

SISKIYOU WANDERERS

No. 117

Fall 2013

October – December

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn" Elizabeth Lawrence



Summer Reflections Statue Lake (07-04-13)



Thirteen hikers enjoyed the diversity of the conifer forest and lush meadows of the Sisson Callahan Trail (07-11-13)



At Sky High Lake w/visiting Wanderer Ted Albert (07-25-13)

Wanderers Go Camping

This years annual campout was on the Oregon Coast. Attendees were Pam Wegley, Donna Costner & Michael Roesch, the Krauses, the Friends, the Mamedalins, the Starks and the Harts. Activities included exploring the dunes at Eel Creek and Horsfalls, Kayaking at Lake Tahkenich and TenMile Lake, visiting the Hart's boat access only cabin at TenMile Lake, nightly campfires with yummy hors d'oeuvres and lively conversations, and Sunday's pancake breakfast with huckleberries picked right there at the campground. Fun time!



Pam giving Henry a drink (yes it's water!)



John Dellenback Dunes Trail to the beach (09-12-13)



Smiling hikers escaped the smoke and enjoyed a refreshing afternoon at Tangle Blue Lake. Afterward we took rootbeer floats to John Lyon's PCTA work crew camped at Scott Summit. (08-08-13)



Eleven hikers experienced the splendor of Bear Lake in the Trinity Alps. Only Dave ventured on to Little Bear and picturesque Wee Bear Lake, shown above (08-22-13)



Fifteen hikers pause in the meadow where we saw many gentians along the unmarked route to Bluff Lake. A small group also went on to High Camp Pass. (08-29-13)

Time to Pass the Quill . . . My term as scribe is up with this last schedule/newsletter. I would like to thank all of you for your encouragement, guidance and support these past three years. Your friendship has made a lasting mark on my heart. Thank you. A new scribe is still needed – please inquire!!

Cooler Days, Longer Nights – Yep, It's Soup Season

The Infamous Zandona Minestrone Soup Recipe

- ¼ cup butter or margarine
- 1 – 10oz package frozen peas (thawed)
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup diced onions
- 1 Tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 tsp basil
- 1 – 28oz can Italian tomatoes
- 4 – 14oz cans of chicken broth
- 2 – 16oz cans of kidney beans
- 1 cup shredded cabbage
- ½ pound sliced zucchini
- ½ package spaghetti, broken in small pieces
- salt and grated Parmesan cheese to taste

One hour before serving: In large pot over medium heat cook peas and next 5 ingredients in butter or margarine for 10 minutes. Stir in next 6 ingredients, cook 20 minutes or until pasta is tender. Salt to taste, serve with cheese. Enjoy!
Makes approximately 16 cups

A big THANK YOU to Nancy & Rolf for the surprise icecream social after the Lake Siskiyou Hike on July 18th. And also to Lynne & John for the hot pulled pork sandwiches and fixings after the Clear Creek hike on Sept 26th

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Legend to the Schedule:

AD: Approximate round trip distance

THE: Trailhead elevation

AEG: Approximate elevation gain

PMP: Principal meeting place

T: Meeting time at PMP

Oct 3: Seven Lakes Basin: A spectacular hike along the PCT from Gumboot to several lovely lakes. Panoramic views possible if the weather is good.

AD: 7-8 miles **THE:** 6460' **AEG:** 1120' **PMP:** Mt Shasta **T:** 9:00 am.

Oct 10: Kelsey Creek/Maple Falls: We'll be searching out fall colors in the big leaf maples and dogwoods along this favorite trail in the Marble Mountains.

AD: 8 miles **THE:** 2500' **AEG:** 1900 **PMP:** Yreka Mall **T:** 9:00 am.

Oct 17: Porcupine Lake & Toad Lake: Again we start from Gumboot this time hiking north on the PCT to visit these two beauties on our last lake hike of the 2013 season

AD: 11 miles **THE:** 6600' **AEG:** 1200' **PMP:** Mt Shasta Fish Hatchery **T:** 9:00 am

Oct 24: PCT near Mt Ashland: We'll hike the PCT west of I-5 near Mt Ashland and the Siskiyou Summit until we get hungry, have our lunches and enjoy the fresh mountain air.

AD: 7-8 miles **THE:** 4100' **AEG:** 1000' **PMP:** Yreka Mall **T:** 9:00 am

Oct 31: Kettlebelly Ridge: Neal has offered to lead us through the spooky forest near Castle Craggs; beginning on the PCT at Soda Creek and looping back on the Kettlebelly Ridge trail. Afterward we'll stop in at the Dogwood Diner or Dunsmuir Brewery for refreshments . Costumes optional!

