

Full Season Schedule - Winter 2018-2019

| Date & Location | Outing description | <u>Difficulty info</u> |
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| Wed, Dec 12 9:30 am <u>SRP</u> 9:30 am | <p><u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com.</p> <p><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p> | Easy 5-7 miles Flat |
| Fri, Dec 14 9:00 am Location TBD 9:00 am | <p><u>Avalanche beacon practice</u> This will be a 60-90 minute practice with your avalanche transceivers. No dogs. RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com</p> | Easy |
| Sat, Dec 15 9:00 am <u>RC</u> 9:00 am and other areas TBD | <p><u>Saturday Snowshoes</u> We will continue our tradition of having a snowshoe outing every Saturday. At the Rec Center meeting spot, snowshoe participants will divide into moderate and fast paced groups with their own separate leaders and carpools. The moderate group may not go as far as the fast group. RSVP to Clark Lagow (clagow@rmi.net) to get last minute changes. Specific details for these Saturday Snowshoe hikes (leader, destination, description, 4WD, etc.) will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance. Carpool \$3-\$8, depending on destination. Dogs OK. This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe) and educated themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p> | Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft. |
| Tue, Dec 18 8:30 am <u>RC</u> 8:30 am <u>TC</u> 8:45 am <u>PURG</u> 9:00 am | <p><u>XC Ski or Snowshoe Gladstone to Storm Peak Basin</u> Ski with Howard from Gladstone Mine north of Silverton up the county road into beautiful Storm Peak Basin surrounded by majestic peaks. Mostly above 11,000 feet with glorious views. Play time for skiers after lunch! OK for slower skiers to go at their own pace as far as they wish. Afterwards, Howard will serve tea and snacks at his home in Silverton. This is a backcountry winter outing. Carpool \$8. 4WD preferable. No dogs. This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. See the SO! recommendations at Avalanche Awareness.</p> | Moderate/Ha 4 miles 800 ft. |

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| | Leader: Howard Drake RSVP: Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@gmail.com | |
| Wed, Dec 19 9:30 am <u>SRP</u> 9:30 am | <u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com. <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u> | Easy 5-7 miles Flat |
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| Sat, Dec 22 6:15 pm <u>RC</u> 6:15pm Forest Lakes Entrance 7:00pm | <u>Moonlight Snowshoe</u> CANCELLED DUE TO LOW SNOW CONDITIONS We will meet at Forest Lakes Entrance, Service Road, and car pool up to our starting point. This will be a moderate snowshoe with a couple of tougher uphill sections. We will stop for a scenic view at the bench above Vallecito Lake. Approx 3.5 hours in duration. Carpool \$3. Limit 15. Dogs OK. RSVP Michael Snyder 970-884-4770 comichael57@gmail.com | Moderate 4.5 miles 1,500 ft |
| Wed, Dec 26 9:30 am <u>SRP</u> 9:30 am | <u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com. <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u> | Easy 5-7 miles Flat |
| Sat, Dec 29 9:00 am <u>RC</u> 9:00 am and other areas TBD | <u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> See description on December 15th for details. | Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft. |
| Wed, Jan 2 9:30 am <u>SRP</u> 9:30 am | <u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if | Easy 5-7 miles Flat |

