by Susan Waters. The huckleberry hike will again be a short, relatively flat easy trail hike.

There will a regular **Fisher Creek/Copet Creek** hike led by Bruce Hovey. More information on the Fisher Creek/Copet Creek hike will be forthcoming.

Sunday, August 17th. There will be a social at Vern and Char Farris's home. Watch for further details.

Wednesday, August 20th. This will be a crossover, treasure hunt hike on the **6 Mile Creek trail**. One team will start from Grouse campground. The second team will start from the Highway 95 entrance to the trail. Hike leaders will be Marlin Jones and Joan Apodaca. Despite the trail name, the hike will only be 4 to 5 miles long with a 600 to 800 foot elevation gain or loss depending on which team you are on. Car keys will be exchanged mid-hike. The hidden "treasure" is TBD.

Saturday, August 23rd. There will be two hikes this day.

There will be a scenic hike to **Marshall Lake** led by Jan Whitney. This is a typical scenic hike except that the trailhead is about a 30 mile drive up Warren Wagon Road and then about 4 more miles past Burgdorf.

There will be a very difficult hike to **Nick Peak**. Hike leader will be either Janis Seufert or Tom Derieg. This hike will be 10 to 11 miles round trip, approximately 3,500 foot elevation gain, and about one mile of bushwhacking up to the peak. We will have better information after the route is explored before the club goes on the hike.

Wednesday, August 27th. There will be an overlapping scenic hike and regular hike to **Loon Lake**. Susan Waters will lead a scenic hike to the Bridge.

Janis Seufert will lead the regular hike on the normal Loon Lake loop with a side visit to the crashed WWII B-23 bomber. Luckily the forest fire missed the airplane last year.

Saturday, August 30th. Once again we will have two hikes.

There will be a scenic hike to **Ruby Meadows** led by Diane DeChambeau.

The regular hike will go to **Granite Mountain Lookout** led by Ron Hines. Granite Mountain Lookout is a difficult 6 mile round trip with an 1,800 foot elevation gain including an easy, but hike leader infuriating, creek crossing.