

May 16, 2008

Our next hike is set for Saturday, May 24. The trailhead is at Horse Ridge, about 6 miles further along Highway 20 than the trailhead to the Badlands that we hiked on April 26. Since it is Memorial Day weekend, many of you will be traveling. So will I. I always go backpacking in the Southern Sierra Nevadas with my son on Memorial Day weekend. Therefore, Al Morris (and the Heaven Can Wait people) will be leading this hike. Here is what Al had to say in his newsletter yesterday

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“HORSE RIDGE HIKE – Saturday, May 24, 2008, 9 AM. Yep, we know it's Memorial Day weekend. Enjoy your plans.

Haven't picked the actual route but expect it to be very do-able. More later with details. This ridge is south of the Badlands where we hiked last April 26 so that gives you an idea of where we'll be. Maybe 20 miles out on East Highway 20.”

Looking ahead to June 28. That hike for the Cascade Summit Club is supposed to be in the Three Fingered Jack Wilderness. I'm getting concerned about snow levels up there. I have an alternate destination in mind – a hike that circles Iron Mountain. Iron Mountain is located about 10 miles to the WEST of Santiam Pass. I hiked this trail last year on June 16, 2007. There were millions of Cascade wildflowers in bloom that weekend. I'll dig out my old pictures and see what I've got. I'll also get back to you later with more details.

Keep hiking...

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