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| <p>Sat, Jan 5 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am and other areas TBD</p> | <p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> See description on December 15th for details. This is a backcountry winter outing.</p> | <p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft.</p> |
| <p>Mon, Jan 7 5:00 pm</p> <p>Harding Cure's House</p> | <p><u>SO! Board Meeting</u> Board Meetings are open to all SO members. If you would like to come, please contact Harding at Hardingcure@gmail.com.</p> | <p>Easy</p> |
| <p>Tue, Jan 8 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>RC</u> 6:30 PM Social 7:00 PM Meeting</p> | <p><u>SO! General Meeting – “World of Water”</u> Presentation summary: Today’s world of water is wrought with quality issues, public policy changes and shortage concerns for the future. Water is essential for life and necessary for agriculture, industry, recreation and municipalities to thrive. Future water needs are being evaluated in every community in the nation and some areas will need to drastically diminish their usage to meet the water demands of an ever-increasing population. This talk will discuss how Durango and the state of Colorado are addressing the current and future water supply and usage challenges Speaker bio: Jenny Goodwin is a retired petroleum geologist living in Durango, CO. She is a dedicated SO! member and is currently consulting on various geology and water projects in the area.</p> | <p>Easy and Fun</p> |
| <p>Wed, Jan 9 9:30 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:30 am</p> | <p><u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com.</p> <p><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p> | <p>Easy 5-7 miles Flat</p> |
| <p>Wed, Jan 9 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>RC</u></p> | <p><u>Avalanche Essentials for the Recreationalist</u> For SO! outing leaders and participants in backcountry winter outings. If you enjoy spending time in the winter environment around Durango, then refresh or add to your knowledge by attending this two hour clinic to learn the essentials to traveling safely in avalanche terrain. Topics to be covered include terrain selection, safe travel techniques, forecasting, decision making and much more. Brett Davis is the Assistant Director of Recreational Services at Fort</p> | <p>Educational</p> |

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| | <p>Lewis College. He has been directing the Outdoor Pursuits program at Fort Lewis for the past ten years in which he teaches avalanche courses, backcountry skiing, and many other winter pursuits. Josh Kling is the Coordinator of Permitting and Programming for Outdoor Pursuits. As the former owner of Kling Mountain Guides, he has extensive experience in avalanche education and in traveling in the winter environment. He is an AIARE course leader and has taught hundreds to safely enjoy what the Durango backcountry has to offer.</p> <p>For questions contact Harding Cure at hardingcure@gmail.com</p> | |
| <p>Thu, Jan 10 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p> | <p><u>Cascade/Lime Creek Snowshoe</u> Easy intro snowshoe between Cascade and Lime Creeks. We will drive to the parking area off of Lower Lime Creek road (just after the Cascade curve) and hike above Cascade Creek below the road. This will be weather dependent. We will go out and back on the same route – fairly level but with some up and down hill. Dogs OK, limit 14, Carpool \$5. RSVP rbutler54@gmail.com.</p> | <p>Easy 4 miles</p> |
| <p>Sat, Jan 12 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am and other areas TBD</p> | <p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> See description on December 15th for details. This is a backcountry winter outing.</p> | <p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft.</p> |
| <p>Mon, Jan 14 9:00 am</p> <p>SRP 9:00 am</p> | <p><u>XC Ski or Snowshoe in Lower La Plata Canyon</u> Drive to parking lot at the beginning of the canyon. Ski (or snowshoe) on the road or part way along the stream bed to the old stone chimney. If snow conditions are unfavorable we will snowshoe or hike along the creek bed or on the road. Outing activity may vary depending on weather conditions. Turn backs OK with a partner. Moderate pace. Carpool \$2. Two well behaved dogs OK. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. RSVP Nancy Federico 259-1949 fortfed@gmail.com</p> | <p>Moderate 6-9 miles 700-1000 ft.</p> |
| <p>Tue, Jan 15 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am TC 9:15 am PURG 9:30 am</p> | <p><u>Memorial XC Ski & Snowshoe from Silverton to Elk Park</u> CANCELLED Ski down Animas Canyon to Elk Park and return. You may also snowshoe as far as you like and return. Afterwards, we will serve coffee, tea, pie, cake or brownies just like Howard would want us to do at the Kendall Mountain Community Center from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and share a few stories. If you plan to bring something sweet to share, lets us know in your RSVP. Carpool \$6. 4WD preferable. No dogs. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. If</p> | <p>Moderate 8 miles 400 ft.</p> |

