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Outing Guide is available on www.chemeketans.org (click on Annual Outing link)

Introduction

Important Dates:

Truck Loading Thursday July 28 at 6:30 p.m. Bridge's Storage 4370 Silverton Rd NE (2 blocks east of Lancaster)
Truck Unloading Sunday August 14 at 6:30 p.m.

The Chemeketan Annual Outing is a two-week cooperative camping adventure featuring daily hikes and other activities. The Annual Outing has been a Chemeketan tradition since 1929, the year after the club's formation. It has been a signature event every year except for 1941-44 during WWII and 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Outing is intended to provide a maximum of outdoor recreation possibilities at a minimum of cost and camp chores. Cooks and pots and pans washers are hired to do the most time-consuming jobs. Other duties are shared by participants.

This year's Outing is at Diamond Lake in southern Oregon. The location offers hiking, biking, boating, and fishing on the upper Rogue River, the Upper North Umpqua River, Mt. Thielsen, and Diamond Lake itself - and the camp is less than a 30-minute drive to Crater Lake Rim via the north Park entrance. The Pacific Crest Trail, which skirts the west side of Mt. Thielsen, passes within three miles of the campsite. Previous Annual Outings were held at Diamond Lake in 1939, 1997 and 2006.

Campsite: Broken Arrow Group Camp lies at 5,190 feet on a short rise about ¼ mile from Diamond Lake's southern edge. It is a U.S. Forest Service (USFS) campground. We have reserved Loops K, M, N. The campsite is flat with pumice soil and scattered lodgepole pine. There are flush toilets and showers. No electricity. The site will accommodate some RVs on paved spurs and does have an RV dump station but no RV hookups.

Two of the campsite loops (K & M) will be available on Friday, July 29 for first week campers who wish to arrive early. No meals are provided until dinner on Saturday July 30.

The camp is about four miles from services at Diamond Lake Resort (more below). The 12-mile around-the-lake bike loop runs along the campground and there is a nearby boat ramp. Interpretive programs are provided at the amphitheater at nearby Diamond Lake Campground.

We recommend carpooling because of limited parking.

Getting there:

Via Willamette Pass: The campsite is 192 miles from Salem, the drive taking about 3 ½ hours via Willamette Pass (Hwy 58). From southbound I-5 take exit 188 (south of Eugene) for Hwy 58 eastbound toward Oakridge. Take Hwy 58 for 86 miles to merge with US 97 south. Stay on 97 for 18 miles then take OR 138 west for 22 miles to a left on OR 230 for a short distance and then

a right on NF 6592 for less than a mile then left on NF 4795 (following signs to South Shore Picnic Area and Broken Arrow Campground).

North Umpqua River route: A slightly longer route takes you to Diamond Lake on Hwy 138 east from Roseburg through Glide along the North Umpqua (215 miles – 3 hours 45 min). This route is designated the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway.

Diamond Lake

Diamond Lake is 3.5 miles long and lies at 5,183 feet elevation between Mt. Thielsen at 9,184 feet and Mt. Bailey at 8,368 feet. The lake's deepest point is 55 feet, but it only averages 20 feet. The Diamond Lake basin held an ice age glacier – but it was a lake at the time of Mt Mazama's eruption. The lake is a popular summer and winter destination. There are private cabins on the west side of the lake as well as Thielsen View campground (USFS). A third USFS campground lies on the east shore. Diamond Lake lies within Douglas County and the Umpqua National Forest. At the north end of the lake is Diamond Lake Resort with a lodge, cabins, restaurant, gas station, marina, stables, and camp store.

Non-Hiking Activities

Boating

A boat ramp and dock are located near our campsite and at other spots around the lake

Diamond Lake Resort Marina rentals (north end of the lake)

Kayaks, 16 and 18-foot aluminum boats, 24-foot pontoon patio boat, paddle boats

Charter fishing and boat tours – call Diamond Lake Resort 541-793-3333 ext. 5

Scenic lake tours available for 4 to 6 guests - \$20 per person

Biking

Enjoy a 12-mile paved trail around Diamond Lake as well as bikeable roads and bike trails.

Mountain bike rentals at Diamond Lake Resort Marina \$30 for 4 hours - call 541-793-3337

Horseback Riding

Diamond Lake Corrals - guided horseback rides are available – call 541-793-3337

Fishing

Rogue River – Salmon, Steelhead and trout fishing are legendary on the upper Rogue. Options run from drift boat charters available out of Shady Cove to bank fishing at Casey State Park.

Diamond Lake – a very popular fishing destination, Diamond Lake is stocked with rainbow trout as well as catch and release Tiger and Brown Trout. Bank anglers fish near Lake Creek and throughout the campgrounds. The best boat fishing according to ODFW is on the south end of the lake near Silent Creek and on the north end in its deeper waters.

Lemolo Lake – Rainbow Trout and Kokanee Salmon

Up-to-date fishing information from ODFW:

Diamond Lake: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/local_fisheries/diamond_lake/index.asp

Southwest Oregon: <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/southwest-zone>

Crater Lake National Park

Crater Lake was designated as a National Park in 1902 (120 years ago!), the fourth National Park after Yellowstone (1872), Yosemite (1890), and Rainier (1899). Crater Lake lies in the caldera formed by the eruption of Mt. Mazama. Former Mt. Mazama's maximum height was 12,000 feet and it was built up as overlapping shield and stratovolcanoes for 400,000 years. According to the US Geological Survey more explosive eruptions began about 30,000 years ago and the largest occurred 7,700 years ago. It was the largest Cascades explosive eruption in the past 1 million years. Over time the caldera filled with rain and snow melt. Crater Lake's level is a balance of precipitation, seepage, and evaporation. It has no inlet or outlet.

