

# Full Season Schedule - Fall 2019

Date & Location	Outing description	<u>Difficulty info</u>
Mon, Sep 16 8:30 am  8:30 am Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery)	<p><b><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u></b>            This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread and back.            Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373            Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089.  <a href="#">Click here for additional details</a></p>	Moderate Pace
Wed, Sep 18 8:30 am  <u>SRP</u> 8:30 am	<p><b><u>WW hike West Mancos/Rim Trails</u></b>            This hike will be an interpretive hike led by MK Gunn of the San Juan Mountain Assoc. into an area of the Mancos River. We estimate about 3 hours of hiking time and 45 min each way drive time so bring lunch or substantial snack. From FR 561, this loop begins with a descent through lush vegetation down the Box Canyon trail. The descent is steep but has nice steps and water bars for assistance. After a bit more than half a mile, we will connect with the Transfer trail. This trail rolls up and down as we head upstream along the West Mancos River. About 2 miles in, we will begin our climb back up to the rim. Once we top out the climb at around mile 2.7, we will join the Rim Trail. This trail rolls gently and mostly downhill.            Carpool \$5. No dogs. RSVP non members only. Shelley Leader 259-9896 Shelley.leader@gmail.com  <a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></p>	Moderate 4 mi. 1150 ft. Moderate pace
Wed, Sep 18 9:00 am  <u>RC</u> 9:00 AM	<p><b><u>WEH: Falls Creek/Hidden Valley</u></b>            We will hike the lower loop. No carpool fee. RSVP if you are bringing a dog. Contact Becky Rodefer 619-933-2781 or rodefer@hotmail.com  <a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></p>	3 miles 100 ft gain Easy
Thu, Sep 19 8:00 am  <u>RC</u> 8:00 am Rockridge <u>TH</u> 8:10 am	<p><b><u>Hike Dry Gulch Trail</u></b>            Easy-going hike on an old wagon road connecting Durango with ranches in the Lightner Creek watershed. Walk from Rockridge subdivision to Dry Fork Road and back. Stellar view of North Perins Peak. Carpool \$1. Limit 12. No dogs. RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 970-769-7269 debra@vanwinegarden.com Co-leader Tomás Ward tom@thward.net</p>	Moderate 8 miles 1250 ft Moderate Pace
Thu, Sep 19 8:30 am  <u>SRP</u> 8:30 am	<p><b><u>Bike Ride</u></b>            Join us on a casual loop to Hermosa, stopping at PJs Market for coffee, then returning on the same route. Helmets required. For more information call            Jim Newman 884-7717 newmanji10@aol.com  <a href="#">Click here for additional details</a></p>	Moderate to Leisurely Pace 29 miles average 12 mph
Sat, Sep 21 7:00 am  <u>RC</u> 7:00 am <u>PURG</u> 7:30 am	<p><b><u>Saturday Classic Hike: Hike Brown Mountain to Mount Abrams</u></b>            Beautiful high altitude (12,400 ft-13,300 ft) ridge hike north of Silverton with great views of all San Juan 14ers. This is a hard hike, as all the vertical is above 12,400 ft so we will start early to allow for moderate pace. 4WD/Lo/HC necessary. Carpool \$12. Dogs OK in owners car. RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net</p>	Hard 7 miles, 2400 ft. Moderate pace
Mon, Sep 23 8:00 am  <u>ACP</u> 8:00 am <u>TH</u> 8:10 am	<p><b><u>Mitchell Lakes via Jones Creek/Pinkerton Flagstaff Trails (9,661)</u></b>            This climb through old growth forest and the ridge north of Hermosa Mountain should bring fall colors, expansive views and the opportunity to check out some of the 416 Fire burn area. After leaving vehicles at the ending trailhead on CR250N, we will depart from Lower Hermosa Horse Camp on Forest Road 576 (CR201). We will hike north on the Jones Creek Trail to the junction with the Pinkerton Flagstaff Trail where we head south to Mitchell Lakes and then down the Mitchell Lakes (4WD) Road to CR250N. Rated hard due to length. Limit 16 people. Hunting Season – Wear orange. (Since we will proceed through fresh burn area, hike to be conducted only if weather is non-threatening.)            No Dogs, Carpool \$2.            RSVP: Bruce Rodman 385-7899 Mtnman16@gmail.com</p>	Hard 11.5 miles 2000 ft. Moderate Pace