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| | <p>avalanche danger is high on Jan. 8 we will postpone to Jan. 15. RSVP: Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@gmail.com Please review the avalanche awareness information.</p> | |
| <p>Wed, Jan 16 9:30 am</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p> | <p><u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com. <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p> | <p>Easy 5-7 miles Flat</p> |
| <p>Thu, Jan 17 10:30 am</p> <p>Nordic Center at Purgatory 10:30 am</p> | <p><u>Classic XC Ski/Skate Ski Clinic</u> The Nordic Center at Purgatory is offering a classic cross-country ski clinic or a skate ski clinic to members of SO! There will be two classic classes: one for beginners and the other for intermediate skiers who wish to improve their cross-country skills. The skate ski clinic will be for those who have some experience with classic XC. NOTE: Beginners should sign up for the classic clinic. Equipment rentals are available onsite. The classes are \$15. If you need to rent equipment, it's an extra \$10 for classic and \$15 for skate equipment. Please come 20 minutes early if renting. There are picnic tables along the trails for people who want to bring a sack lunch and enjoy the beautiful trails after the clinic. The Nordic Center is located across the highway and about 1/3 mi. north from Purgatory Resort. Limit: 30. RSVP: Jan Collins 382-0211 jcvmona@yahoo.com. Please respond ASAP so that the Nordic Center can arrange for enough instructors.</p> | <p>Easy</p> |
| <p>Fri, Jan 18 8:00 am</p> <p>RC 8:00am</p> | <p><u>Back Country Ski Red Mountain Pass</u> CANCELED We will park very near Red Mountain Pass and skin up 825. After breaking through timberline, we will have multiple basins to explore and ski, all within intermediate abilities. Skins required. Carpool \$8. Limit 10. No dogs. RSVP Michael Snyder 970-884-4770 comichael57@gmail.com This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p> | <p>Intermediate 5.5 miles 2,500 ft.</p> |
| <p>Fri, Jan 18 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p> | <p><u>Ski Little Molas</u> SNOWSHOE CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER - TO BE RESCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE. We will explore on skis some of the gentler slopes behind Little Molas, generally following ski, snowshoe or snowmobile tracks. High altitude but easy to moderate terrain, grades and pace. No skins needed. Well behaved dogs OK. This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all</p> | <p>Moderate 5- 6 miles</p> |

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| | <p>participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. Car pool \$5.</p> <p>RSVP Harding Cure hardingcure@gmail.com 970-382-8286</p> | |
| <p>Sat, Jan 19 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am and other areas TBD</p> | <p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> See description on December 15th for details.</p> | <p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft.</p> |
| <p>Mon, Jan 21 9:00 am</p> <p>SRP 9:00 am</p> | <p><u>Cross Country Ski at the foothills of the La Platas</u> We will ski along the old railroad track East from Mancos Hill. This is a beginners/intermediate ski with mostly flat level terrain. A great opportunity for those of us who have heard about the health benefits of X-country Skiing but never really tried it. First timers are welcomed. We will ski from 3 to 6 miles depending. Limit 12, Dogs OK Carpool \$4 RSVP Steve Krest stevekrest@gmail.com (970) 588-3806 This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p> | <p>Easy/Moderate 3-6 miles minimal gain</p> |
| <p>Tue, Jan 22 9:15 am</p> <p>RC 9:15 am TC 9:30 am Haviland Parking 9:45 am</p> | <p><u>Snowshoe at Haviland Lake</u> We will follow a previously broken trail or two with the plan to do a loop to Miner's Trace and around to the lake. Parking is sometimes limited, so car-pooling is encouraged. Plan to be out 4 hours plus lunch. Turn-backs only if you are sure you know your route back. Moderate pace. Carpool \$4. Limit 14. Dogs ok if under control. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. RSVP: Penny Jones 426-9585 1centpenny@gmail.com</p> | <p>Moderate 5 miles 750 ft.</p> |
| <p>Tue, Jan 22 7:00 pm</p> <p>RC 6:15pm Forest Lakes Entrance 7:00pm</p> | <p><u>Moonlight Snowshoe</u> DATE CHANGE TO TUESDAY JAN. 22, 2019 We will meet at Forest Lakes Entrance, Service Road, and carpool up to our starting point. This will be a moderate snowshoe with a couple of tougher uphill sections. We will be hiking through old growth Ponderosa and moonlit, wide open meadows. Approx 2.5 hours in duration. Carpool \$3. Limit 15, Dogs OK. RSVP Michael Snyder 970-884-4770 comichael57@gmail.com</p> | <p>Moderate 4.5 miles 1,500 ft.</p> |
| <p>Wed, Jan 23 9:00 am</p> <p>ACP 9:00 am</p> | <p><u>Snowshoe South of Andrews Lake</u> CANCELLED Conditions permitting, we will do a loop south of Andrews Lake, heading south first, then north on top of a ridge. Expect to spend about four hours on the trail. With deep snow, this trip will be</p> | <p>Moderate/Ha 6 miles 1000 ft</p> |

