

Full Season Schedule - Spring 2020

Date & Location	Outing description	<u>Difficulty info</u>
Tue, Mar 10 5:30 pm Rec Center 5:30 pm New member orientation 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Potluck	<p><u>SO! Spring Potluck</u> SO! Spring Potluck New Member Orientation: 5:30 pm Bring your own table service, couples bring a dish for 12 people with serving utensil. Singles bring a dish for 6. AF: Side G-M: Main N-R: Dessert S-Z: Main In addition to potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations or check donation for Manna Soup Kitchen.</p>	Easy & Fun
Wed, Mar 11 9:30 am <u>SRP</u> 9:30 am	<p><u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> 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 <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace
Wed, Mar 18 7:00 am <u>SRP</u> 7:00 am	<p><u>Sand Canyon Switch Arroyo</u> This is a thru hike of the main Sand Canyon Trail. Just over 6 miles, mostly uphill one way (northbound) and downhill one way (southbound). From our meet point at SRP we will drive to the Colorado Welcome Center in Cortez and self segregate into the uphill (stronger hikers) and downhill groups. The uphill hikers will drive to Sand Canyon south trail head. And the downhill hikers will drive to the Sand Canyon north trail head. When we meet one another on the trail, vehicle drivers will switch keys and drive someone else's car to the Welcome Center in Cortez...Switch Arroyo! A full day. Bring your lunch! Carpool \$8 Limit 15 NO DOGS RSVP Steve Krest 970-588-3806 stevekrest@gmail.com</p>	Moderate 6 miles 700 ft gain Moderate to Brisk Pace
Wed, Mar 18 9:30 am <u>SRP</u> 9:30 am	<p><u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u> 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 epahlke@msn.com <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	Easy 5-7 miles Flat Moderate pace

<p>Wed, Mar 25 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Hike Haflin Creek Trail</u> From the trailhead in the North Animas Valley we will hike up Haflin Creek to the intersection with Missionary Ridge Trail. After a leisurely lunch, return by the same route. A good early season conditioning hike, with excellent views of the La Platas Limit 12. Carpool \$1. Two well behaved dogs on approval. RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard 8 miles, 3000 ft. elevation gainModerate brisk pace</p> 
<p>Wed, Mar 25 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 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 epahlke@msn.com <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>Easy 5-7 miles Flat Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sat, Mar 28 7:30 am</p> <p>SRP 7:30 am</p>	<p><u>Hike Bisti Badlands</u> Bisti is probably the best of the New Mexico badlands. It is a 90-mile drive to get there. We will spend the day exploring some of the better known formations. Dogs OK. Carpool \$10 RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate 8-10 miles Mostly flat Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Wed, Apr 1 9:00 am</p> <p>Spur Line TH 9:00 am Take 3 Springs Blvd. to the 2nd roundabout, keep going straight on a gravel road for about ¼ mi. to TH</p>	<p><u>WW hike Spur Line Trail</u> This a newer trail system in the Three Springs area. It is in the open and fairly level and will be a good beginning hike for the season. Dogs ok on leash only. RSVP non-members only. Ray Walker 382-7662 raynsue@bresnan.net <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>Moderate 4.25 miles 100 ft gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Fri, Apr 3 9:00 am</p> <p>Horse Gulch Trailhead: 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Hike Mike's Loop off of Cuchillo Loop Trail</u> Start from Horse Gulch Trailhead parking lot. Hike to the signage area which enters into the Cuchillo Loop Trail. About halfway through there is signage for Mike's Loop Trail, which increases the elevation, views and distance. Return to parking lot via the Meadows Trail. Limit 10. No carpool. No dogs RSVP Nancy Federico 259-1949 fortfed@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate 7-8 miles Gradual elevation gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sun, Apr 5 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Hike Raiders Ridge via switchbacks from Skyridge parking lot</u> Drive to the Skyridge parking lot and hike the switchbacks to the ridge. Take a left turn and hike the trail to its end. Option to hike to the</p>	<p>Moderate 7-8 miles 1000</p>

