

OTHG 2015 Monday Hikes

May 10, 2015

Welcome to the 2015 OTHG Hiking Season! Following is a list of suggested OTHG Monday hikes. The list is tentative and may change due to weather or the desire of the hikers on any given day. You do not need to sign up — **Everyone is welcome! — just show up at the Safeway parking lot at least 10 minutes before the designated departure time.** (Don't be late, because the group leaves promptly.) These Monday hikes (with the exception of the July 6 hike to Harrison Creek and the June 22 hike to Coulton Creek) are unguided hikes which means we meet at Safeway, count heads, make sure everyone has a ride to the trailhead and once at the trailhead sub-groups tend to then hike at various paces. We just want to make sure that everyone returns to Safeway.

Be sure to bring a lunch and plenty of water. Many of these hikes offer good turn-around places, so you don't have to do the full hike. ***Please note: all return times, miles and elevations are approximate. Detailed information about each hike can be found in HIKING THE 'BOAT II.

Please note: dogs are welcome however we have included a note if the hike might not be appropriate for dogs due to lack of water or scary crossings! If you do bring your dog, please make sure he/she is respectful of the other hikers and accustomed to being around a group of people and other dogs.

If you would like to be REMOVED from the MONDAY HIKE EMAIL LIST or if your contact information has changed, please email your name, preferred email address, and contact phone number to Karen Pharris at kaliwags@comcast.net. If you are not an OTHG member and would like to join us for a hike or two before joining the OTHG you are more than welcome to do so. Membership applications are available on line at www.ssothg.org. You will be removed from the emailing list if you are not an OTHG member.

Page numbers refer to descriptions of the hikes in HIKING THE 'BOAT II by Diane White-Crane

Date	Hike	Depart	Return	Distance (RT)	Climb
6/1/2015	Uranium Mine p. 47	9:00	12:00	3-4 miles	800 ft.
6/8/2015	Strawberry Park Hot Springs p. 66	9:00	1:00	6 miles	1100 ft.
6/15/2015	Fish Creek to Upper Falls p. 40	9:00	1:00	5 miles	1160 ft.
6/22/2015 Mary O'Brien, a local herbalist, will take us on a medicinal plant hunting hike along Coulton Creek.	Coulton Creek p. 207	9:00	2:00	? miles A slower paced hike to stop and learn about berries, herbs, etc. No dogs, please.	1000 ft
6/29/2015	Windy Ridge p. 111	9:00	2:00	6 miles No water, possible mud hole for dogs.	1000 ft

7/6/2015 Naturalist Karen Vail from Yampatika will lead us to a meadow with what should be spectacular wildflowers this year.	Harrison Creek off of Rabbit Ears Pass	9:00	2:00	We will go as far as the group wants then turn around. ***Bring wading shoes in case we have to cross the stream. No dogs, please.	A strenuous, steep down to cross a stream (water shoes not a bad idea) then a steady climb up towards a ridge.
7/13/2015	Hinman Lake and View p. 209	8:30	2:00	6 miles to boulder field	800 ft
7/20/2015	Mica Lake (Zirkels) p.233	8:30	2:30	8 miles	1900 ft.
7/27/2015	Sheriff Reservoir to near Pyramid Peak (Flat Tops) p. 133	8:30	2:30	6 miles	1200 ft.

8/3/2015	Rabbit Ears p. 104	8:30	1:00	6 miles No water for dogs.	1050 ft.
8/10/2015	Hooper/Keener Lakes (Flat Tops) p. 155	8:30	2:30	6 miles	1000 ft.
8/17/2015	Silver Creek from East off Buffalo Park Road p. 117	8:30	2:30	8 miles	1000 ft.
8/24/2015	Three Island Lake (Zirkels) p. 223	8:30	2:30	7 miles	1500 ft
8/31/2015	Mandall Lakes (Flat Tops) p. 151	8:30	4:30	10 miles	2100 ft

9/7/2015	OTHG Labor Day Picnic	The Ranch Time TBA			
9/14/2015	Gilpin Loop or Gilpin Lake or Gold Lake (Zirkels) p. 236-242	8:30	4:00 3:00 3:00	11 miles 9 miles 9 miles	2700 ft 2000 ft. 2000 ft.
9/21/2015	Devil's Causeway Loop or Causeway (Flat Tops) p. 160	8:30	3:30	10.5 miles 6 miles Crossing could freak out dogs and people!	1400 ft
9/28/2015	Fish Creek to Long Lake p. 41	8:30	4:00	12 miles	2440 ft.

Subsequent informal hikes will continue on Monday, weather permitting, with planning by those who show up.