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| | <p>classified as hard. The pace will be moderate. Carpool \$5 Limit 10. No dogs. 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy.</p> <p>RSVP: Charles Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p> | |
| <p>Wed, Jan 23 9:30 am</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p> | <p><u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u></p> <p>Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com.</p> <p><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p> | <p>Easy 5-7 miles Flat</p> |
| <p>Thu, Jan 24 9:45 am</p> <p>RC 9:45 am Florida/CR 234 Fire Station 10:00 am Vallecito TH 10:30 am</p> | <p><u>Classic or Skate Ski at Vallecito Lake</u></p> <p>Practice what you learned at the January 17 clinic or just join us to classic ski or skate ski around the east side of Vallecito Lake on the Vallecito Nordic Club groomed tracks. Make this day as easy or hard as you like. \$5 donation suggested. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK. RSVP Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</p> | <p>Easy/Hard</p> |
| <p>Fri, Jan 25 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 AM</p> | <p><u>XC Ski Outing up Cascade Creek</u></p> <p>LOCATION CHANGE</p> <p>We will ski up Cascade Creek from the Hiway 550 TH, keeping near or along the creek as much as possible. We plan to cross country ski at a moderate pace over existing track as well as make some new. Total elevation gain less than 1000 ft, but nothing steep. No turning required. Distance less than 8 miles.</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p> <p>Car pool TBD</p> <p>RSVP Travis Ward tlward@frontier.net</p> | <p>Moderate < 8 miles Elev gain < 1000 ft.</p> |
| <p>Sat, Jan 26 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am and other areas TBD</p> | <p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u></p> <p>See description on December 15th for details.</p> | <p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft.</p> |
| <p>Mon, Jan 28 9:00 am</p> | <p><u>XC Ski or snowshoe in Lower LaPlata Canyon</u></p> <p>Drive to parking lot at the beginning of the canyon. Ski (or snowshoe) on the road or part way along the stream bed to the old</p> | <p>Moderate 6-9 miles 700-1000 ft.</p> |

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| <p><u>SRP</u> 9:00 am</p> | <p>stone chimney. If snow conditions are unfavorable we will snowshoe or hike along the creek bed or on the road. Outing activity may vary depending on weather conditions. Turn backs OK with a partner. Moderate pace. Carpool \$2. Two well behaved dogs OK. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. RSVP Nancy Federico 259-1949 fortfed@gmail.com</p> | |
| <p>Wed, Jan 30 7:30 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 7:30am Forest Lakes Entrance 8:00am</p> | <p><u>Back Country Ski Shaeffer Mountain</u> CANCELLED</p> <p>We will meet at Forest Lakes Entrance, Service Road, and carpool up to our starting point. I have made scouting trips into this area with North to North exposures, giving us ample intermediate to advanced skiing. Skins are required. Carpool \$3. Limit 10. Dogs OK. RSVP Michael Snyder 970-884-4770. comichael57@gmail.com</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p> | <p>Intermediate 4.5 miles 1,000 ft.</p> |
| <p>Wed, Jan 30 9:30 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:30 am</p> | <p><u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u></p> <p>Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com. <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p> | <p>Easy 5-7 miles Flat</p> |
| <p>Sat, Feb 2 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am and other areas TBD</p> | <p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u></p> <p>See description on December 15th for details.</p> | <p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft.</p> |
| <p>Mon, Feb 4 9:00 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:00 am</p> | <p><u>Cross Country Ski at the foothills of the La Platas</u></p> <p>We will ski along the old railroad track East from Mancos Hill. This is a beginners/intermediate ski with mostly flat level terrain. A great opportunity for those of us who have heard about the health benefits of X-country Skiing but never really tried it. First timers are welcomed. We will ski from 3 to 6 miles depending. Limit 12, Dogs OK Carpool \$4 RSVP Steve Krest stevekrest@gmail.com (970) 588-3806</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p> | <p>Easy/Moderate 3-6 miles minimal gain</p> |