Crater Lake is the deepest lake in the United States (300 feet deeper than Lake Tahoe). Exacting bathymetry in 2000 determined Crater Lake's maximum depth at 1,949 ft (594 meters). The lake is six miles across at its widest point.

Entrance Fee: Entrance to Crater Lake National Park requires a weekly \$30 per-vehicle pass that can be purchased at park entrances or at: <https://www.recreation.gov/sitepass/2647>. A lifetime Federal Senior Pass (now \$80 for persons 62 and older) is also good for the entire vehicle. An annual Senior Pass is also now available for \$20 per year. The Senior passes can be purchased online at: <https://store.usgs.gov/senior-pass>

Park Information: 541-594-3000

Park Ranger Station: 541-594-3060

Rim Drive and Visitor Stops

The famous Crater Lake Rim Drive is a 33-mile loop with scenic pullouts that takes 2.5 to 3 hours to drive (a fair amount of up and down with a maximum elevation 8,000 feet). Trails to several peaks on the rim are covered in the Hiking Guide section. Tourist facilities are on the rim at the south side of the lake:

The Rim Visitor Center – restaurant, displays, gift shop and views!

Historic Crater Lake Lodge - opened in 1915 and extensively renovated in 1995

Sinnot Memorial Overlook – outdoor exhibits and viewpoints

The Steel Visitor Center scheduled to be closed through 2022 for renovation

Birds

Audubon Birds of Crater Lake list (with photos)

<https://www.audubon.org/climate/national-parks/crater-lake-national-park>

Wildflowers of the Park – organized by color

<https://www.nps.gov/crla/learn/nature/wildflowers.htm>

Other Scenic Drives

- The 172-mile Rogue Umpqua Scenic Byway (Highway 138) north of Diamond Lake
- The 62-mile drive south to Shady Cove along the Upper Rogue River

Amenities

Propane - Diamond Lake Resort

Auto Gas - Diamond Lake Resort
Groceries – Diamond Lake Resort Camp Store

Prospect is 38 miles south on Hwy 62

Prospect Store - general store and hardware – 500 Mill Creek Drive [\(541\) 560-3655](tel:5415603655)

Gasoline – 540 Mill Creek Drive

Shady Cove is 62 miles south on Hwy 62

Grocery - Shady Cove Market - 22111 Hwy 62

Hardware - Shady Cove Hardware – 21103 Hwy 62

Gasoline – several stations along Hwy 62

Laundromat – Speed Queen Coin Laundry on Hwy 62

Cell Phone – WiFi

Cell phone coverage varies by carrier – Verizon good, ATT not reliable

No WiFi at Diamond Lake Lodge

Restaurants

Diamond Lake Resort Café, separate bar

South Shore Pizza – just a mile north of camp

Becky's (known for homemade pie) - Union Creek – HWY 62 – 26 miles south of camp

Driving Destinations (south)

Union Creek (26 miles) cabins, café, Rogue River natural bridge short hike

Prospect Area (38 miles)

Mill Creek Falls – 173-foot falls - viewpoint on the old highway (Mill Creek Drive)

Historic Prospect Hotel – Mill Creek Drive in Prospect

Avenue of the Giant Boulders – short trail to the Rogue from Mill Creek Drive

Lost Creek Dam and Reservoir (50 miles) on Upper Rogue River

Stewart State Park (47 miles) on Lost Creek Reservoir - camping, day use areas, marina

Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery (52 miles) a federal salmon and steelhead hatchery built in 1976 when the construction of Lost Creek Dam blocked fish passage to spawning areas of the Upper Rogue. Has observation deck overlooking a collection pond and adult holding ponds. A viewing room overlooks the spawning area. Display ponds.

Casey State Park on the Rogue (51 miles) day use, picnic, boat launch, fishing.

Driving Destinations (north)

Lemolo Lake (17 miles)

Fishing, camping, kayaking, day use area, resort (KOA), kayak and fishing boat rentals

Toketee Falls (25 miles) – trail

Umpqua National Forest

Diamond Lake Ranger District – Toketee Ranger Station - 20 miles north of Diamond Lake

2020 Toketee-Rigdon Rd, Idleyld Park 541-498-2531

North Umpqua Ranger District – 70 miles northwest

18782 North Umpqua Hwy, Glide 541-496-3532

Diamond Lake Visitor information – USFS - Diamond Lake campground 541-793-3310

Rogue River National Forest

High Cascades Ranger District - Prospect Ranger Station – 38 miles south of camp
47201 Hwy 62, Prospect 541-560-3400

Emergencies Call 911

Search and Rescue

Douglas County Sheriff, 1036 SE Douglas Avenue
Roseburg **541-440-4448 search and rescue**, 541-440-4470 general
Prospect Search and Rescue – Jackson County Sheriff (Central Point)

Prospect Rural Fire Protection District (Jackson County)

276 Mill Creek Drive Prospect **541-560-3309** (non-emergency #)

Camp Procedures

Note: Any change in procedures due to Covid-19 will be announced in Camp.

Meals: A hot breakfast and dinner and a brown bag lunch, including vegetarian entries, will be provided from the first Saturday (July 30) dinner through the last Saturday (August 13) lunch. Dishes and utensils are provided. Backpackers are responsible for their own food while away from camp. No reduction in rates is made for campers who substitute their own food items, or for meals not taken. You may return for seconds after all other campers have been served, including the cooks and servers.