<p>RC-9:00am</p>	<p>other end of the ridge. Return the same route. Great exercise and beautiful views. Limit 10. No carpool. No dogs RSVP Nancy Federico 259-1949 fortfed@gmail.com</p>	<p>ft.elevation gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Mon, Apr 6 - Thu, Apr 9</p> <p>RC and TBD</p>	<p><u>Cedar Mesa Canyon Exploration from Camp Spot near Road Canyon</u> We will drive to a BLM primitive camp spot on SJC Road #239 to Lime Canyon/Road Canyon, set up camp and if time permits explore rim of Lime canyon to Little Citadel. The next 2 days will be spent exploring Road Canyon to Seven Kiva ruins. Then South Fork Mule Canyon past House on Fire to the end (7 ruins). On the drive home on day 4 TBD by the group. This will be Utah canyon scrambling on trails and open slick rock. Carpool TBD. 4WD. Limit 12. No dogs. RSVP Rich Butler rbutler54@gmail.com 609-532-6949. Co-leader Betsey Butler</p>	<p>Hard 6 to 10 miles per day. Elevation gain 500 to 750 ft per day.</p>
<p>Wed, Apr 8 9:00 am</p> <p>TH at 8th St. and 8th Ave. 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike Fort Lewis Loop Trail</u> The trail switchbacks up to the FLC campus then circumnavigates the campus in the pinyons and junipers then back down. Dogs on leash only. RSVP non-members only. Tricia Bayless 799-4535 tbayless@bresnan.net <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles 250 ft gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sat, Apr 11 8:00 am</p> <p>SRP 8:00 am</p>	<p><u>Sand Canyon East Rock Creek Loop</u> This is a well defined trail in the Canyon of the Ancients National Monument located in McElmo canyon west of Cortez. The hike is mostly sand and rock trails. The East Rock Creek Trail is a loop, located west of the main trail. There are a couple of small Ancestral Puebloan sites, less people and lots of interesting rock formations, an interesting arch and if the timing is right, blooming cacti, shrubs and flowers. Approximately 1 1/2 hour drive each way. Carpool \$8. Limit 12. No dogs. RSVP Fran Hart 970-884-1139 hartmagic@frontier.net</p>	<p>Moderate 7.2 miles 870 ft gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Apr 13 9:00 am</p> <p>9:00 am Meet at the home of Steve Schnarch, 83 Falls Creek Circle, directions sent upon RSVP.</p>	<p><u>Hike Falls Creek to the Animas Overlook</u> We will hike from the Falls Creek Valley to the Animas Overlook off Junction Creek Road. Our route begins with a short climb up through some slickrock, and up til we intersect part of the Log Chutes Trail, continuing on to the Overlook. Good views to the north and looking down on Hermosa. Limit 12. No Carpool. Two well behaved dogs on approval. RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate 4.8 miles round trip, 1700 ft. elevation gain Moderate Pace</p> 
<p>Mon, Apr 13 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u></p>	<p>16 miles total</p>

<p>Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery) 9:30 AM</p>	<p>This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread. We will meet in the south parking lot at Home Depot (by their nursery); ride the Animas River Trail to E. 32nd St., 32nd to Bread where we will stop for coffee and pastries. From Bread, we will take Florida Rd.-15th St. to Rotary Park where we will rejoin the Animas Trail and return to Home Depot. We will leave HD promptly at designated start time. Helmets are required. Contact me if you have questions and to be added to an email list so you can be notified of cancellations due to weather, etc.</p> <p>Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373 Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>distance Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Tue, Apr 14 8:45 am 8:45 am Hermosa Gas Station</p>	<p><u>Highway Cleanup</u> Highway Cleanup</p> <p>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 you do not have a vest, we have extras.) Coffee and donuts will be served in the parking area across from the Hermosa Gas Station. No dogs. RSVP Betsey Butler ejbutler12@gmail.com or 970-403-3185</p>	<p>Easy, 2 miles</p>