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| <p>Wed, Feb 6 9:30 am</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p> | <p><u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u></p> <p>Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com.</p> <p><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p> | <p>Easy 5-7 miles Flat</p> |
| <p>Sat, Feb 9 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am and other areas TBD</p> | <p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u></p> <p>See description on December 15th for details.</p> | <p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft.</p> |
| <p>Mon, Feb 11 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am TC 9:10 am PURG 9:30 am</p> | <p><u>Snowshoe South Side of Cascade Creek</u></p> <p>Park at Cascade Village and travel along south side of Cascade Creek, crossing creek if conditions permit. Expect to spend about four hours on the trail. Carpool \$4. 4WD preferable. Limit 12. Dogs OK. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p> <p>RSVP Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930 chuck.rancatti@gmail.com</p> | <p>Moderate 8 miles 800 ft.</p> |
| <p>Tue, Feb 12 8:30 am</p> <p>RC 8:30 am TC 8:45 am PURG 9:00 am</p> | <p><u>XC Ski from Red Mountain to Ironton</u></p> <p>CANCELED</p> <p>Ski downhill from Red Mountain Pass on an old railroad grade to Ironton Park. We'll park cars for shuttling. Entire route is downhill, probably on unbroken snow. Afterwards, Howard will serve tea and snacks at his home in Silverton. Carpool \$8. 4WD preferable. No dogs. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p> <p>Leader: Howard Drake RSVP: Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</p> | <p>Moderate 4 miles 1500 ft. downhill</p> |
| <p>Tue, Feb 12 6:30 pm</p> <p>RC 6:30 PM social 7:00 PM meeting</p> | <p><u>SO! General Meeting – “Most Challenging SO! Hikes: From Geosphere to Blogosphere”</u></p> <p>Speakers: Debra van Winegarden and Thomas Ward</p> <p>Presentation summary: Let's go virtual Class 3 scrambling in scary places. Come along on three most challenging SO! hikes (surprise!) while Debra discusses the origin and development of her blog, Earthline: The American West. She'll talk about how hard it is to keep up with SO! hiking maniacs while snapping photos and taking notes for Durango Herald columns. Thomas Ward will comment on photography.</p> <p>Speaker bio: Debra spent her childhood summers backpacking in the Sierra Nevada and camping for weeks at a time in Yosemite. She began keeping field notes at age five and has documented</p> | <p>Easy & Fun</p> |