Breakfast is served at 7:00 am. Coffee and other hot drinks will be available earlier in the dining area. When the breakfast line starts, campers enter the dining tent and pick up tray, utensils, etc. and proceed through the serving line. Servers will fill your tray per your request.

Dinner is served at 6:00 pm. The procedure is identical to breakfast. If you will be late for dinner, consider a restaurant or make other arrangements.

Lunch is self-prepared from a variety of foods set out on tables near the dining tent before breakfast. Lunch food will be in place at 6:15 am and removed at 6:45 am. Lunch workers make their own lunches prior to opening the line. You are welcome to take whatever you need, but please take only what you need. Chemeketans practice conservation by reusing baggies and paper sacks as practical. Campers are also encouraged to bring reusable lunch containers.

If a group of you plan to miss a meal, please let the cooks know.

Please do not enter the kitchen unless you are working there or on legitimate business.

Hand washing: To prevent contamination and food related illnesses, **wash your hands thoroughly with soap** prior to entering the food tent or making a lunch. Ensure that children's hands are washed. Use the provided utensils when taking food - do not put fingers in containers. Hand washing stations will be conveniently located. Water from the hand wash stations should not be used for drinking.

Dishwashing: After eating, go to the dishwashing area outside. Scrape your own tray as clean as possible into the garbage cans using the provided scrapers and your napkin. Wash your dishes and utensils. The dishwashing crew will do a second wash, then rinse, sterilize, dry and return items for reuse. You may wash a personal item but should not send it through the sterilizer.

Personal trash: Campers may generally dispose of their trash in camp garbage cans but should take any cans and bottles with them. Do not leave them for the camp to deal with.

Campfire Meetings: Each evening at 7:30 there will be a campfire meeting. (Conditions will dictate if we can have an actual fire.) The purpose of this meeting is to relate important information and to report on hikes and activities. Attendance is strongly advised. On occasion, entertainment, informational presentations or sing-alongs will be offered. The meeting ends with the singing of Taps.

Camp Set-up and Take-down: It is essential to the smooth operation of camp that all campers fulfill their assigned duties AND help set up or dismantle the camp. First week campers should arrive on Saturday, July 30 early enough to help set up camp. Set up will start by 9 am. Two of the group sites (K & M) will be available on Friday afternoon, July 29, for those who wish to arrive early. Second week campers may arrive after breakfast on Saturday, August 6. Camp take-down will start on Friday evening, August 12 and continue with truck loading on Saturday morning. All second week campers are expected to remain in camp on the last day to help with the take-down until the truck is loaded which is usually completed well before noon.

Pets: Dogs or other family pets are not allowed at the Outing.

Campers are expected to bring their own camping equipment and supplies.

Suggested Equipment List

Tent	Day Pack/essentials/first aid	Juice/water bottles
Sleeping bag	Insect repellent	Coffee cup
Air mattress or pad	Sunglasses	Toiletries
Pillow	Sun block	Soap, towel
Clothes for range of conditions	Flash light/batteries	Small bucket/ dishpan
Hiking boots	Camera	Clothesline, pins
Rain gear	Maps/compass	Camp chair
Swim suit	Lunch container	Alarm clock
Water container 3-5 gallon	Binoculars	Solar shower bag/tent

Camp Duties

The Outing is a cooperative enterprise. Participants share duties such as dishwashing, food serving, lunch prep and sanitation. Duties are assigned prior to camp and posted in the activity pavilion. Please check your assigned duties shortly after arriving at camp, because your duties may start with the first meal. If you are going to arrive for camp late or leave early, be sure to indicate on your registration form or notify the Outing Chair or Governor. Camp duties are described below. If you have questions, ask the Governor.

Campfire Setup: If fires are permitted, make sure enough wood is by the fire ring for the evening campfire. Have two buckets of water and a shovel nearby. Light the fire early and keep it going. Extinguish the fire after the group has disbanded. Weather conditions or local restrictions may restrict fires, check with the Governor.

Dishwashing: Six people are normally assigned to this duty per meal. Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes and use the provided water-proof gloves and aprons. An experienced person (the first person on the duty roster) is designated as leader. The lead dishwasher will be responsible for organizing the shift and ensuring that the job is properly completed. Dishwashers eat first (go to the front of the serving line) and should be on duty as soon as any campers finish eating. Staff will fill the wash and rinse pans with hot water and soap. The water will be changed when it becomes too dirty or cool. Freshly washed dishes are stacked in the sterilizer basket, immersed in the sterilizer boiler for one minute and emptied onto the drying table. After the dishes have air dried, they are packed into the plastic storage bins and returned to the dining area. The utensils are rinsed in a bucket and sorted into their carriers, handles up. The carriers are then placed in the sterilizer for one minute, removed to air dry and returned to the dining area. When all dishes have been washed, empty the dish and rinse water into the designated area, rinse the basins and place them upside down on the dishwashing tables. Staff will dismiss the crew.

Pots and Pans: Pots and pans washers also go to the head of the meal line and after eating report to the staff for directions. Staff is responsible for the propane water heater and sterilizers.

Janitor: The two persons assigned to janitor duty clean and restock the toilets and hand wash stations. They keep a supply of toilet tissue in each toilet and keep them clean and free of litter. They sweep the floor, wipe the seats with disinfectant wipes, and empty the trash as needed, preferably when demand is low.

