

## McCall Hiking Club – June 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. Due to the heavy snow this winter it is also recommended that hikers have gaiters in case we need to cross snow patches. Gaiters should help keep hiking boots dry. For more information please contact Roberta Thompson at 634-7465.

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**: Mill Creek Road to Council Valley Overlook. Distance to be determined by hikers. This is a new hike for our club. Access is via Mill Creek Road two miles north of Council off of Hwy 95. There is a highway sign on the west side of Hwy 95 that says Mill Creek Road. Turn east about 2 miles on Mill Creek Road and there will be a snowmobile parking area sign. The parking lot is 2/10 of a mile further. The round trip for this hike is approximately 5 1/2 to 6 miles with an elevation gain of about 1700'. The first mile is a good trail then changes to open ground. The high spot and turnaround is on "Fort Hall Ridge". There are good views of the Council Valley and mountains above Bear. The arrow leaf should be in bloom with deer and elk views possible. Again, distance will be determined by hikers so we will need to carpool accordingly. Hike Leader: Bill Starowicz

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**: Rapid River Trail, Riggins. Distance to be determined by hikers. Distance to first bridge 2.2 miles round trip. Distance to second bridge 8.4 miles round trip. Elevation gain to second bridge 800'. Hike Leader: Harry Henze

**Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**: Hazard Creek Falls. Distance 5.8 miles round trip. Elevation gain 1,000'. Hike Leader: Sallye Sanders

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**: Weiser River Trail. Lost Valley Road to Old 95 Road and West Pine Trailhead. This will probably be a crossover where one group will start at Strawberry Road and the other group will start at the West Pine Trailhead. Hikers will exchange car keys and drive to the Pine Ridge Café for lunch. The crossover is 4.5 miles. I will send out more information after I check out parking and trail conditions. Hike Leader: Roberta Thompson 634-7465

**Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**: Goose Creek Falls from Last Chance Campground. Distance 5 miles round trip, elevation gain 550'. This may also be a crossover with one group starting at Last Chance Campground and the other group starting at the Goose Creek Falls Trailhead off Brundage Mountain Road. Distance 3 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 650'. If we decide on a crossover the total distance would be 4 miles round trip. I will send out more information after we check out trail conditions. Hike Leader: Ron and Rita Hills

**Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**: Bear Basin. Distance to be determined by hikers. Bear Basin has so many wonderful trails but at this point still has patchy snow. We hope that by June 18<sup>th</sup> most of the trails will be open. I will

send out more information as trail conditions improve. This is a great place to find more mushrooms and I must say the hike leader always gets "first pick". Hike Leader: Linda Corder

**Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**: Shaw Twin Road off Boulder Lake Road to Payette Lake lookout or Potter Lane to Lower Jughandle Reservoir. Both hikes are on old logging roads. Shaw Twin Road to the Lookout of Payette Lake is an easy climb of about 700' with a round trip of about 6 miles. Potter Lane to Lower Jughandle Reservoir is about 600' elevation gain and a round trip of about 6 miles. I will send out more information as we check trail conditions. Hike Leader: Ken and Becky Deibert

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**: Ponderosa State Park. Distance to be determined by hikers. Once again there are endless opportunities to hike at Ponderosa State Park. At this time the trails are still covered with patchy snow. Last year we helped with trail maintenance on "National Trail Day", June 5<sup>th</sup>. This year "National Trail Day" is June 4<sup>th</sup> but after talking with the local ranger we decided that it was too early for any trail maintenance. This may be our day to help our State Park in maintaining trails. More information will be coming as the time gets closer. Hike Leader: Suzi Smith

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**: **"Our First Social"** Ron and Rita Hills have offered their home after our hike at Ponderosa State Park for our first social of the season. This is always a great time with a pot luck dinner and some awards that people have earned by doing special things over the month. It is something you do not want to miss. Once again I will send out more information as the time gets closer.

**Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**: Boulder Lake - Louie Lake Loop. Distance to be determined by hikers. Distance from Boulder Reservoir to Boulder Lake, Louie Lake and back is 6.8 miles round trip, elevation gain 1600'. Hikers have the option to return at any point on the trail to suit their individual hiking experience. This has always been a challenging hike in late June due to snow. I will send out more information as the time gets closer. Hike Leader: Sallye Sanders

**Let's hope for an early summer so we can get to all the places we hope to go! If you have any suggestions or updated information please let me know.**

**Happy Hiking and to a Great Year!**

**Roberta Thompson**