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| | <p>every hike over six decades. Debra was a librarian and information manager for Chevron Corporation's Patent, Trademark, and Licensing Department in San Francisco. Keeping track of complicated things comes naturally.</p> <p>Thomas Ward, retired computer programmer, has been a photographer hobbyist since he turned his family room half-bath into a darkroom at age twelve.</p> | |
| <p>Wed, Feb 13 9:30 am</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p> | <p><u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u></p> <p>Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com.</p> <p><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p> | <p>Easy 5-7 miles Flat</p> |
| <p>Thu, Feb 14 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am TC 9:10 am Purg 9:30 am</p> | <p><u>Ski the Power Line Run</u> CANCELLED</p> <p>We will start from the Andrews Lake winter parking area, climb to the ridge below Snowden, ski down easy slopes to Lime Creek, cross the creek, then climb out of the drainage to our waiting shuttle car at the upper Lime Creek parking lot. Skiers must have climbing skins and the ability to make turns on easy powder slopes and traverse obstacles and trees. Date may be changed due to snow conditions.</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. SOI recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. No dogs, limit 10. Car pool \$5.</p> <p>RSVP Joline Morrison morrisjp@uwec.edu 884-2572 Co-Leader Mike Morrison, morriscm@uwec.edu 884-2572</p> | <p>Moderate 6 miles Elev. Gain 1000 ft</p> |
| <p>Fri, Feb 15 - Sun, Feb 17</p> <p>RC 7:00 AM</p> | <p><u>3-day Skate Ski and XC Ski Trip to Grand Mesa</u></p> <p>Day 1 We will carpool to Cedaredge, eat lunch and then head to Grand Mesa for an afternoon skate ski or cross country ski. With over 50 kilometers of trails, there are many options! Check into hotel in Cedaredge and eat dinner as a group in town.</p> <p>Day 2 Free breakfast at hotel. We will head up to the mesa again for skate skiing or cross country skiing. Soak in hot tub or swim at hotel followed by dinner together at a restaurant.</p> <p>Day 3 Pack up, load up and eat free breakfast at hotel. Head back to Grand Mesa for one last ski time on trails. Drive back to Durango mid afternoon with an option to soak at the Ouray hot springs. Carpool TBD. Limit 14. Well behaved dogs ok in dog friendly rooms with \$25 fee.</p> <p>You can book your own room at the Staywise Inn, or I can book rooms in a block, and the manager will give us a discount.</p> | <p>Moderate- we will mostly likely divide into groups based on interest and ability</p> |

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| | <p>RSVP Carolyn Striker 970-382-0162 jcstriker3@gmail.com</p> <p>Looking for a co-leader. Let me know if you would like to help in this capacity.</p> | |
| <p>Sat, Feb 16 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am and other areas TBD</p> | <p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> See description on December 15th for details.</p> | <p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft.</p> |
| <p>Sun, Feb 17 7:00 pm</p> <p>Meet at the home of Steve Schnarch, 83 Falls Creek Circle From the Fairgrounds, take West 25th Street (Junction St.) for 2.8 miles. At the stop sign, turn right on County Road 205. Two miles from the turn (past Turtle Lake), go straight onto Falls Creek Circle. Steve's house is the third driveway on the left. We'll car shuttle about a half mile to the</p> | <p><u>Moonlight Snowshoe in Falls Creek- Hidden Valley</u> Weather and open skies permitting, we'll snowshoe through the Hidden Valley and its beautiful sandstone cliffs. The Valley is especially scenic under snow in the moonlight. We'll have lots of ridge time, as we look down on the Animas Valley and across to Missionary Ridge. On a clear night you can see Mountain View Crest and the West Needles. Bring an extra warm layer of clothes, and a thermos of something hot to drink, so we can stay out for a while on the ridge top. Extra credit if you bring cookies to share. Limit 18, well-mannered dogs OK. RSVP Steve Schnarch, 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com</p> | <p>Moderate, mostly flat but with 3 short, pretty steep hills, packed trail 3 miles round trip out and back, 250 ft. elevation We'll be out about 2 1/2 hours</p> |