Servers: This is a before and after meal duty. Breakfast and dinner servers report to the dining tent for duty a half hour before the meal. They wipe down all tables and place napkins, condiments and other necessary items on the tables. They assist the cooks as needed and serve the food, listening to campers' requests to avoid waste. Servers eat after serving the campers. After eating, servers wipe down the tables again, take containers to pots and pans washers, and help put away food. The first person listed on the duty roster will be responsible for organizing the shift and ensuring that the job is properly completed. *Try to ask this crew leader questions before asking the cooks who are busy finalizing the meal.*

Evening Lunch Prep: Evening lunch duty people go to the head of the dinner line. After eating, report to the lunch truck to prepare food for the following day's lunch. Follow the lunch supervisor's directions. Directions are also posted on the wall of the truck. Take all dirty dishes and utensils to the pots and pans wash area.

Morning Lunch Prep: Morning lunch duty people report to the lunch truck at 6:00 a.m. Wipe down the lunch tables. Follow the lunch supervisor's directions for stocking the tables with food, drinks and supplies. Morning lunch prep personnel make their own lunches prior to opening the line at 6:15. Watch the tables and keep them replenished. Combine remaining food onto one table when the lunch line begins to thin out. At 6:45 remove the remaining food from the tables and store it properly in the truck. Take all dirty dishes to the pots and pans wash area and wipe down the tables.

Garbage and Recycling: This is a two-part duty - both morning and evening. After meals, empty the garbage cans in the kitchen, dining, and washing areas. Twist the bags closed and transport them to the dumpster as needed. Place fresh bags in the garbage cans. Break down cardboard boxes, remove the bottoms from cans and flatten them, then place all in the designated recycle area. Check with the cook or food chair for additional duties.

For questions contact:

Outing Chair: Ken Ash kenash76@yahoo.com 503-507-7844

Outing Treasurer: Susan DeLaune sdeLaune2@gmail.com 503-378-1456

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Other Outing Committee members:

Food Coordinators: Zsa DuBois and Katie Nelson

Lunches: Mary Coleman and Elly Collier

Outing Guide: Roz Shirack

Duty Roster: Carol Doolittle, Ann Hanus

Janet Adkins, George Adkins, Ruth Braun, John Eibert, Ric LaTour, Mary Liepins, Sam Litke, Bill Nelson

Hiking Guide

The purpose of this Hiking Guide is to provide a brief description of the best hikes in the area and driving directions to trailheads. **It does not replace the need for a map and compass to navigate the trails.**

How to Sign-Up for Hikes: Hikes planned for each day are listed on sign-up sheets in the Hikes Notebook at the Activity Table. Hikers are welcome to sign-up for any hike that they are able to complete. If you have questions, check with the listed hike leader.

Each trip should have a designated hike leader and a minimum of three people total (for safety). Anyone can take responsibility for being a hike leader and start a sign-up sheet for a hike. At the Outing hike leaders are not expected to be familiar with the trails. All hikers are responsible for their own safety and knowing where they are on the trail.

Hike leaders should describe the trip on the sign-up sheet in enough detail that we can find you in the event you don't show up for dinner. If you plan to return late, please note that on the sign-up sheet and let the cooks know you and the group will miss dinner. Hike leaders: please leave some space on your sign-up sheet for new hikers. When a group returns from a hike, it is each person's responsibility to **sign back in**.

There will be maps and guidebooks at the Activity Table for reference to help you plan your hike. Please leave these reference materials at the table. Tip: take photos of the guidebook narrative and map to use during your hike.

Hikes in designated Wilderness are limited to 12 people. Trip leaders are asked to limit all hikes to 12 people whether or not they enter a designated Wilderness.

What to Take: Hikers should wear footwear appropriate to the trail conditions. High top boots are advised. Waterproof boots are advised for hiking across low streams and in snow. Wear or carry appropriate clothing including a warm jacket and rain gear. Carry food, water, a map, compass, flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries, lighter or matches in a waterproof container, solar blanket and/or ground insulation, insect repellent, mosquito head net, sunscreen, first aid kit, pocket knife, and whistle.

References:

Sullivan, William. 100 Hikes Southern Oregon & Northern California, Navillus Press, 2021.
Schaffer, Jeffrey. Crater Lake National Park and Vicinity, Wilderness Press, 1992.

Maps:

Boulder Creek Wilderness, Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness, Mount Thielsen Wilderness, Oregon Cascades Recreation Area, US Forest Service, 2009 or most recent.
Umpqua National Forest Map, US Forest Service. This map shows forest service roads and highways in the Umpqua National Forest but is not adequate for navigating trails.

In Salem Cooke's Stationary and Salem Summit may have maps of the area or could order them. Maps can also be ordered through the U. S. Forest Service website. Free USGS Quad maps and topo maps are available for printing at: http://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/rastergateway/states-regions/regions_zoom.php?regionID=r6 and www.digital-topo-maps.com

Trail information:

Diamond Lake Ranger District trails: 541-498-2531

North Umpqua Ranger District trails: 541-496-3532

Permits: A Northwest Forest Pass or equivalent is required at many of the trailheads and recreation sites on Forest Service land. Watch for trailhead postings for this requirement. People age 62 or over can use their Federal Senior Pass in lieu of the Northwest Forest Pass.

A free, self-issue permit available at the trailhead is required for hiking into designated wilderness areas. Please fill out a permit for your wilderness hikes. It helps the Forest Service manage the public land and it helps us find you if you go missing.

Trail etiquette: Uphill hikers have the right of way when two or more hikers meet on a trail. If possible, move off the trail when yielding the right of way. A hiker should yield to bicycles, horses, and other less mobile users. When yielding to horses step off the trail on the downhill side, if possible.

