

MCCALL HIKING CLUB

September 2008 Hikes

We will be back to starting at 9:00 a.m in September. We meet across from the post office at the south end of the Rite-Aid parking lot. Based on the non-appearances of the van, McCall Recreation has apparently stopped supporting us with transportation. Assume all transportation will be by car-pooling. We recommend a donation of \$4 to \$6 to your driver 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.

The scenic hike leaders were not at the planning meeting so I have not included these hikes. Watch for announcements by email and in the Star Bulletin as these hikes are added. In the meantime there are four easy hikes listed in the regular hike schedule.

Wednesday, September 3rd. This will be our annual trail maintenance hike. The forest service has asked us to clean the **Scribner Lake Trail**. This is an easy half-mile trail, new to our club, that leads to a gorgeous lake. Bring loppers and hedge clippers. Those wanting the easy hike will return to the Scribner trail head. Those wanting a longer hike will bushwhack to Trail 149 and go south to the trailhead near Big Dave Creek. That will add approximately two miles to the hike. The trail maintenance chief will be **Bruce Hovey**.

Saturday, September 6th. 20 Mile Lake Hike. This is a difficult approximate 9 mile RT hike with a 2,200 foot elevation gain. There are several 20 Mile Lakes. We will probably go to North Lake. It is a very interesting hike in and out of the 1994 burn area. **Roberta Thompson** will lead the hike.

Sunday, September 7th. The end of the season social will be held at the Woodlands starting at 4:00 p.m. Watch for more information.

Wednesday, September 10th. Lava Buttes Overlook. This year we will go into Lava Buttes from the Clayburn Trailhead. This is a moderate hike approximately 7 miles RT with a 700 foot elevation gain. The hike leader is **Peggy Derieg**.

Saturday, September 13th. Anderson Lake/Idler Creek. Anderson Lake is a great, somewhat difficult hike. It is approximately 9 miles RT with a 2,000 foot elevation gain. There are two creek crossings. The trail takes you through very pretty meadows, and to a lovely lake. **Tom Derieg** is the hike leader.

Those wanting a relatively easy hike can go to Idler Creek, approximately 7 miles RT with a few hundred feet elevation gain. For those of you thinking "Wait a minute, I went to Idler Creek last month and it was longer than that", you did not

start at the Lake Fork campground, and you actually hiked past the Idler Creek Inlet to where the trail crosses the East Fork.

Wednesday, September 17th. Pearl Lake/Marge Lake. Pearl Lake is an easy hike approximately 2 miles RT with little elevation gain. Marge Lake is about 3 miles RT bushwhacking past Pearl Lake with a 500 foot up and down elevation change. This is a new hike for the club. **Roberta Thompson** is the hike leader.

Saturday, September 20th. Deep Lake/Summit Lake. These are new hikes for the club. Deep Lake will be a easy 2 mile RT hike from the end of Road 431. There will be about an 600 foot elevation gain, but nothing is very steep.

This is a different Summit Lake than the one we hiked to earlier in the year. It requires bushwhacking approximately 3 miles RT past Deep Lake with another 500 feet in elevation gain. **Bill Starowicz** leads the hike.

Wednesday, September 24th. Hidden Lake, Hard Creek Lake. Hidden lake is an easy 5 mile RT hike with a 200 foot elevation gain. Looping past Hidden Lake to Hard Creek Lake is a moderate to difficult hike with a steep 700 foot elevation gain and is an approximate 7 mile RT total. **Ed Hershberger** will lead the hike.

Saturday, September 27th. Lake Serene. This is an easy to moderate hike of 4.5 miles RT with a 520 foot elevation gain. Hike leader is **Marlin Jones**.