

COAL MINE BACK-TO-BACK HIKE INFORMATION

The Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club is hosting a back-to-back pack hike on October 1st & 2nd. The hikes are GSMDCA-Approved, and the back-to-back hikes allows teams to complete two legs toward a GSMDCA Pack Dog title. Both days must be hiked for credit to be awarded; no partial credit will be given for one day of hiking. The back-to-back hike consists of 8 miles hiked each day for a total of 16 miles.

Where: Cle Elum, WA

When: October 1st & 2nd, 2011

Plans are to begin the Saturday hike noon from the trail's trailhead at Second Street West and Stafford Street intersection in Cle Elum, WA. All participants will practice LNT (Leave No Trace) hiking. On Sunday we start our second hike at 8:00 am at the same starting location.

Entry Fee per event: \$15 per dog for CGSMDC Members / \$20 per dog for Non-Members

Monies will be used to provide dinner for participating teams at the end of the pack hike on Saturday. Any remaining monies will be handed to the Treasurer for the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club.

Details: We will be doing a two day, 16 mile hike in the Coal Mines Trail in Cle Elum, WA, which we've hiked this time of year for the last 5 years.

The trail follows an abandoned railroad bed. The surface is natural and at times mixed with gravel. There are a few blocks where the trail crosses a paved road in the town of Roslyn (where the TV Series Northern Exposure was filmed). However, for the most part, the hike wanders through shady woods cross-country between two small mountain towns, following a small stream. This is a great hike for beginners, as the trail is wide and there's hardly any elevation gain, so do come join us for all or a portion of the trail.

Procedures Related to Titles

Dogs are required to be weighed by the handlers' veterinarian office staff within 7 days of the hike date. The handler must provide, on veterinarian office stationary, the dog's name, weight, date and staff signature prior to the start of the hike.

A team competing to earn a title is one handler per dog for the entire 16 miles. Dogs are required to be on leash for the entire hike.

Note that if this is the first leg you will be attempting towards a title, you must complete a required prerequisite 6 mile training hike with full pack weight.

BANKS-VERNONIA HIKE INFORMATION

The Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club is hosting a 10 mile pack hike on Sunday, October 16th. The hike is GSMDCA-Approved, and the 10 mile hike allows teams to complete 1 leg toward a GSMDCA Pack Dog title.

Where: Banks-Vernonia Trail , OR

Trailhead starting location is located directly off of Highway 26/Sunset Highway heading west from the Portland, OR Metro Area. Follow Highway 26 towards Banks to approximately 47650 NW Sunset Highway, Banks, OR . Follow signs to Banks-Vernonia State Trail making a right crossing the railroad track and parking area will be immediately after turn.

When: 9: 00 AM Sunday, October 16th, 2011

Entry Fee per event: \$15 per dog for CGSMDC Members / \$20 per dog for Non-Members

Monies will be used to provide lunch for participating teams at the end of the pack hike on Saturday. Any remaining monies will be handed to the Treasurer for the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club.

Details: We will be doing a one day, 10 mile hike in the Banks-Vernonia Trail in Banks, OR.

The trail follows an abandoned railroad bed that stretches 21 miles between the cities of Banks and Vernonia. Most of the route consists of an eight-foot wide hiking and bicycle trail paralleled by a four-foot wide horse trail. The gentle grade in all but one area allows hikers, bicyclists, equestrian and people of all abilities to enjoy the scenic mountains, fields and forest of Washington and Columbia counties. We will start our hike at Banning parking area at mile marker 3 and hike to mile marker 8 (restroom stop located at mile marker 7), this will be an in and out hike so we will turn around at mile marker 8. The trail parallels Nehalem Highway 47 so there are in and out access points all along the trail in the event of an emergency.

Procedures Related to Titles

Dogs are required to be weighed by the handlers' veterinarian office staff within 7 days of the hike date. The handler must provide, on veterinarian office stationery, the dog's name, weight, date and staff signature prior to the start of the hike.

A team competing to earn a title is one handler per dog for the entire 10 miles. Dogs are required to be on leash for the entire hike.

Note that if this is the first leg you will be attempting towards a title, you must complete a required prerequisite 6 mile training hike with full pack weight.