<p>Tue, Apr 14 6:30 pm RC 6:30 PM</p>	<p><u>SO! Monthly Meeting: Spirits of the Stone, a Journey to Southwestern Mystery, Seeking Rock Art from the Eye of a Photographer</u></p> <p>Speakers: Garry and Ming Adams</p> <p>Presentation summary: Spirits of the Stone presentation is a tribute to the ancient artists and their creations in stone. These magical images continue to mystify and inspire Garry and Ming with their power and beauty. We hope our presentation will promote more of an awareness of the unique treasures the ancients left behind and help us understand the importance of preserving their legacy. While exploring the canyons, caves, draws, meccas and crannies of the Colorado Plateau with their cameras, Garry and Ming capture the message of those who say, "I was here".</p> <p>Speaker Bios: Ming and Garry Adams live in McElmo Canyon, where they operate the Canyon of the Ancients Guest Ranch. They are passionate about the ranch, their animals, and guests from all over the world, as well as the historic and exotic landscape. They take every opportunity to explore canyons and mesas in the region in search of rock art.</p> <p>Garry was born and raised around Golden, Lakewood area. He is passionate about history and photography; he started photographing rock art 40 years ago. He created an international stock photo agency based in Denver before the internet and traveled around the world to set up stock photo affiliates. Now he lives in beautiful McElmo Canyon with his wife, Ming, running a working guest ranch.</p> <p>Ming is originally from Taiwan. She came to the US 20 years ago working at an advertising agency in New York that specialized in Asian market. Before moving to McElmo, she worked at Charles</p>	<p>Fun & Informative</p>

	Schwab in San Francisco and InterTrend Communications in Long Beach. She loves hiking, travel and cooking.	
Wed, Apr 15 8:30 am SRP 8:30 am	<u>WW hike Smelter Mt.</u> We will hike up the short but steep and rocky slope to the towers on Smelter Mountain from the TH off CR 210. No dogs. RSVP non-members only. Ray Walker 382-7662 raynsue@bresnan.net <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u>	Moderate 2 miles 1000 ft gain Moderate pace
Thu, Apr 16 9:00 am RC 9:00 AM	<u>Hike Haflin Creek</u> We will climb up Haflin Creek from the Animas Valley to the intersection with the Missionary Ridge trail. Good trail all the way, but considerable elevation gain. An excellent get-the-legs-ready-for-the mountains-to-come hike with great views. Limit 12. Carpool \$1. Well behaved dogs okay. RSVP: Judy Mack 970 769 2860 tupelo16@gmail.com	Hard 8 miles 3000 ft gain Moderate to Brisk Pace
Thu, Apr 16 9:00 am SRP 9:00 AM	<u>Thursday Road Bike Rides</u> Ride at an easy pace from Santa Rita Park to Hermosa, stopping at PJs Market for coffee, then back to the start (about 30 miles). Sub-groups may take somewhat different routes or extend the ride, such as north to Bakers Bridge. This is a casual, no-drop ride with emphasis on health and group well-being. Helmets required. First time riders RSVP to ThursdayBikers@senioroutdoors.org to get your name on the email list. <u>Click here for additional details</u>	Easy ride , about 30miles, at an easy pace, 10-15 miles per hour
Sat, Apr 18 7:00 am SRP 7:00 AM	<u>Lybrook, NM Badlands Hike</u> Hike one way (with shuttle) through the Lybrook, NM badlands. The car trip is long (about 2 hours), but the hike through some rarely visited unique badlands is rewarding. Expect no trails, and no other people. Expect some scrambling, plenty of interesting landforms, some hoodoos, no water. We will hike at a moderate pace, but stop wherever! Limit 12, 4WD helpful, No Dogs, 200 mile car trip, carpool TBD= RSVP Travis Ward at 970-247-1310 or tward@frontier.net	7 miles, 1,500 feet elevation gain, Hard at Moderate Pace