<p>Mon, Sep 23 8:30 am</p> <p>8:30 am Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery)</p>	<p><b><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u></b> This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread and back. Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373 Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089. <b><u>Click here for additional details</u></b></p>	<p>Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Wed, Sep 25 8:00 am</p> <p><b><u>RC</u></b> 8:00 am <b><u>PURG</u></b> 8:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>WW hike Snowdon Meadows</u></b> This hike begins at Andrews Lake on the trail to Crater Lake. After a mile of climbing we will veer off the main trail for the use trail to the meadows. The route alternates between lovely meadows with grand views and forest until we come to a short but steeper ascent to a talus field. The group will decide whether to stop before this ascent or continue higher. Return is by the same route. Carpool \$5. Well behaved dogs ok. RSVP non-members only. Lynda Packard (254) 424-5061 lbparkard@gmail.com <b><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></b></p>	<p>Moderate 4 ½ mi. 700 ft. HIGH ALTITUDE, min. elevation 10,750 ft. Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Sep 25 9:00 am</p> <p><b><u>SRP</u></b> 9:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>WEH: Sale Barn Trail</u></b> We will begin hiking behind Deitz Mkt.No carpool fee. Dogs kept under control OK; bring leash. No RSVP. Contact Lydine Hannula 970-426-9684 <b><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></b></p>	<p>4 mi. 140 ft gain Easy</p>
<p>Fri, Sep 27 8:45 am</p> <p>Hermosa Conoco Station</p>	<p><b><u>Highway Cleanup</u></b> Come join other SO! Members as we clean up our two stretches of Highway 550. Imagine the interesting things you might find you may be the one to find a \$20 bill this time! Bring work/garden gloves and an orange vest if you have one. If not, we have extras. Coffee and donuts will be served in the parking area across from the Hermosa Conoco Station. No dogs. RSVP Betsey Butler ejbutler12@gmail.com 970-403-3185</p>	<p>Easy 2 miles</p>
<p>Sat, Sep 28 8:30 am</p> <p><b><u>RC</u></b> 8:30 am <b><u>TC</u></b> 8:40 am <b><u>PURG</u></b> 9:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday Classic Hike: Bike Old Lime Creek Road</u></b> Mountain Bike Old Lime Creek Road. The road is more fun on a bike than in a vehicle. Good views of Twilight Mountain. We will plan on doing the whole length out and back (total 25 miles), however riders may turn around when they like as long as they let the leader know. There may be an optional short walk to Adrenaline Falls. No dogs. Car pool \$4. It would be helpful to have drivers that can take multiple Mountain Bikes on their racks or in their trucks. This will allow us to cutdown on number of vehicles needed. Don Zirkelbach is the leader, however RSVP: chris.blackshear@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate up to 25 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sun, Sep 29 9:00 am</p> <p><b><u>SRP</u></b> 9:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>Hike Cumberland Mt. and Taylor Lake</u></b> Drive up LaPlata Canyon and park 4-wheel vehicles at Kennebec Overlook (10,340 ft.). Via the Colorado Trail hike toward the Muldoon Mine Ruins, which is where you start to climb Cumberland Mt. (12,388 ft.). A relatively short distance gets you to the summit where the views of the San Juan Peaks are amazing. Descend the peak on the opposite side. There will also be an option to climb a 12,001 ft. peak on the opposite side of Cumberland Mt. Finish with a two mile hike to and from Taylor Lake. Hike will be at a moderate pace. Limit 15 and two well behaved dogs. Carpool \$5. This is the last day of Archery hunting season. Please wear Orange for safety. RSVP Nancy Federico 259-1949 or fortfed@gmail.com</p>	<p>moderate to easy 4 miles 2,048 ft.</p>
<p>Mon, Sep 30 8:00 am</p> <p><b><u>RC</u></b> 8:00 am Fire Station at Florida Rd./CR 234 8:15 am Burnt Timber <b><u>TH</u></b> 9:00</p>	<p><b><u>Hike Burnt Timber Trail and Meadows</u></b> This trail climbs steadily up through ponderosa, aspen and spruce forests for about 2.2 miles, at which point we will then climb up through meadows and drainages for about 1 mile to the top of the ridge, where we will meet the Lime Mesa Trail. We will travel northeast on the Lime Mesa Trail until it meets up with the Burnt Timber Trail. We will then circle back to the Burnt Timber Creek crossing and retrace our route back down to the trailhead. Carpool \$4. Limit 15. Two well-behaved dogs OK (include in RSVP). RSVP Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard 10.5 miles 2,500 ft. Moderate pace</p>

