

McCall Hiking Club – August 2011 Hikes

Hikers will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the McCall Post Office at the south end of the Rite Aid parking lot. We will car-pool to our destination. We recommend a donation of \$4 to \$6 depending on the distance traveled to offset transportation costs. Hikers can also meet at the trailhead if that is more convenient. 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. Dogs and small children are not allowed on the hikes. Scheduled hike locations and leaders are subject to change. For more information please contact Roberta Thompson at 634-7465 or jtloghouse@frontiernet.net.

Wednesday, August 3rd: Granite Mountain Lookout. This is a moderate hike with a round trip of 5.6 miles and an elevation gain of 1,800 feet. There are beautiful views of the Seven Devils Mountains, Goose Lake, Slab Butte, Twin Lakes and the Salmon River Mountains. Hikers can choose an easier hike to Twin Lakes with a round trip of 1.8 miles and an elevation gain of 450 feet. Both hikes require a ford of a small creek and a crossing of downed logs over the outlet stream of Twin Lakes. Hike Leader: Dave McQuade

Saturday, August 6th: Pearl Lake/Marge Lake. Pearl Lake is an easy hike with a round trip of 3.6 miles and an elevation gain of 300 feet. Marge Lake is another 2 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 500 feet then descending 350 feet to the lake. The distance will be determined by the hikers. Hike Leader: Sallye Sanders

Wednesday, August 10th: Blue Lake. Blue Lake is on Lick Creek Road approximately 3 miles past Ponderosa Campground. The distance is approximately 8 miles round trip. I will send out more information in the near future. Hike Leader: Tom Dering

Saturday, August 13th: Poison Lake and West Mountain Ridge. This is a new hike for our club. The road to the trailhead will require high clearance vehicles with four wheel drive. The trailhead elevation is 6,300 feet and climbs to 7,200 feet in the first mile. The trail descends about 100 feet in a third of a mile to Poison Lake. This could be a turnaround point for hikers and is approximately 2.6 miles round trip. From Poison Lake the trail climbs 500 feet in seven tenths of a mile to West Mountain Ridge. The trail crosses a pretty alpine meadow with the final 200 yards nearly straight up. From the ridge there are excellent views of Lake Cascade, the valley and East Mountain. To the west there are filtered views of Council Mountain and points west. The final elevation is 7,600 feet. The distance for the full hike is approximately 4 miles round trip. Hike Leader: Stu Young

Wednesday, August 17th: Buck Lake. Buck Lake is approximately 35 miles from McCall off HWY 95 going towards Riggins. High clearance four wheel drive vehicles are recommended as the old logging road is rocky the last four miles. The round trip is approximately 3 miles with an elevation gain of 1,500 feet. Buck Lake can be seen below the ridge. There is a steep path down to the lake. The views of the Seven Devils and the surrounding valley are beautiful. Hike Leader: Harry Henze

Saturday, August 20th: Box Lake. Box Lake which is off Lick Creek Road is an advanced hike due to the altitude gain. The distance is 8.8 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 2,350 feet. Hikers will have the option to stop at the top of the ridge and look down at Box Lake. From here the trail drops 400' to the lake. Hike Leader: Janis Seufert

Wednesday, August 24th: Jug Handle Mountain/Louie Lake. This will be a loop trip. The distance will be determined by the hikers. The loop will start at Louie Lake and continue on the northeast side of the lake to the ridge at the base of Twin Peaks. The elevation gain is approximately 800 feet. This could be a turnaround for hikers. Advanced hikers will have the option to continue from the ridge and bushwhack to the summit of Jughandle Mountain. The elevation gain is approximately 1,700 feet. Hikers will then descend down the southwest side of the mountain back to Louie Lake. At this time the road we normally take to Louie Lake is closed so more information will be available at a later date. Hike Leader: Vern Farris

Saturday, August 27th: Hazard Campground/Upper Hazard Lake/Hard Creek Guard Station/Crossover. This will be a scavenger hunt where hikers will divide into two groups. One group will start at Hazard Campground and the other group will start at Hard Creek Guard Station. Each group will be given a list of items that must be found on the trail. Hikers will exchange car keys during lunch at the crossover point. The hike from Upper Hazard Campground to Upper Hazard Lake is an easy trail that climbs 350 feet. 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 feet. Hike Leader: Roberta Thompson and Ken Deibert

Wednesday, August 31st: Boulder Reservoir/Boulder Lake/Maloney Lake. This is an advance hike due to the elevation gain. The distance will be determined by the hikers. The round trip to Maloney Lake is approximately 10 miles with an elevation gain of 1,000 feet then a steep 700 foot descent to the lake. The distance to the ridge overlooking Maloney Lake is approximately 9 miles with an elevation gain of 1,000 feet. Hike Leaders: Tom Derieg and Bill Starowicz

Saturday, September 3rd: Black Tip Peak. Black Tip Peak starts at Fisher Creek Saddle off of Brundage Mountain Road. This is an intermediate hike that is 3.5 miles round trip with a 725 foot elevation gain. There are beautiful views of the surrounding valley on the way up and once at the top a 360 degree view of McCall, Upper Payette Lake and the Salmon River Mountains. There is no trail but the hike is mostly in open meadows. Hike Leaders: Ken Deibert and Roberta Thompson

Monday, September 5th: Year End Social. The end of the season social will be held at the Woodlands Clubhouse starting at 4:00 p.m. Bring a beverage of choice an appetizer and something to sit on. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and all eating utensils and paper goods. Sign up with Becky Deibert at (208) 484-0025 or e-mail kdeibert@mindspring.com . Those attending will get the chance to vote for our annual "HIKER OF THE YEAR" award and your "Favorite Hike of the Year". Please start thinking about who you think should get our beautiful, creative, and one of a kind "TRAIL TRASH TROPHY".

HAPPY HIKING,

ROBERTA THOMPSON