AD: 5-7 miles **THE:** 2170' **AVG:** 100-1200' **PMP:** Mt Shasta Fish Hatchery **T:** 9:00 am

Nov 7: Butte Valley Wildlife Area: Virginia has invited us up to the beautiful Butte Valley for a trek around her neighborhood. Meiss Lake is currently pretty dry, but a walk around the valleys edge is quite pretty!

Afterward we'll have a potluck at Virginia & Greg's house. **bring binoculars for migratory birds**

AD: 7-8 miles **THE:** 4100' **AEG:** 100 **PMP:** A12/Hwy 97 **T:** 9:00am

Nov 14: Cabin Creek (Squaw Creek): There should be lots of fall color along this creek side loop trail; vinemaples, dogwoods and oaks and poison oak are all possible.

AD: 11 miles **THE:** 2600' **AEG:** 2000' **PMP:** Mt Shasta Fish Hatchery **T:** 9:00 am.

Nov 21: Herd Peak Lookout: This road hike offers fine views of the Shasta Valley and beyond.

AD: 7 miles **THE:** 6100' **AEG:** 1000 **PMP:** A12/Hwy 97 **T:** 9:00 am

Nov 28: Happy Thanksgiving!!

Dec 5: Deadwood: A nice road hike up along Clear Creek in the Scott Valley Area. We start hiking just above Deadwood Camp going east up Soap Creek Ridge. I hear there are nice views of the Scott Valley from the higher elevations.

AD: 6-7 miles **THE:** 3025' **AEG:** 1560' **PMP:** Yreka Mall **T:** 9:00 am.

Dec 12: Hayden Ridge: A scenic hike up a public road that goes through a private hunting preserve/ranch located between Callahan & Gazelle. Pleasant valley views from the ridge. It could be muddy.

AD: 7-8 miles **THE:** 3510' **AEG:** 1830' **PMP:** Gazelle Grange **T:** 9:00 am

Dec 19: Dillard Canyon: Explore an approach via the McBride Plantation to an overlook, or more accurately an 'uplook' of Dillard Canyon on Shastina. We will drive as close as roads conditions permit then hike along 4WD trails. Bring a snack for the trail, but save your appetite for a no-host lunch in Mt Shasta.

AD: 6 miles **THE:** 5600' **AEG:** 1600' **PMP:** Mt Shasta Fish Hatchery **T:** 9:00 am.

Dec 26: Happy Kwanza! Happy Boxing Day!

The Siskiyou Wanderer's scribe is always looking for suggestions by its members of possible hikes and outings to add to the schedule. Also, if anyone wants to host a post-hike food gathering, such as a potluck or an impromptu, this would be great also! Please contact:

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TIME TO FALL BACK

We're back to our regular meeting time of 9:00 am.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 3rd

Table 1: Distances between carpool points and meeting places in minutes. Subtract the number of minutes in the table from the meeting time at the principal meeting place. Do not wait past that time at the intermediate carpool point before proceeding to the principal meeting place. Car pooling is encouraged!

	Principal Meeting Place								
Car Pool from	Fish Hatchery	Edgewood junction	A12 / Hwy97	Gazelle Grange	Callahan Grange	Etna/Bob's Ranch House	Greenview	Meamber	Yreka
Fish Hatchery	-	15	26	22	55	68	61	65	35
Edgewood		-	16	9	42	58	46	51	23
A12/Hwy97			-	25	58	69	62	69	37
Gazelle Grange				-	33	50	56	56	26
Callahan					-	16	24	40	60
Bob's Ranch House						-	10	30	40
Greenview Grange							-	18	25
Meamber								-	40
Yreka									-

Gas Matters

With the high price of gas and the even higher price it has on the environment Carpooling is highly recommended. The nifty chart above list common carpooling points, or coordinate with other Wanderer's who live near you to take turns driving. No Wanderer's live near you? Recruit some new ones!! It has been suggested that carpoolers offer a nominal sum of \$2-\$3 to the driver, but most just take turns driving.

Responsibility Statement: Many of our trips are hazardous. Trails are sometimes rough and rocky, and streams often require fording or crossing on logs. We may traverse steep slopes or go cross-county. Hazards exist from ticks, rattlesnakes, bears, scorpions, poison oak, giardia, falling rocks, or many other possible dangers. You are responsible for assessing your own physical condition and ability, preferably with a doctor's consultation. You must provided yourself with proper footwear and equipment, as well as water, food, medication, and first aid equipment. In case of a forced overnight stay, you should have matches, warm clothing, a flashlight, and emergency rations. In case of a serious injury, a prolonged rescue may be involved, with commensurate expenses. You are solely responsible for any actions or decisions in participating with our group. The Siskiyou Wanderers is a group of individuals interested in hiking, skiing, boating, biking and camping who have no formal organization, no officers, and no meetings. This hiking schedule is the only regular communication, and it is written by a volunteer, who does so for a limited time, before dumping the burden on another poor hiker.