<p>Mon, Sep 30 9:30 am</p> <p>9:30 am Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery)</p>	<p><b><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u></b>  This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread. Note time change starting Sept. 30.  Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373  Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089.  <a href="#">Click here for additional details</a></p>	<p>Moderate Pace  Approximately 16 miles total</p>
<p>Tue, Oct 1 7:00 am</p> <p><b><u>SRP</u></b> 7:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>Ryman Creek Trail</u></b>  Moderate climb on a well defined trail through conifers &amp; aspen 3 miles south of Rico. Some parts can be steep and rocky. Carpool \$10 Limit 15 No Dogs  RSVP Steve Krest 970-588-3806 stevekrest@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard  7 miles  2200 ft gain  Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Wed, Oct 2 8:30 am</p> <p><b><u>RC</u></b> 8:30 am  <b><u>PURG</u></b> 9:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>WW hike Cascade Village</u></b>  The hike begins behind the condos at Cascade Village. The trail ascends immediately and then winds gently through an aspen forest then down to a meadow along Cascade Creek. There are fine views of Engineer Mountain along the way.  Carpool \$5. Dogs on leash only. RSVP non-members only. Tricia Bayless 799-4535 tbayless@bresnan.net. Hunting season wear orange.  <a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></p>	<p>Moderate  6 mi.  400 ft.  Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Oct 2 9:00 am</p> <p><b><u>RC</u></b> 9:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>WEH: Chris Park: Aspen Loop</u></b>  Park at the first gate and hike the first trail on the right.  Carpool \$4. Dogs OK, bring leash. Contact Dell Manners 385-0533/903-6984.  <a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></p>	<p>3 mi.  100 ft gain  Easy</p>
<p>Fri, Oct 4 7:30 am</p> <p>7:30 am <b><u>RC</u></b>  8:00 am Purg</p>	<p><b><u>Highland Mary Lakes via Spencer Basin, loop hike</u></b>  <b>NEW DESTINATION</b>  A car shuttle is required prior to starting hike. Starting from Cunningham Gulch west of the Highland Mary TH, we'll climb westerly along Mountaineer Creek toward Spencer Basin, continue climbing over a high saddle to the west of Sugarloaf Mtn, then hike back east to HM Lakes, and return via the Highland Mary Trail. Mostly on trail, with some use trail, off trail/bushwhacking, and likely some route-finding/exploring. Expect views, possibly late flowers, waterfalls, and multiple creek crossings. Poles very helpful.  4WD/HC required, Carpool \$8, Limit 15 due to Wilderness Area.  RSVP to Betsy Petersen betsyetersen@bresnan.net Please advise if you have 4WD, how many you can accommodate, and where you will meet</p>	<p>Moderate/hard  6.5 miles  2000 ft gain  Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sat, Oct 5 9:00 am</p> <p><b><u>RC</u></b> 9:00 am  Needles <b><u>TH</u></b> 9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday Classic Hike: Hike Castle Rock</u></b>  An annual favorite for fall colors and commanding views at the top. Bring hot dogs and brats for a cookout. We will make a loop at the top and then return to the trailhead. Carpool \$3. Please maximize carpooling due to limited parking at the trailhead. Dogs OK. Leader: Clark Lagow. No RSVP required.</p>	<p>Moderate 4 miles  1500 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sun, Oct 6 4:00 pm</p> <p>To Be Announced</p>	<p><b><u>Potluck for Downhill Skiers &amp; Boarders</u></b>  Attention Downhill Skiers and Boarders: Get acquainted, reacquainted and/or just have a good time at a pot luck gathering at a place near Durango to be announced. Bring your own beverages and dish to share. We need a count of attendees via RSVP no later than September 29.  RSVP to Bruce Rodman at Mtnman16@gmail.com or 970-385-7899.  (Please leave your email address with phone message.)</p>	<p>So easy</p>
<p>Mon, Oct 7 8:00 am</p> <p><b><u>SRP</u></b> 8:00 am  <b><u>TH</u></b> 8:15 am</p>	<p><b><u>Hike Barn Roof Point (8732)</u></b>  <b>BACK ON WITH A NEW LEADER</b>  This is a moderate hike of 5 miles and 1,900 ft. of elevation gain. Nice view of La Platas and fall foliage. May see some pictographs as well. We will hike up a trail from the TH with a short scramble to the top. Hunting season Wear orange.  No Dogs. Carpool \$2.  RSVP Bruce Rodman, berodman@gmail.com, 970-385-7299</p>	<p>Moderate  5 miles  1,900 ft.  Moderate pace</p>