Hike Organization: This Hiking Guide is organized by geographic area (e.g., Diamond Lake, Crater Lake). Many trails offer a range of hikes from easy to hard, depending on how far you want to go. Even if you want an easy hike, read the descriptions of the harder hikes to see if there is a nice lake or other point of interest along the way that can be reached on an easier hike.

Most of the hikes are described as out and back hikes or loops. There are many more options for longer loops, shuttles, or cross-key hikes you can plan by checking your map.

Driving distances to trailheads are estimates and reported as one-way.

Hike Ratings: Hikes are rated as easy, medium, or hard, and are generally defined as:

Easy: up to 5 miles roundtrip and 1,000 feet of gain.

Medium: up to 10 miles roundtrip and 2,000 feet of gain.

Hard: up to 15 miles roundtrip and 3,000 feet or more of gain.

Diamond Lake

1. Diamond Lake Loop Trail (Dellenback Trail)

Easy to Hard

Hiking Distance: Easy 4 miles RT to Silent Spring; medium 7.6 miles RT to Diamond Lake Lodge; hard 11.5 miles paved trail around Diamond Lake

Elev. Gain: 100 ft.

Driving Distance: none

The 11.5-mile paved Dellenback Trail around Diamond Lake goes right by our Broken Arrow Campground. You can walk or bicycle this trail. For a 7.6 mile RT hike follow this trail along the east shore of the Lake for 3.8 miles to the Diamond Lake Lodge for a treat.

For a quieter 4 mile walk from our campground, cross the paved Diamond Lake Shore Rd and continue to the unpaved trail. Turn left (west) for about .5 mile. Turn left onto a spur trail that goes to tiny Teal Lake and Horse Lake, which may be more like lily pad ponds in August. Return to the main trail and continue a short ways to Silent Creek. Turn left onto Silent Creek Trail for 1.4 miles through forest and a wildflower meadow to several springs that create Silent Creek.

2. Mount Bailey

Hard

Hiking Distance: 9.8 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 3,130 ft.

Driving Distance: 1.4 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From our campground turn left onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for 1.2 miles, crossing Silent Creek. Turn left onto dirt road 300 for .4 mile to the trailhead parking area. Look for the trailhead sign on the right.

A moderate to steep climb takes you to the summit where you will find alpine wildflowers and views of over 100 miles in all directions. A crater below the summit was left by the mountain's last eruption about 12,000 years ago. Like all mountains within about 30 miles of ancient Mt. Mazama, the slopes of Mt. Bailey are covered in pumice from Mazama's several eruptions. The trail first climbs through mixed forest for 1.6 miles to the first view of Diamond Lake. Look for the side trail on the right to a rocky knoll for a better view. The main trail soon passes Hemlock Cabin on the left, which is open to the public. At the 2.2 mile mark the trail crosses a rough dirt road, which some high clearance vehicles use for an upper trailhead. Then the trail steepens and reaches a ridgecrest with views across Diamond Lake to Mt. Thielsen and south to Mt. Scott on Crater Lake's Rim. The trail crosses lava rock gardens of wildflowers and passes the "recent" crater soon before reaching the south summit at 8,140 ft. The trail continues across a saddle and along the top of a scree slope before climbing steeply to the true summit at 8,368 ft. Do not attempt this hike if thunderstorms are in the forecast.

3. Mount Thielsen **Hard**

Hiking Distance: 10 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 3,700 ft.

Driving Distance: 3 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From our campground turn right onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for .6 mile. Turn right onto FS Rd 6592 for .7 mile. Turn left onto OR Rd 230 for .2 mile. Turn left onto Hwy 138 for 1.5 mile to the trailhead on the right.

The trail gradually climbs an open-forest ridge for about 1 mile and then enters the Mt. Thielsen Wilderness. After 3.8 miles it reaches the PCT. The official trail ends here, but a climbers' trail continues straight ahead up the ridgeline. Diamond Peak and the Three Sisters are seen to the north. To the south is Crater Lake's rim of peaks. To the west is Mt. Bailey and Diamond Lake. After 1.2 miles the climbers' trail becomes faint and veers to the right across the scree slope to reach a ledge at the base of the summit spire at 9,100 ft. The summit is another 80 ft straight up and requires climbing gear and skills for safety. Do not attempt the summit.

4. Thielsen Creek and Meadow **Medium-Hard**

Hiking Distance: 11.4 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 1,650 ft.

Driving Distance: 4.1 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From our campground turn right onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for .6 mile. Turn left to stay on Rd 4795 for 3.4 miles. Turn right onto Corral Rd for 30 yards. Turn left for 60 yards to the Howlock Mt. trailhead on the right across from a gas station. Look for the left-hand trail near the message board at the far end of the parking loop.

This pretty trail passes two wildflower meadows and follows Thielsen Creek for several miles to the base of Mt. Thielsen. This trail is shared by horses and may be dusty for the first few miles. The trail passes under Hwy 138 through a tunnel and starts a gradual climb through a pumice field and sparse forest, a few sections of which were burned in the 2020 fire. In about 3 miles the trail passes along Timothy Meadows and then soon crosses Thielsen Creek on a log. Ahead is a trail junction. Take the right hand trail that follows the creek upstream for 2.2 miles to Thielsen Meadow and a junction with the PCT. Just before the junction turn right on a spur trail to the Thielsen Meadow. The north face of Mt. Thielsen towers over the meadow.

5. Tipsoo Peak **Medium**

Hiking Distance: 6.2 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 1,784 ft.