Mon, Apr 20 - Thu, Apr 23 SRP 8:30 AM	<u>Moab Car Camping & Hiking</u> Driving over on Monday, we will find a campsite (could be primitive) and then take a short hike before dinner. Two full days of hiking. May spend time in Arches National Park, as well as outside the park exploring the many canyons, and scrambling over some of the spectacular slick rock bottoms. Some moderate exposure possible. Short hike Thursday morning, then drive home. Limit 12, No dogs, carpool TBD. RSVP Gail Davidson at 970-799-2940 or gaildavidson1@gmail.com. Co-leader Bill Cagle	Hard, 6-8 miles per day, at moderate pace
Mon, Apr 20 9:30 am	<u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u> This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread. We will meet in the south parking lot at Home Depot (by their	16 miles total distance

<p>Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery) 9:30 AM</p>	<p>nursery); ride the Animas River Trail to E. 32nd St., 32nd to Bread where we will stop for coffee and pastries. From Bread, we will take Florida Rd.-15th St. to Rotary Park where we will rejoin the Animas Trail and return to Home Depot. We will leave HD promptly at designated start time. Helmets are required. Contact me if you have questions and to be added to an email list so you can be notified of cancellations due to weather, etc. Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373 Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Tue, Apr 21 9:00 am SRP 9:00 AM</p>	<p><u>New Mexico Aztec Arches Hike</u> Hike to Anasazi and Octopus arches in northern New Mexico, and find a few imposter arches. The distance is not far, but there is some bushwhacking and ledge scrambling, hence the moderate rating. Limit 15. Agile dogs OK. 4WD is helpful but not necessary. Carpool \$5. RSVP leader Harding Cure at 970-382-8286 or hardingcure@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate (some scrambling) at easy pace</p>
<p>Wed, Apr 22 8:30 am RC 8:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW Hike Lower Hermosa Trail</u> This trail goes through the burn area from the fire in 2018, so we will see how the area is recovering with new growth. The well-defined trail remains at approximately the same elevation with some ups and downs and several stream crossings. This is an in-and-out hike. Carpool \$2. Well-mannered dogs ok. RSVP non-members only. Lindy Ivie (505) 690-4903 iviedgo@gmail.com About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 4.5 miles 500 ft gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Thu, Apr 23 9:00 am SRP 9:00 AM</p>	<p><u>Thursday Road Bike Rides</u> Ride at an easy pace from Santa Rita Park to Hermosa, stopping at PJs Market for coffee, then back to the start (about 30 miles). Sub-groups may take somewhat different routes or extend the ride, such as north to Bakers Bridge. This is a casual, no-drop ride with emphasis on health and group well-being. Helmets required. First time riders RSVP to ThursdayBikers@senioroutdoors.org to get your name on the email list. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Easy ride , about 30miles, at an easy pace, 10-15 miles per hour</p>
<p>Mon, Apr 27 9:30 am Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery) 9:30 AM</p>	<p><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u> This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread. We will meet in the south parking lot at Home Depot (by their nursery); ride the Animas River Trail to E. 32nd St., 32nd to Bread where we will stop for coffee and pastries. From Bread, we will take Florida Rd.-15th St. to Rotary Park where we will rejoin the Animas Trail and return to Home Depot. We will leave HD promptly at designated start time. Helmets are required. Contact me if you have questions and to be added to an email list so you can be notified of cancellations due to weather, etc. Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373 Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>16 miles total distance Moderate Pace</p>