<p>Mon, Oct 7 9:30 am</p> <p>9:30 am Home</p>	<p><b><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u></b>  This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread.  Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373  Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089.</p>	<p>Moderate Pace  Approximately 16 miles total</p>

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<p>Tue, Oct 8 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>RC</b> 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Program</p>	<p><b><u>SO! General Meeting: “Eyes in the Sky – Monitoring an ever-changing Earth in the 21st Century.</u></b></p> <p>Jon Harvey will make the case that we are in the midst a scientific revolution: new and improving technology is allowing humans to monitor the ever-changing surface of the Earth like never before. His talk will include local and distant examples of how drones, satellites, GPS, and cell phones have changed the way humans monitor the planet that sustains them. His talk will include a case study in how he and his students are using drones to monitor the Missionary Ridge Rockfall, how satellites, GPS, and cell phones allow us to measure subtle movements of the crust before, during, and after earthquakes and extreme events, and expectations for future innovations in tracking the shape and health of our planet.</p> <p>Speaker Bio: Jon Harvey is an Assistant Professor of Geosciences at Fort Lewis College. He has a BS in Meteorology from Ohio University, an MS in Geology from Utah State University, and a PhD in Earth Science from UC Santa Barbara. His research interests include geomorphology, active tectonics, environmental geology, and climate and hydrology of the western US. When he is not geologizing, he can be found paddling, skiing, biking, gardening, and photographing the magnificent landscapes of the southwest. He and his wife have a 10-month old baby who is adding a new layer of fun to their outdoor adventures.</p>	
<p>Wed, Oct 9 8:00 am</p> <p><b>RC</b> 8:00 am <b>PURG</b> 8:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>WW hike Cascade Creek Trail</u></b></p> <p>This trail begins at the Forest Service Center by the TH for Larkspur Lane (Engineer Mountain Trail) and meanders through aspen groves and meadows until it meets up with Cascade Creek Rd. near the gate. We will then proceed past the gate to a break spot along the creek. Return is by the same route. Hunting season wear orange.</p> <p>Carpool \$4. Well behaved dogs ok. RSVP non-members only. Lynda Packard (254) 424-5061 lpackard@gmail.com</p> <p><a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></p>	<p>Moderate 5 mi. 300 ft. Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Oct 9 9:00 am</p> <p><b>RC</b> 9:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>WEH: Pioneer Trail &amp; Edgemont Highlands</u></b></p> <p>We will hike the Pioneer Trail and cut over to canyon trails within Edgemont Highlands, with a short shuttle at the end. Carpool \$2. RSVP if you are bringing a dog (limit 1, plus leader’s dog). Otherwise no RSVP is necessary.</p> <p>RSVP David Wright 259-5978 <a href="mailto:djwright001@gmail.com">djwright001@gmail.com</a></p> <p><a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></p>	<p>4-5 mi. 300 ft gain Easy</p>
<p>Thu, Oct 10 8:00 am</p> <p><b>RC</b> 8:00 am Florida Fire Station 8:15</p>	<p><b><u>Woodward Canyon North Ridge</u></b></p> <p>This is an exploratory/bushwhack hike for those that like to get off-trail and explore a bit. We will depart from the trailhead at the top of Durango Hills and follow FS roads for about 2 miles. We will then begin the exploratory portion where we will drop off Missionary Ridge and try to follow a ridge line on the north side of Woodward canyon out to a point at 8700 feet. This point will offer great and unique views of Animas Valley and beyond. Be aware, we may not be able to reach the intended point.</p> <p>Limit 10. No dogs. Carpool \$2. RSVP Chuck Rancatti, 425-231-0930 or <a href="mailto:chuck.rancatti@gmail.com">chuck.rancatti@gmail.com</a>.</p>	<p>Hard due only to bushwhack. 7-8 miles, 1400 elevation, moderate/brisk pace</p>