Driving Distance: 13 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From our campground turn right onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for .6 mile. Turn left to continue on Rd 4795 for 3.7 miles. Turn left onto Hwy 138 for 3.7 miles. Near milepost 75 turn right onto gravel Cinnamon Butte Rd (FS 4793) for 1.7 miles. Continue straight onto Wits End Rd (FS 100) 3.2 miles to the Tipsoo Trail sign on the right.

The trail climbs through forest for 2.8 miles and then reaches Tipsoo Meadow. Here a variety of wildflowers and dwarfed trees grow in a pumice field. The trail then turns right and climbs a ridgecrest through black and red lava to the summit at 8,034 ft. with great views. To the south is Howlock Mt. and Mt. Thielsen. To the north is Cowhorn Mt. and Diamond Peak and the Three Sisters in the distance. Surrounding Tipsoo Peak below are Diamond Lake, Lemolo Lake, Miller Lake, and tiny Lucile and Maidu Lakes.

6. Lemolo Falls

Easy

Hiking Distance: 3.4 miles RT

Elev. Gain: -400 ft. *loss*

Driving Distance: 17.5 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From our campground turn right onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for .6 mile. Turn right onto FS Rd 6592 for .7 mile. Turn left onto OR Rd 230 for .2 mile. Turn left onto Hwy 138 for 10.2 miles. Turn right onto Bird Point Rd (FS Rd 2610) for 5.2 miles, crossing the dam. After the dam turn left to stay on Rd 2610 for .6 mile. Turn left and cross a bridge over a canal to the North Umpqua River trailhead parking.

The trail descends to the North Umpqua River and follows it for 1.7 miles with river access. Look for the spur trail to the left to the top of the 100-foot Lemolo Falls. For another view of the Falls, continue on the main trail for several hundred feet. If you prefer to view the falls from the bottom, backtrack upstream .3 mile and cross the River on a log. Turn right on a good trail for 1 mile to the splash pool at the base of the falls. If you want a longer hike the beautiful North Umpqua River Trail continues down river for miles.

7. Watson and Toketee Falls

Easy

Hiking Distance: .8 miles RT to each falls

Elev. Gain: 300 ft. to Watson Falls; -100 *loss* to Toketee Falls

Driving Distance: 25.7 miles one-way

These are two short hikes to two different falls tucked away in cool, mossy forests. A great way to spend a hot afternoon. The two trailheads are a 2.5-mile drive apart. Both trailheads have picnic tables.

Driving Directions to Watson Falls: From our campground turn right onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for .6 mile. Turn right onto FS Rd 6592 for .7 mile. Turn left onto OR Rd 230 for .2

mile. Turn left onto Hwy 138 for 21.7 miles. Turn left onto Fish Creek Rd 37 for .1 mile and park in the lot on the right in the picnic area. Find the trail at the end of the turnaround.

The trail climbs up to Rd 37 and crosses it. Continue hiking uphill for .3 mile to a scenic 70-foot long footbridge over Watson Creek. At the T-junction turn left for 100 yards to the base of the 293-foot tall Watson Falls. Return to the T-junction and stay left to return on a loop to Rd 37 and your car.

Driving Directions to Toketee Falls: Return to Hwy 138 and turn left for 2.2 miles. At milepost 59 turn right onto Toketee-Rigdon Rd 34. Keep left at all junctions for .3 mile to the signed Toketee Falls Viewpoint parking lot. The trail descends through lush forest for .4 mile and down a staircase to the viewpoint platform. The view looks across the scenic gorge to the 80-foot tall falls on the North Umpqua River. Notice the 8-foot thick pipeline by the trailhead that diverts most of the River around the falls to a power plant.

8. Twin Lakes and Twin Lakes Mountain

Easy

Hiking Distance: 5.4 mile loop (3.2 miles loop just around the two lakes)

Elev. Gain: 850 ft.

Driving Distance: 43.5 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From our campground turn right onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for .6 mile. Turn right onto FS Rd 6592 for .7 mile. Turn left onto OR Rd 230 for .2 mile. Turn left onto Hwy 138 for 33 miles. Turn left onto narrow, gravel Wilson Creek Rd 4770 for 9 miles to the trailhead parking at road's end.

The trail starts in forest that was burnt in a 2017 fire, but in just .3 miles provides good views of Diamond Peak, Mt. Thielsen, and Mt. Bailey. At .6 miles turn right at a junction for .1 mile. Then turn left through a wildflower meadow for .3 miles to a large shelter by the lake. Turn left at the shelter to follow the trail clockwise around the south end of the lake for .3 miles. At the T-junction turn left on a short spur trail to the smaller Twin Lake. Follow the trail around this lake in either direction for .7 miles to the spur junction and return to the larger lake. Turn left to complete the clockwise trail around the larger lake. At the shelter turn left for .3 mile to a junction, then stay right at the next two quick junctions to get on the Twin Lakes Mt. trail. This trail climbs for 1.1 mile. Shortly after the trail crests and heads downhill, look for a spur trail on the right. Pass through some rhododendrons to a great viewpoint overlooking Twin Lakes and the Boulder Creek Wilderness with the tops of the Three Sisters in the distance. Return the way you came, turning right at the first junction to return to your car.

9. Cowhorn Mt

Medium-Hard

Hiking Distance: 9.4 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 1,900 ft.

Driving Distance: 23 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From our campground turn right onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for .6 mile. Turn right onto FS Rd 6592 for .7 mile. Turn left onto OR Rd 230 for .2 mile. Turn left onto Hwy 138 for 9.4 miles. Turn right onto gravel Windigo Pass Rd 60 for 4.5 miles to a junction for Lemolo Lake. Curve right to continue on Rd 60 for 7.5 miles to Windigo Pass. Park in one of the pullouts and look for the trail on the **left**. (Ignore an old trailhead sign that points to the right.)

