



### **TREKABOUT WALKING CLUB – September 2009**

**Tuesday walks 7:00 am-8 am ● Thursday walks 7:00 am –9 am**

**Walks are graded on a scale of 1-4 (with 4 being the most difficult)**

**HIKING BOOTS REQUIRED ● CARRY WATER ● DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH**

**Hikes begin at 7:00 a.m.!!!!**

#### **Tuesday, September 1**

**“Spence Creek”** – Trail follows Spence Creek through the forest. Gentle rolling terrain with mostly smooth trails.

*Level: 3*

*Directions:* From Willow Creek and Miller Valley, drive west on Iron Springs Road for 4.4 miles. Just before reaching Skyline Drive, take the unmarked turnoff to the left (Forest Road 9405C). Limited parking. Park on right side of road only, or carpool from the intersection of Iron Springs and Granite Basin Road.

*Sponsoring Organization:* Parks and Rec.

*Leader:* Norma

#### **Thursday, September 3**

**“Surprise Springs/Balancing Rock Loop - Granite Lake #350 Variation”** Rolling trail, nice views, longer loop trail through Balancing Rock.

*Level: 3*

*Directions:* Take Iron Springs Road West and turn right at the Granite Basin Lake Road FR 374. Park at Wekuvde Day Use Area (before lake). Fee Area. To carpool, meet at intersection of Iron Springs and Granite Basin Road.

*Sponsoring Organization:* Parks and Rec.

*Leader:* Norma

#### **Tuesday, September 8**

**“Easy Seven-Mile Gulch Trail”** – Trail has some small hills. Beautiful hike in the pines.

*Level: 2.5*

*Directions:* Go south on Walker Road toward Lynx Lake. Go past trail 62. Look for a sign that says "Seven-Mile Gulch" on the right-hand side. Small parking lot. If you get to the Lynx Lake Marina turn-off, you have gone too far!

*Sponsoring Organization:* Parks and Rec.

*Leader:* Norma

#### **Thursday, September 10**

**“Wolf Creek Falls Trail #384”** – A short, wide but steep trail leads from Wolf Creek Road to

Wolf Creek. We will walk along narrow paths that parallel (a probably dry) creek bed to its confluence with the Hassayampa River

*Level: 3.5*

*Directions:* Take Mount Vernon/Senator Highway past Groom Creek to Wolf Creek Road (just past where the road turns to dirt). Turn right on Wolf Creek Road and go about 1 mile to Wolf Creek Lower Campground – park on right.

*Sponsoring Organization:* Parks and Rec.

*Leader:* Norma

**Tuesday, September 15**

**“Trail #62”** – Gradual incline and beautiful views on dirt trail. Fairly steep with loose gravel in places.

*Level:* 3.5 - 4

*Directions:* Go south on Walker Road at Lynx Lake turn-off. Go ½ mile to Prescott National Forest sign (not as far as Lynx Creek Ruin) and turn right on dirt road to Trail 62 sign. Veer left to parking area. Fee Area: To carpool, meet on east side of Petsmart (by PriceCostco).

*Sponsoring Organization:* YCCHS.

*Leader:* Leslie/Jacque

**Thursday, September 17**

**“Smith Ravine”** – Steep trail in the pines. Out and back.

*Level:* 4

*Directions:* Turn south on Walker Road by Costco. Go south five miles. Park in small pullout on the right. Limited parking is available at the trailhead. To carpool, meet on east side of Petsmart (by PriceCostco).

*Sponsoring Organization:* YCCHS.

*Leader:* Leslie/Jacque

**Tuesday, September 22**

**“Cayuse Equestrian Trail #346 and #347”** – This is a fairly level dirt trail that loops back to the day use area. Pretty views.

*Level:* 2.5

*Directions:* Take Iron Springs Road West and turn right onto Granite Basin Road. Turn right at the Cayuse Equestrian Day Use Area park there. Fee Area. To carpool, meet at intersection of Iron Springs and Granite Basin Road.

*Sponsoring Organization:* YMCA

*Leader:* Fran

**Thursday, September 24**

**Spruce Mountain #307** – starts steep with gradual inclines; dirt trail through timber.

*Level:* 4

*Directions:* Turn south on Senator Highway and go approximately 6.5 miles to Groom Creek Horse Camp. Parking lot and trailhead on left side of road.

*Sponsoring Organization:* YMCA

*Leader:* Fran

**Tuesday, September 29**

**“Goldwater Lake”**

*Level:* 2

*Directions:* From Gurley Street, take South Mt. Vernon (turns into Senator Highway) about 3 miles toward Groom Creek. Sign for lake and parking area is on the right. Fee will be waived.

*Sponsoring Organization:* YCCHS.

*Leader:* Leslie/Jacque

*Call YMCA at 445-7221 if weather or conditions are questionable*