<p>Sat, Oct 12 9:00 am</p> <p><b>RC</b> 9:00 am <b>TC</b> 9:15 am <b>PURG</b> 9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday Classic Hike: Hike Larkspur Lane</u></b></p> <p>Instead of the larkspur and other flowers carpeting the meadows, we will be focusing of the golden aspens blanketing the mountain sides. Starting at the forest service work station just past Cascade Creek, we will follow the well-established lower Engineer Mountain Trail reaching a pond at 1.6 miles, plunging into the trees after another mile, and finally climbing to a lunch spot with fabulous views. We will return by the same route. Hunting season wear orange. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK. RSVP Nancy Mead 259-5978 <a href="mailto:nancy.a.mead@gmail.com">nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Moderate 8 miles 2000 ft. Moderate pace</p>
<p>Mon, Oct 14 9:30 am</p> <p>9:30 am Home Depot Parking lot</p>	<p><b><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u></b></p> <p>This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread.</p> <p>Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, <a href="mailto:bschuck1@gmail.com">bschuck1@gmail.com</a>, 832-285-2373</p> <p>Co-leader: Hugh Brown, <a href="mailto:hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com">hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com</a>, 970-403-3089.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here for additional details</a></p>	<p>Moderate Pace Approximately 16 miles total</p>



(South End near HD nursery)		
Wed, Oct 16 9:00 am  Spur Line <b>TH</b> 9:00 am Go to the 2nd roundabout in 3 Springs, keep going straight on a gravel road to <b>TH</b>	<b><u>WW hike Spur Line Trail</u></b> This is a new trail system in the Three Springs area. It is in the open and fairly level. Exact route will be Rays choice. Dogs ok on leash only. RSVP non-members only. Ray Walker 382-7662 raynsue@bresnan.net <b><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></b>	Easy 4 5 mi. 100 ft. Moderate pace
Wed, Oct 16 9:00 am  TB <b>TH</b> 9:00 am	<b><u>WEH: Dry Fork Trail</u></b> Meet at Twin Buttes/Animas Hi Sch. TH off Hwy. 160 We will then carpool to the Lightener Creek exit & right on the gravel Dry Fork Rd. to where the trail begins. Dogs OK. Carpool \$2. Contact Dell Manners 903-6984 <b><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></b>	4 mi. 300 ft gain Easy
Thu, Oct 17 8:00 am  <b>ACP</b> 8:00 am	<b><u>Mountain View Crest</u></b> We will start at the top of Missionary Ridge at timberline and hike to the rim of mountain view crest to look down on Chicago basin, Ruby, Emerald, Pear and Webb lakes. Hunting Season wear orange. Carpool \$9 4WD/HC Limit 15 No Dogs RSVP Steve Krest 970-588-3806 stevekrest@gmail.com	Hard 9 miles 1700 ft gain Moderate Pace
Sat, Oct 19 8:00 am  <b>RC</b> 8:00 am <b>TH</b> 8:45 am	<b><u>Saturday Classic Hike: Vallecito Creek Trail</u></b> This hike will go to the second bridge and is rated hard due to the distance, 11 miles. There still should be a lot of Fall color and rushing water. If not a great outing for exercise and views. Hiking will be at a moderate pace. Limit of 15 and two well behaved dogs. Carpool \$4. Hunting season wear orange. RSVP Nancy Federico 259-1949 or fortfed@gmail.com	Hard 11 miles 1,200 ft. Moderate pace
Mon, Oct 21 9:00 am  <b>RC</b> 9:00 am <b>TH</b> 9:15 am	<b><u>North Perins Peak</u></b> Starting at the Rockridge subdivision trail head, hike and climb up to the Perins Peak back slope. Then, turn right and shortly after north on the trail to Peak 8,642, unofficially called North Perins Peak. Debra Van Winegarden has a complete hike description is found at <a href="https://durangoherald.com/articles/237167-north-perins-peak-hike-offers-a-solitary-world">https://durangoherald.com/articles/237167-north-perins-peak-hike-offers-a-solitary-world</a> Due to limited trail head parking, you are encouraged to meet at the RC parking lot. Limit 16 people. Hunting season – wear orange. No dogs. Carpool \$1. RSVP: Bruce Rodman 385-7899 Mtnman16@gmail.com Co-leader Wayne Bedor 764-4089 waynebedor@yahoo.com	Moderate 8.4 miles 2000 ft. Moderate pace
Mon, Oct 21 9:30 am  9:30 am Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery)	<b><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u></b> <b>LAST MONDAY BIKE RIDE OF THE SEASON</b> This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread. Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373 Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089. <b><u>Click here for additional details</u></b>	Moderate Pace Approximately 16 miles total
