

# McCall Hiking Club

## August 2010 Hikes

Please note that August departure times are move to 8:00 a.m. Hikers will 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 the distance traveled 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. Small children and dogs are not allowed on the hikes. Scheduled hike locations and leaders are subject to change. For further information, please contact Roberta Thompson at 634-7465 or [jtloghouse@frontiernet.net](mailto:jtloghouse@frontiernet.net).

**Tues: Aug. 3rd** Wallowa Camping Trip, no scheduled hike.

**Sat. Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>** Deep Lake, Summit Lake, ? Easy, Intermediate and Advanced. Deep Lake will be an easy 1.2 mile hike from the end of Road 431 off Warren Wagon Road. There is about a 600' elevation gain. Members of our club have recently cleared the trail. Summit Lake is another 1.5 miles past Deep Lake with another 500' elevation gain and bushwhacking. Those who want to go further will find a new challenge. Elevation gain????? Hike leader: Bill Starowicz

**Tues: Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>** Duck/Hum Lake: Easy, Intermediate and Advanced hikes. The easy hike will go to Duck Lake off Lick Creek Summit, approximately 2 miles RT with a 330' elevation gain. The intermediate hike will go to the summit overlooking Hum Lake approximately 1000' in elevation gain, the advanced hike will go to Hum Lake with an elevation loss of 874' and another 2.5 miles RT. Hike Leader: Loren Livermore

**Sat. Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>** Hazard Campground, Upper Hazard Lake, Hard Creek Guard Station, Crossover, Scavenger Hunt. The women hikers have challenged the men hikers to a scavenger hunt. Winners to be treated to an ice-cream social. The women hikers will start at Upper Hazard Campground. The men hikers will start at the Hard Creek Guard Station. The hike from Upper Hazard Campground to Upper Hazard Lake is an easy trail and climbs 350'. Hard Creek Lake is another quarter mile up the trail. The trail from Hard Creek Lake to Hard Creek Guard Station is approximately 2 miles with an elevation loss of 380'. Hike Leaders: ReNae Bradfield (women), Vern Farris (men).

North Valley Rail-Trail. Easy, distance to be determined by hikers. Elevation gain 240'. This is a new bike/hike trail in the McCall area. The trail starts on the McCall Greenbelt to the McCall Airport. You will follow a bypass on Mission Street head south to a paved trail provided by River Ranch parallel to Mission St. At the end of the paved trail, follow signs to the North Valley Rail-Trail. The trail now turns to dirt. The trail runs south to a temporary end at Heinrich Lane. This trail follows the route of the old Union Pacific RR Line which retired in 1979. For more information please contact Lou or Kay Blas at 634-8647.

**Tues. Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>** Boulder Mountain Lookout. Intermediate hike. Elevation gain about 700', distance 5 miles RT. Beautiful 360 degree views of the surrounding valley. This hike will start at Shaw Twin Lakes

off Boulder Lake Road. High clearance vehicles are needed as the road is not maintained and has some ruts. This hike is through open meadows. Hike Leader: Roberta Thompson

**Sat. Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>** Ruby Meadows/ Willow Basket Creek Trail, Ridge Trail from Chinook Campground, Crossover. One group will start at Ruby Meadows and the other group will start at Chinook Campground. Hikers will meet half way and exchange car keys. 10.5 miles RT. The trailhead at Ruby Meadows is 6042' there is a gentle climb to Ruby Meadows at 6123' the trail then descends to the Willow Basket Trail at 6028', Chinook Campground is at 5700'. The trail from Chinook Campground to Willow Basket Trail has a few ups and downs so the elevation gain and loss is hard to determine. Hike Leader: Ruby Meadows trailhead , Roberta Thompson. Chinook Campground trailhead, Bill Starowicz.

Bear Basin. Easy, distance to be determined by hikers. This may be changed to a huckleberry picking hike. Bear Basin offers many loop trails and is a great place to pick huckleberries. For more information please contact Lou or Kay Blas at 634-8647.

**Tues. Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>** Snowslide Lake/Maki Lake to East Fork of Lake Fork Campground. This hike will be 10 to 11 miles round trip including a car shuttle. The elevation gain and loss is approximately 3,500'. The trailhead at Snowslide Lake is 5909', there is a steep 1268' elevation gain to Snowslide Lake with another 596' elevation gain to Snowslide Summit in 2.4 miles. The trail then drops down 500' to Maki Lake. The trail from Make Lake to the East Fork of Lake Fork Trail is a steep descent another 890', this section is 2.1 miles. This trail descends gradually 1074' in 6.1 miles to Lake Fork Campground. Hike Leader: Janis Seufert

**Thurs. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>** North Beach Kayak/Canoe Trip. Boaters will meet at 10 a.m. at the North Beach parking lot off Warren Wagon Road. We will paddle approximately one hour, stop for a lunch break, paddle up river then return to North Beach. Rental canoes/kayaks are available at Backwoods Adventures (208) 469-9067. We will try to get a group rate so if you are interested in a rental please e-mail Roberta Thompson at [jtloghouse@frontiernet.net](mailto:jtloghouse@frontiernet.net). Single kayaks, tandem kayaks and canoes are available. We will need rental confirmation by Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Sat. Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>** Pearl Lake/Brush Lake. Easy and advanced hike. Pearl Lake Trailhead 7200', Pearl Lake 7450'. Distance 1.5 miles to Pearl Lake, 4 miles to Brush Lake (one way). Elevation gain to Pearl Lake 250'. The trail to Brush Lake climbs a short ridge then starts descending. There will be an altitude loss of 700' before the trail climbs to the lake at 7100'. Hike Leader: TBA

Last Chance Campground to Goose Creek Falls. Easy, five miles RT, elevation gain 250'. This is a beautiful trail that was recently completed with bridges, board walks and rock work. The falls are beautiful any time during the year. For more information please contact Lou or Kay Blas at 634-8647.

**Tues. Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>** 20 Mile Lakes. Easy to advanced hike. Distance to be determined by hikers. The easy hike is 6 miles RT with an elevation gain of 250'. Hikers will follow a well marked trail to the intersection of the Duck Lake Trail. Advanced hikers will continue another 3 miles to the lakes. The elevation gain to the lakes is another 2000'. Hikers will have the option to visit all four lakes or rest at the first lake. Hike Leader: Suzi Smith