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| Tue, Feb 19 9:00 am ACP 9:00 am | <u>Snowshoe above Little Molas Lake</u> CANCELLED Our destination will be the basin below West Turk. There may be some short steep sections, but mostly moderate terrain. Expect to spend about four hours on the trail. The pace will be moderate. Carpool \$5, limit 10. No dogs. 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy. RSVP: Charles Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. | Moderate 4 miles 1000 ft |
| Wed, Feb 20 9:30 am SRP 9:30 am | <u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com. <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u> | Easy 5-7 miles Flat |
| Sat, Feb 23 9:00 am RC 9:00 am and other areas TBD | <u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> See description on December 15th for details. This is a backcountry winter outing. | Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft. |
| Tue, Feb 26 9:15 am RC 9:15 am TC 9:30 am Haviland Parking 9:45 am | <u>Snowshoe Haviland Lake North to Forebay Lake</u> We will take the Haviland View route over to the Forebay Lake Trail. If possible we will follow a previously broken trail out to Forebay Lake for lunch. There may be some trail breaking required. Our return route will depend on the trail conditions. Parking is sometimes limited so car-pooling is encouraged. Plan to be out 4.5 hours plus lunch. Turn-backs only if you are sure you know your route back. Moderate pace. Carpool \$4. Limit 14. Dogs ok if under control. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. RSVP: Penny Jones 426-9585 1centpenny@gmail.com | Moderately Hard 6.3 miles 1000 ft |
| Wed, Feb 27 9:30 am SRP 9:30 am | <u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com. <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u> | Easy 5-7 miles Flat |

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| <p>Thu, Feb 28 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am Florida/CR 234 Fire Station 9:15 am</p> | <p><u>Snowshoe to Baldy Mountain (9800 ft.)</u> DATE CHANGED FROM FEB 21 TO FEB 28</p> <p>Loop route leaving from trailhead above Durango Hills subdivision and gradual climb on road to top of Baldy Mountain and the radio towers. Wonderful 360 degree views of San Juans, La Platas and Wolf Creek. We will return on the Missionary Ridge trail, past Haflin Ck trail till we meet a social trail that follows a ridge and back to TH. Expect about four hours on trail. Carpool \$2. 4WD preferable. Limit 12. Dogs OK. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. RSVP Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930 Chuck.rancatti@gmail.com</p> | <p>Moderate 6 miles 1300 ft.</p> |
| <p>Sat, Mar 2 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am and other areas TBD</p> | <p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> See description on December 15th for details.</p> | <p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft.</p> |
| <p>Wed, Mar 6 9:30 am</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p> | <p><u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com. <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p> | <p>Easy 5-7 miles Flat</p> |
| <p>Tue, Mar 12 - Thu, Mar 14</p> <p>Meet in Twin Peaks Campground or TBD</p> | <p><u>Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument Mountain Climbing</u> RESCHEDULED FROM FEB. 5-7 TO MARCH 12-14</p> <p>Climb four peaks in three days in the Ajo Range. Strenuous off-trail hiking over unstable terrain; mild exposure. Camp in Twin Peaks Campground (or motels available 35 miles away in Ajo). Day 1: Climb Mt. Ajo, high point of the Ajo Mountains; 9:0 mi., 2500 ft. elev gain. Day 2: Climb Peaks 4220 & 4180; 9.3 mi., 2800 ft. elev. gain. Day 3: Climb Peak 4158; 5.5 mi., 2000 ft. elev gain. Car pool \$TBD. 2WD OK. Limit 8. No Dogs RSVP John Bregar johnbregar09@gmail.com or 970-385-1814.</p> | <p>Most Challenging</p> |
| <p>Tue, Mar 12 5:30 pm</p> <p>Rec Center New Member Orientation 5:30pm</p> | <p><u>SO! Spring Potluck</u> New Member Orientation: 5:30 pm Social: 6:30 pm Potluck: 7:00 pm Bring your own table service. Couples bring a dish for 12, singles a dish for 6, with a labeled serving utensil. A-F: Side G-M: Main</p> | <p>Easy and Fun!</p> |

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| Social: 6:30 Potluck: 7:30 | N-R: Dessert S-Z: Main Please also bring non-perishable food donations or a check for the Manna Soup Kitchen | |
| Wed, Mar 13 9:30 am <u>SRP</u> 9:30 am | <u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric for a walk along the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions on brisk winter mornings. Participants may turn back early or continue further if desired. Dogs must be leashed. No RSVP required. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or pahlkee@aol.com. <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u> | Easy 5-7 miles Flat |