Wed, Oct 23 9:00 am  <b>SRP</b> 9:00 am	<b><u>WW hike</u></b> <b><u>Hike in Bear Country</u></b> Back by popular demand, this is a special hike led by Erin Bohm, Bear Smart Educator from Bear Smart Durango. She will lead the group through bear habitat in the Lightner Creek area, through meadows, forests and down into a steep ravine. The hike is all off-trail, mostly bushwhacking through dense oak brush. We will learn about bears in the wild, how to hike in bear country and human-bear conflict while looking for signs of bears Poles will be very helpful for the steep ravine descent. Carpool \$2. Limit 18. EVERYONE must RSVP due to limit. NO dogs. RSVP Sue Croom (772) 713-1114 sueacroom@aol.com Co-leader Lee Umscheid (480) 717-1110 leeumscheid1@aol.com <b><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></b>	Moderate 3 ½ mi. 450 ft. Easy pace

<p>Wed, Oct 23 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am</p>	<p><u><b>WEH: Lower Hermosa Trail</b></u> The well defined trail remains at approximately the same elevation with some ups and downs and crosses several side streams that are typically dry or flowing slightly. This is an in-and-out trail. Carpool \$2. Dogs kept under control OK. Contact Lydine Hannula 970-426-9684 <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>3-4 mi. 100 ft gain Easy</p>
<p>Thu, Oct 24 5:30 pm</p>	<p><u><b>SO Board Meeting</b></u> The quarterly SO Board meeting will be held at Gail Davidsons house. RSVP gaildavidson1@gmail.com</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Sat, Oct 26 9:00 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:00 am</p>	<p><u><b>Saturday Classic Hike: New Mexico Arches</b></u> A short hike and scramble in northern New Mexico to the beautiful Anasazi Arch in Cox Canyon, the unique Octopus Arch in Dirt Canyon, and a few other real or imposter arches along the way. The distances are not far, but there is some bushwhacking and ledge scrambling. No limit, agile dogs OK. 4WD/HC is helpful but not necessary. Carpool \$5. RSVP leader Harding Cure at hardingcure@gmail.com or 970-382-8286.</p>	<p>Moderate 3 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Oct 28 8:00 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 8:00 am</p>	<p><u><b>Hike Prater Ridge Trail</b></u> This hike is in Mesa Verde National Park and begins on the west end of Morefield Campground. The trail ascends Prater Ridge and follows a loop around the top of the ridge, returning the same route after hiking the loop. Changes in elevation and vegetation along with views of the surrounding area are highlights of this trail. Hiking will be at a moderate pace. There will be an option to hike the short Knife Edge Trail about a 1.5 mile round trip. Limit. 15. No dogs due to drop off ledges and park rules. Carpool \$8 RSVP Nancy Federico 259-1949 or fortfed@gmail.com</p>	<p>moderate 7.8 miles - 9 miles 850 ft.</p>
<p>Wed, Oct 30 9:00 am</p> <p>NE end of the Chapman Hill Parking Lot 9:00 am</p>	<p><u><b>WW hike</b></u> <u><b>Animas City Cemetery</b></u> <b>POLES STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BECAUSE OF UNEVEN FOOTING AND LOOSE ROCKS</b> From the NE end of the Chapman Hill Parking Lot off Florida Road, we will hike up across Chapman Hill to the Rim Trail. We will hike north along the Rim Trail to the Lions Den where we will have a short snack break, then switchback down the Lyons Den trail and over to the Animas City Cemetery where we will spend some time wandering around and looking at the gravestones before completing the loop back to the trailhead. A handout will be emailed to club members a week or so before the hike. Individuals are encouraged to make a copy to bring to the cemetery to learn about the people who are buried there. Please note: Due to the fragile environment, snacks and sweetened beverages are not allowed to be consumed inside the cemetery boundaries and dogs are also not allowed. <b>Poles helpful on the descent and recommended for the uneven sections or places with loose rock.</b> No dogs. RSVP non members only. RSVP Dorothy Bregar 385-1814 dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>Easy 3 mi. 400 ft. Easy pace</p>
<p>Wed, Oct 30 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00</p>	<p><u><b>WEH: Ned Overend Park</b></u> <b>MEET AT RC PARKING LOT AS NORMAL AT 9:00</b> Meet at Rec Center. No carpool fee. Dogs OK. Contact Ted Keller 759-7207 <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>3 mi. 100 ft gain Easy</p>