<p>Wed, Apr 29 8:30 am</p> <p>Twin Buttes TH behind Speedway on 160 West 8:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike Twin Buttes</u> This hike will be Ray's choice, depending on trail conditions. Dogs on leash only. RSVP non-members only. Ray Walker 382-7662 raynsue@bresnan.net <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>Moderate 4 5 miles 400 ft gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Thu, Apr 30 9:00 am</p> <p>SRP 9:00 AM</p>	<p><u>Thursday Road Bike Rides</u> Ride at an easy pace from Santa Rita Park to Hermosa, stopping at PJs Market for coffee, then back to the start (about 30 miles). Sub-groups may take somewhat different routes or extend the ride, such as north to Bakers Bridge. This is a casual, no-drop ride with emphasis on health and group well-being. Helmets required. First time riders RSVP to ThursdayBikers@senioroutdoors.org to get your name on the email list. <u>Click here for additional details</u></p>	<p>Easy ride , about 30miles, at an easy pace, 10-15 miles per hour</p>
<p>Fri, May 1 8:00 am</p> <p>RC 8:00 am TC 8:10 am</p>	<p><u>Wallace Lake Loop</u> We will start on the north side of Wallace lake following an old FS road for several miles and connect to the Stevens Ck. trail at the top of Missionary Ridge. Then follow Stevens Ck trail west until we reach the Wallace Lk spur, using it to return to the starting point. Nice moderate hike with great views of Animas Valley, south San Juans and Stevens Ck drainage. Limit 12. Carpool \$3. No dogs. RSVP Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930 chuck.rancatti@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate 8 miles, 1700 ft. vertical, Moderate pace</p>
<p>Mon, May 4 9:00 am</p> <p>ACP 9:00 am Fire Station at CR234 and Florida Rd 9:10 am</p>	<p><u>Hike Red Creek-First Fork Loop</u> We will hike up Red Creek trail, follow Missionary Ridge Trail west to its intersection with First Fork which returns to the trailhead. Nice views from Missionary Ridge, and a good early-season, low elevation conditioning hike. Carpool \$2 Limit 12, no dogs. RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com</p>	<p>Hard 10 miles 2000 ft gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Mon, May 4 9:30 am</p> <p>Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery) 9:30 AM</p>	<p><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u> This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread. We will meet in the south parking lot at Home Depot (by their nursery); ride the Animas River Trail to E. 32nd St., 32nd to Bread where we will stop for coffee and pastries. From Bread, we will take Florida Rd.-15th St. to Rotary Park where we will rejoin the Animas Trail and return to Home Depot. We will leave HD promptly at designated start time. Helmets are required. Contact me if you have questions and to be added to an email list so you can be notified of cancellations due to weather, etc. Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373 Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089.</p>	<p>16 miles total distance Moderate Pace</p>

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Wed, May 6 8:00 am SRP 8:30 am	<u>WW hike Hidden Valley</u> We will hike through the meadow at about the mid point turning north and up the ridge to the old burn area then continue in a loop back to the meadow. The hike will be reversed from years past with a slight variation added. Carpool \$2. 2 well mannered dogs ok. Limit 15 Everyone must RSVP due to limit. RSVP Lorie Hansen (828) 243-2194 lmhansen39@gmail.com <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u>	Moderate 5 miles 400 ft gain Moderate pace
Thu, May 7 9:00 am SRP 9:00 AM	<u>Thursday Road Bike Rides</u> Ride at an easy pace from Santa Rita Park to Hermosa, stopping at PJs Market for coffee, then back to the start (about 30 miles). Sub-groups may take somewhat different routes or extend the ride, such as north to Bakers Bridge. This is a casual, no-drop ride with emphasis on health and group well-being. Helmets required. First time riders RSVP to ThursdayBikers@senioroutdoors.org to get your name on the email list. <u>Click here for additional details</u>	Easy ride , about 30miles, at an easy pace, 10-15 miles per hour