Start hiking on the PCT going north. The trail gradually climbs through sparse forest for 1 mile to a viewpoint of Windigo Lakes to the east. The trail continues another 3.3 miles along a ridgecrest with dramatic views of Cowhorn Mt. ahead. After a total of 4.3 miles, the PCT turns to the left and descends. Look for several rock cairns on the left and a faint trail to the right to ascend the last .4 mile to the summit at 7,664 ft. This last segment crosses scree and bare rock and requires a scramble to reach the summit rock on the left. From the rocky perch you have views of Summit Lake, Diamond Peak, and the Three Sisters to the north.

If you want the views without the scramble to the summit, continue on the PCT for .3 mile to a signed junction. Return the way you came.

10. Miller, Maidu, and Lucile Lakes **Medium-Hard**

Hiking Distance: 11 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 800 ft.

Driving Distance: 41.6 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From our campground turn right onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for .6 mile. Turn right onto FS Rd 6592 for .7 mile. Turn left onto OR Rd 230 for .2 mile. Turn right onto Hwy 138 for 17.7 miles. Turn left onto Hwy 97 for 10.3 miles passing through Chemult. Turn left onto Deer Creek Rd 9772 for 12.1 mostly gravel miles toward Digit Point Campground. Turn left onto FS-9772.610 for .2 mile and park at the end of the picnic area loop. Look for the Digit Point trailhead at the left side of the picnic beach.

There is a 5.1 mile loop walk around Miller Lake (also allows bicycles). But for a longer, quieter hike to two smaller lakes in the Mt. Thielsen Wilderness, start hiking (north) along Miller's lakeshore for .9 mile. The trail crosses Evening Creek on a bridge and comes to a junction. Turn left (the righthand path continues around Miller Lake) and soon enter the wilderness, a wildflower meadow, and another bridge crossing of Evening Creek. The trail then climbs up to a pass and a junction with the PCT (6,180 ft). Continue straight across the PCT on the North Umpqua River Trail and descend 200 feet in .8 mile to Maidu Lake, the headwaters for the North Umpqua River. Take the right or left trail along the shore of Maidu Lake (they are each .5 mile) to the north end. Continue 1.2 mile on the North Umpqua River Trail (it soon veers away from the River) to little Lucile Lake. Turn around here or check out the .7 mile trail around Lucile Lake before you return.

Upper Rogue River

11. Boundary Springs

Easy

Hiking Distance: 5 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 400 ft.

Driving Distance: 6.1 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From our campground turn right onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for .6 mile. Turn right onto FS Rd 6592 for .7 mile. Turn right onto Hwy 230 for 4.8 miles to the Mt Mazama Viewpoint pullout on the left side of the highway.

The Boundary Springs birth a raging 20-foot wide Rogue River right out of the ground. The ancestral Rogue River was buried under debris from the eruption of Mt Mazama 7,700 years ago. The river must now percolate through porous pumice before emerging from the lower slope of Mt Mazama in the northwest corner of Crater Lake National Park.

Start hiking on the Upper Rogue River Trail through open forest. In .5 mile turn left on the Boundary Springs Trail. At .9 mile the trail jogs to the right on a dirt road for 100 feet and crosses the river. The trail continues up river for another 1.6 miles along the rim of the river's canyon. American Dippers and wildflowers can be seen along the trail. You will first see a 3-foot wide spring, but keep left at a trail junction to see the massive springs at the end of the trail.

12. Upper Rogue River Trail

Medium

Hiking Distance: 8.6 miles one way with shuttle

Elev. Gain: 1,140 ft. *loss*

Driving Distance: 20.7 miles to set up shuttle

Driving Directions: From our campground turn right onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for .6 mile. Turn right onto FS Rd 6592 for .7 mile. Turn right onto Hwy 230 for 11.4 miles. Turn left onto gravel FS Rd 6530 for .7 mile to the small "Upper Rogue River Trail" sign on the left. Park one car on the shoulder. Return to Hwy 230 and back track for 6.6 miles to the Mt Mazama Viewpoint pullout on the south side of the highway. Park here to start the hike.

The best way to enjoy the Upper Rogue River as it cascades through its canyon with multiple waterfalls is to hike this scenic 8.1-mile section one-way downstream using a car shuttle. From Mt Mazama Viewpoint start hiking on the Upper Rogue River Trail through open forest. In .5 mile turn right to stay on the Upper Rogue River Trail. The trail follows the canyon rim as the river cascades down through its canyon. In 4.7 miles from the trailhead you come to 50-foot Rough Rider Falls. In another 2.2 miles is a 40-foot unnamed falls. In the last 1.7 miles to your car the river slows and drops only 60 ft.

Crater Lake National Park

The hikes in this section are in Crater Lake National Park and have trailheads on or near the Rim Drive. Hikes in the National Park are best done on a weekday to avoid the weekend crowds.

Driving directions for each hike are from the North Junction of the North Entrance Road and Rim Drive. It is 13.9 miles from our campground to the North Junction as follows: From our campground turn right onto Diamond Lake Loop Rd 4795 for .6 mile. Turn right onto FS Rd 6592 for .7 mile. Turn left onto Hwy 230 for .2 mile. Turn right onto Hwy 138 for 3.2 miles. Turn right onto Crater Lake Hwy North (also called the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway) for .8 mile to the entrance booth (fee or Federal Pass required). Continue for 8.4 miles to North Junction.

13. The Watchman Lookout

Easy

Hiking Distance: 1.6 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 420 ft.