<p>Thu, Oct 31 7:00 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 7:00 am</p>	<p><u><b>Bear Creek Trail</b></u> Well defined trail in beautiful canyon from the Dolores River up to the La Plata mountains We will hike 8 to 12 miles depending on group desire. TH 22 miles northeast of Dolores. Carpool \$10 Limit 15 No Dogs RSVP Steve Krest 970-588-3806 stevekrest@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard 8-12 miles 3500 ft gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Sat, Nov 2 8:30 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 8:30 am <u>TC</u> 8:45 am <u>PURG</u> 9:00 am</p>	<p><u><b>Saturday Classic Hike: Hike / Snowshoe to Ice Lake</b></u> Instead of the crowded summer hike to Ice Lake, this is an opportunity to see it without the masses. Snowshoes are likely to be required. The trip might be extended to Island Lake if the couloir between the two is safe to cross. This trip will not go if there is snow on South Mineral Creek Road. Dogs OK. HC 4WD will allow access to the upper TH. Hunting season wear orange. Carpool \$7. RSVP Carolyn Striker jcstriker3@gmail.com</p>	<p>Most Challenging 7 miles 2400 ft. Moderate Pace</p>

<p>Wed, Nov 6 9:30 am</p> <p><b>SRP</b> 9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>WW hike</u></b> <b><u>Animas River Trail</u></b> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Participants may turn back earlier or go further, if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com <b><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Sat, Nov 9 9:00 am</p> <p><b>ACP</b> 9:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday Classic Hike: Twin Buttes to Perins Peak</u></b> Hike up to the base of East Twin Butte, the higher of the two buttes, on the Twin Buttes trail system. Then climb up a rough scabbly use trail to the summit. Return to the base and head cross country over to Perins Peak with some scrambling and a little brush beating to the summit. Then down the trail to Rock Ridge and a short car shuttle back to the start. Dogs okay if they can politely share the trail with Mt bikers. Carpool \$2. RSVP Lynn Coburn harrisoncoburn@gmail.com 247- 0914</p>	<p>Hard 9 miles Elevation gain+/- 2400 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Tue, Nov 12 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>RC</b> 6:30 pm Social 7:30 pm Program</p>	<p><b><u>SO! General Meeting: "416 Fire Facts, Fixes and the Future"</u></b> Cam Hooley from the San Juan National Forest will be presenting a slideshow showing facts and photos about suppression of the 416 Fire that occurred north of Durango in 2018. She will also discuss how the U. S. Forest Service reduces harm to natural resources during and after wildfires, and a peek into the future of the 416 Fire burned area. Speaker Bio: Cam was the Acting Public Affairs Officer for the San Juan National Forest when the 416 Fire started, but is usually the Environmental Coordinator for the Columbine Ranger District and has been in that position for 17 years. She has worked for the U. S. Forest Service for 28 years.</p>	
<p>Wed, Nov 13 9:30 am</p> <p><b>SRP</b> 9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>WW hike</u></b> <b><u>Animas River Trail</u></b> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Participants may turn back earlier or go further, if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com <b><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Sat, Nov 16 8:30 am</p> <p><b>RCP</b> 8:30 am <b>TC</b> 8:45 am <b>PURG</b> 9 am</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday Classic: Purgatory Trail to the Animas River</u></b> Starting at the Purgatory Trailhead across the road from the ski area, a good trail switchbacks down to Purgatory Flats, and then continues down to the Cascade Wye on the Animas River. It is an out-and-back hike that goes downhill first to lunch at the river, and then climbs back up to the trailhead. If there are early snow conditions, we may stop at the Flats, or use microspikes or snowshoes to go the entire way. Carpool \$4. Limit 15. Two wellbehaved dogs OK. Hunting season wear orange. RSVP Chuck Rancatti, chuck.rancatti@gmail.com 425-231-0930</p>	<p>Moderate 8.2 miles 1100 ft. Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 20 9:30 am</p> <p><b>SRP</b> 9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>WW hike</u></b> <b><u>Animas River Trail</u></b> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Participants may turn back earlier or go further, if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com <b><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Sat, Nov 23 9:00 am</p> <p><b>TH</b> 9:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday Classic Hike: Ned Overend Park and Hogsback</u></b> Meet at Schneider Park (on Roosa just south of the skateboard park) at the 9th Street Bridge. We will explore Durango's backyard by completing a big loop, including an ascent of the Hogback. All on trail but some parts will be very steep on loose, slippery soil (especially the Hogback). Poles helpful for the descent of the Hogback. Dogs OK on leash only because of city regs. No Car Pool. RSVP Lynn Coburn harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate + 8-9 miles 1,800 ft elevation gain Moderate pace.</p>
<p>Wed, Nov 27 9:30 am</p> <p><b>SRP</b> 9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>WW hike</u></b> <b><u>Animas River Trail</u></b> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Participants may turn back</p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>

	<p>earlier or go further, if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com</p> <p><a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></p>	
<p>Fri, Nov 29 9:00 am</p> <p>Big Canyon Parking lot next to Kia dealership 9:00 am</p>	<p><a href="#">Walk Off The Turkey</a> <b>CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER</b></p> <p>Hike up Big Canyon trail until we are above Horse Gulch, then up to Pautsky Point for lunch. Return via South Rim Trail for a nice loop hike. An easy close-to-home hike and early turn backs (with friend) are allowed. There is a steep primitive trail descent at the end. RSVP: Bill Cagle cagle81301@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Easy to Moderate 7-8 miles 500 ft Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Wed, Dec 4 9:30 am</p> <p><a href="#">SRP</a> 9:30 am</p>	<p><a href="#">WW hike</a> <a href="#">Animas River Trail</a></p> <p>Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Participants may turn back earlier or go further, if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com</p> <p><a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Sat, Dec 7 9:00 am</p> <p><a href="#">RC</a> 9:00 am <a href="#">PURG</a> 9:30 am</p>	<p><a href="#">Snowshoe Snowdon Meadows</a></p> <p>This is our annual kickoff for the snowshoe season. Join our snowshoe jaunt from Andrews Lake area up to the meadows at the foot of Snowdon Peak, with a lovely short scenic canyon along the way. Beautiful, rewarding hike. Bring hot dogs or brats for a cookout. Limit 15 per group due to wilderness regulations. 4WD conv. Carpool \$5. Dogs OK RSVP after November 23 to: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net</p>	<p>Moderate 5-7 miles 700 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sun, Dec 8 7:00 am</p> <p><a href="#">SRP</a> 7:00 am</p>	<p><a href="#">Saturday Classic Hike: Bisti Badlands</a> <b>DATE CHANGED TO DECEMBER 8</b></p> <p>The Bisti Badlands are a desolate place in New Mexico, about 90 miles from Durango. The hike will pass hoodoos and interesting rock formations. Limit 15. Dogs OK. Carpool \$10. RSVP Chris.blackshear@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate Up to 10 miles but flat, Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Tue, Dec 10 5:00 pm</p> <p>Rec Center 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm</p>	<p><a href="#">SO! Jingle &amp; Mingle Holiday Social</a></p> <p>Jingle &amp; Mingle Holiday Social will feature Savory &amp; Sweet Treats as well as non-alcoholic beverage stations. This venue is not a Full Dinner Potluck but a Social Mixer with appetizers and desserts. Bring your own plate and utensils plus an appetizer or dessert to share with 12 people with serving utensil marked with your name. A – Q: Savory Appetizer R – Z: Sweet/Dessert Type Treat Please consider bringing non-perishable food donations for the Durango Food Bank. Checks made out to the <b>Durango Food Bank</b> are also welcome.</p>	<p>Fun &amp; Easy</p>
<p>Wed, Dec 11 9:30 am</p> <p><a href="#">SRP</a> 9:30 am</p>	<p><a href="#">WW hike</a> <a href="#">Animas River Trail</a></p> <p>Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Participants may turn back earlier or go further, if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com</p> <p><a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>