Thu, May 7 6:00 pm Manna 6:00 PM	<u>Annual Leader's Dinner and Training</u> To show our appreciation to our great SO! outing leaders, and encourage new leaders, SO! hosts this annual dinner. If you have led an outing in the past year or so, or want to lead one in the near future, do not miss this opportunity to enjoy fine food and drinks, camaraderie with other leaders, as well as helpful information and some fun awards. RSVP Harding Cure at 970-382-8286, hardingcure@gmail.com	Delicious and Fun
Fri, May 8 7:30 am SRP 7:30 AM Mancos ABC 8:45 AM	<u>Hike Sand Rock Canyons (loop or lollyloop hike)</u> Optional start at SRP or at the Absolute Bakery and Café (ABC) in Mancos. Please indicate preference in RSVP. This lovely canyon area west of Cortez offers views of Ancestral Puebloan sites and interesting rock formations, with good trails, mostly on sand and rock. If timing is right we will enjoy blooming cliff rose (aka bitterbush), cacti, other shrubs and flowers. Likely route: E Rock Creek Sand Canyon loop with added spur N in Sand Canyon. Hike concluding around 2:30 PM. Approx. 1 ½ hour drive each way. Limit 15, No dogs, 4WD needed, Carpool \$8. Please indicate where you are meeting (SRP, ABC or TH), and if you can drive (vehicle capacity). RSVP Betsy Petersen at betsy@bresnan.net	Moderate, 5 ½ to 7 miles, 700 feet gain, at moderate pace
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Tue, May 12 6:30 pm RC 6:30 PM	<u>SO! Monthly Meeting: “The Woolly West: Colorado Hidden History of Sheepscapes”</u> Speaker: Andrew Gulliford Presentation Summary: Andrew Gulliford will speak about historical archaeology and the wide variety of sites related to sheep movements, sheep camps, cairns, aspen tree carvings, and sheepherder lifeways in Colorado high country for summer grazing and in Utah canyon country for winter grazing. He will present his findings, show photographs, and discuss cultural traditions and stories for Basque, Hispano, and Greek herders and sheepmen who have grazed and still graze the state public lands. Gulliford will discuss the history of cattle and sheep wars in Colorado and will bring his research up to date describing ongoing conflicts between guardian dogs and hikers and between domestic sheep and bighorns on national forests. Because public lands sheep grazing is declining, he will present an ewelogy. Let us hope he does not do a baaaaaaad job. Cowboys get the fancy boots, the Western movies, the country music songs. It is time to talk about sheepherders. Speaker Bio: Andrew Gulliford is a professor of history and Environmental Studies at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. He teaches popular courses on wilderness, national parks, Western history, and environmental history. He is the author of many books including America's Country Schools, Sacred Objects and Sacred Places: Preserving Tribal Traditions, and Boomtown Blues: Colorado Oil Shale, which won the Colorado Book Award. His book The Woolly West: Colorado's Hidden History of Sheepscapes, published in 2018, was chosen the Outstanding Nonfiction winner for the 2019 Western Heritage Awards sponsored by the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. The Woolly West also won the Colorado Book Award for History in 2019.	Fascinating and Entertaining
Wed, May 13 8:30 am RC 8:30 AM Fire Station at CR 234 and Florida Rd. 8:45 am	<u>WW hike Red Creek Trail</u> The trail climbs gradually through forest, following and crossing the creek several times to our turn around point. Poles helpful for creek crossings. Carpool \$2 Well mannered dogs ok. RSVP non-members only. Cindy Werland (512) 791-8498 cewerlan@flash.net <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u>	Moderate 5 miles 500 ft gain Moderate pace
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<p>Sat, May 16 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00AM TC 9:15AM TH 9:30AM</p>	<p><u>Hike Castle Rock</u></p> <p>Beginning at the Needles Store, we will hike the Elbert Creek Trail steadily climbing through the aspens to the cabin and then up to Castle Rock with great views of Electra Lake, Spud Mountain, and the Twilights. Carpool \$4. Well behaved dogs okay.</p> <p>RSVP: Judy Mack 970 769 2860 tupelo16@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles 1600 ft gain Moderate to Brisk Pace</p>