Driving Distance: 16.1 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From North Junction turn right onto Rim Drive for 2.2 miles to the parking area on the left.

This is a short, steep climb to the lookout atop The Watchman (8,013 ft). Follow the paved path south for 300 ft. to the trailhead. After .4 mile turn left and climb another .4 mile through wildflowers and a few trees to the summit. The watch tower was built in 1932 and is still staffed. The public can use the stone patio to enjoy the views across the lake to the far rim.

If you want a longer hike, on your return continue walking north past your car on the Rim Trail and around Hillman Peak for 2 miles to Devil's Backbone. There are good views as you near Devil's Backbone and maybe a marmot sighting.

14. Garfield Peak

Easy

Hiking Distance: 3.4 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 1,010 ft.

Driving Distance: 20.2 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From North Junction turn right onto Rim Drive for 6.3 miles to Rim Village and the turnaround at road's end near the Lodge. If parking is tight you may need to park at the Visitor Center .2 mile before the Lodge.

Walk to the Lodge front porch overlooking the lake to find the trail. Start walking east on the paved path along the rim. You will soon be walking through wildflower meadows with increasing views as the trail climbs 1.5 miles to the summit (8,054 ft.). Look for marmots and

pikas at the summit. Views to the south include Mt. McLoughlin and Mt. Shasta. A stop at the historic Lodge is recommended for a cold drink or snack in the rocking chairs on the front porch overlooking the Lake.

15. Crater Peak **Medium**

Hiking Distance: 6.8 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 1,010 ft.

Driving Distance: 25.5 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From North Junction turn right onto Rim Drive for 11.6 miles. Turn right into the Vidae Falls Picnic Area and park. Look for the Crater Peak Trail.

The trail follows a ridgetop south toward Crater Peak, a small volcano that erupted on the side of ancient Mt. Mazama before it's cataclysmic eruption. The trail climbs very gradually for the first 2.5 miles, passing through wildflowers meadows. The last half mile climbs more steeply to the edge of the crater. The crater is now filled with flowers, grasses, and sometimes elk. Take in the panoramic view of surrounding mountains from the .4 mile loop trail around the little crater. Going clockwise is Mt Thielsen to the north; Mt Scott to the east; Klamath Lake, Mt Shasta, and Mt McLoughlin to the south; and Union Peak to the west.

While you are in the area, the .5 mile loop trail at Sun Notch is interesting and has great views of the lake and Phantom Ship. Continue 1.4 miles further up Rim Drive to the pullout on the left.

16. Mt. Scott **Medium**

Hiking Distance: 5 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 1,250 ft.

Driving Distance: 26.9 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From North Junction turn left onto Rim Drive for 13 miles to a parking pullout and trail sign on the left.

This is a steep, but well graded trail, that leads to the stone and timber lookout at the summit (8,929 ft). The trail begins in a patchwork of open forest of whitebark pine and meadows, then switchbacks up a steep slope with increasing views to the south of Mt. McLoughlin, the Sky Lakes Wilderness peaks, and Mt. Shasta. A variety of wildflowers dot the way. The picturesque lookout at the summit is not open to the public, but there is a great view of the entire Crater Lake and rim below.

17. Wizard Island

Medium

Hiking Distance: 4.5 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 1,460 ft.

Driving Distance: 18.5 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From North Junction turn left onto Rim Drive for 4.6 miles to a large parking lot on the left.

If you have never taken the narrated boat tour around Crater Lake and seen the 1,800-foot cliffs of the caldera from the inside and hiked up Wizard Island, it is highly recommended. Boats leave the dock at Cleetwood Cove and arrive at Wizard Island on a regular schedule. There are several types of boat tours, with and without a stop at Wizard Island, for different prices. See www.travelcraterlake.com/things-to-do/boat-tours for details and reservations. Tickets for the boat tours must be picked up at the ticket office in the large parking lot, whether you have a reservation or not, before heading down to the Lake.

Any hike on Wizard Island starts with the steep 700-foot descent in 1.1 mile to the boat dock. There are restrooms near the docks at Cleetwood Cove and Wizard Island. After the 45-minute boat ride to Wizard Island, begin hiking the trail through black lava. The trail soon forks. Turn right for the trail to the summit. The left trail goes .9 miles along the edge of Fumarole Bay. The trail climbs 1 mile in switchbacks through forest with some wildflowers. At the summit the trail makes a .3 mile loop around the rim of the 90-foot deep crater for panoramic views of the lake and rim.

18. Union Peak

Hard

Hiking Distance: 11 miles RT

Elev. Gain: 1,600 ft

Driving Distance: 27.3 miles one-way

Driving Directions: From North Junction turn right onto Rim Drive for 8.4 miles to the Steel Visitor Center. Just past the Visitor Center veer right onto Munson Valley Rd for 4 miles to Hwy 62. Turn right onto Hwy 62 for 1 mile to the signed “Pacific Crest Trail Parking” lot on the left.

Union Peak is a volcanic plug that predates the formation of ancient Mt. Mazama. The first 2.9 miles of the trail is on the PCT and gains less than 400 feet. It goes through sparse forest on a pumice plain with little undergrowth. After 2.9 miles turn right at the signed junction for the Union Peak Trail. After another mile the trail reaches a knoll and views open up. The final 1 mile to the summit is steep, “helped” by 3 dozen switchbacks that become shorter and steeper the closer you get to the summit (7,709 ft). Views from the top are great, especially of snowy Mt. McLoughlin and Mt. Shasta to the south. Bring plenty of water. There is no surface water along the trail and much of the trail is exposed to the sun.