

OTP & OTHERS

Hiking and Debating Society

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Nov 8 -- Burkhart Saddle -- Arne Foss

Montana is admitted to the Union as the 41st state. 1889

DRIVING ROUTE DIRECTIONS: Drive north and east on Angeles Crest Highway, (Hwy 2) 34.0 miles from its intersection with I-210 at La Canada. This is the West entrance to Buckhorn CG. If the CG entrance is not locked, drive in the west entrance, go right, then left at the next two forks, then follow the signs "Burkhart Trail" to a large parking area. If the CG entrance is locked, drive Hwy 2 another 0.8 mile to the east entrance road to the same parking area.

HIKING ROUTE DIRECTIONS TO BURKHART SADDLE: The trail to Burkhart Saddle is 10W02. Follow it N downhill about 2 miles where the Cooper Canyon Trail comes in from the W; follow the combined trails upstream (E) 1/3 mile and cross the creek (5600') and proceed 100' to a trail junction where Rattlesnake Trail (signed) goes upstream to the E while you continue on Burkhart Trail N to Burkhart Saddle.

10 miles round trip, moderate +2
1400 feet altitude gain +1100

ADDITIONAL DISTANCE: For those just getting their second wind, Thrall Peak, elevation 7845 is "only" 1 mile plus 1100 feet elevation, further.

Because of the altitude, this hike will have to be cancelled in event of snow conditions.

The group has hiked this before but the trail was out near the saddle and so could not be completed. It has now been repaired.

Arne's Addendum:

For the checkout hike on Saturday, October 28th, the 9:00 am temperature was about 35 degrees with a wind. Hwy 2 and the path were clear and dry but ice covered the camping road, metallic objects and leaves. It is suggested that warm clothes be brought and no hiking shorts (that's already been tried and can best be described as a numbing experience). By hiking furiously, I could remain mobile. See you there!