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<p>Wed, May 20 8:30 am</p> <p>SRP 8:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike Chicken Creek / Rim Trail Loop</u></p> <p>This hike will be an interpretive hike led by MK Gunn of the SJMA into an area of the Mancos River. Gently rolling terrain on sparsely used trails although there are two road crossings and we actually hike through the Transfer CG. Bathrooms are available at the CG but not the TH. Great views of the La Plata Mountains as well as time nestled down by Chicken Creek. Carpool \$5. No dogs.</p> <p>RSVP non-members only. Sue Croom (772) 713-1114 sueacroom@aol.com Co-leader Lee Umscheid (480) 717-1110 leeumscheid1@aol.com</p> <p>About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 5.5 miles 450 ft gain/loss Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, May 20 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am Fire Station Florida Rd at CR 234 9:15 am</p>	<p><u>Hike Red Creek-First Fork Loop</u></p> <p>We will hike up Red Creek trail, follow Missionary Ridge Trail west to its intersection with First Fork trail, which returns to the trailhead. Nice views from Missionary Ridge and a good early season, low elevation conditioning hike.</p> <p>Limit 12. . Carpool:\$2 Two well-behaved dogs OK (include in RSVP). RSVP Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard 10 miles 2000 ft. Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Sat, May 23 8:30 am</p>	<p><u>Vallecito Creek Trail</u></p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles</p>

<p>RC 8:30 am</p>	<p>The trail is rocky and narrow in spots with great views into the gorge. We will hike at a moderate pace to the first bridge. Some may want to stop at a nice creek view about 2/3 of the way to the bridge. Depending on the season, we may have snow, we may have flowers. Carpool \$4. Limit 12 Two well behaved dogs. RSVP Fran Hart 970-884-1139 hartmagic@frontier.net</p>	<p>1200 ft gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Mon, May 25 9:30 am</p> <p>Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery) 9:30 AM</p>	<p><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u> This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread. We will meet in the south parking lot at Home Depot (by their nursery); ride the Animas River Trail to E. 32nd St., 32nd to Bread where we will stop for coffee and pastries. From Bread, we will take Florida Rd.-15th St. to Rotary Park where we will rejoin the Animas Trail and return to Home Depot. We will leave HD promptly at designated start time. Helmets are required. Contact me if you have questions and to be added to an email list so you can be notified of cancellations due to weather, etc. Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373 Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089. <u>Click here for additional details</u></p>	<p>16 miles total distance Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Wed, May 27 8:30 am</p> <p>RC 8:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike Colorado Trail 2nd TH to Gudy's Rest</u> From the upper TH the hike begins with a gradual but steady climb through the canyon. The trail then descends slightly arriving at a bridge after 1.5 miles. Once at the bridge there are a series of switchbacks for 1.5 miles to Gudy's Rest. Return is along the same route. Carpool \$2. Well behaved dogs ok. RSVP non-members only. Lynda Packard (254) 424-5061 lbpackard@gmail.com <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 1000 ft gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, May 27 8:45 am</p> <p>RC 8:45 AM</p>	<p><u>Geology Hike up Animas Mt</u> This is a moderate hike to top of Animas Mt. along a well-defined, somewhat rocky trail that loops back to TH. Many stops with expert geologist discussion of the geology that created the wide variety of north Durango scenery viewed along trail. Visual aids included. 5-6 hours in length; bring lunch. Limit 15. No dogs. Carpool \$1. RSVP Jeff Brame at 759-9827 geostar20@aol.com</p>	<p>Moderate difficulty, 6 miles RT loop, elevation gain 1520 Ft. Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Thu, May 28 9:00 am</p> <p>SRP 9:00 AM</p>	<p><u>Thursday Road Bike Rides</u> Ride at an easy pace from Santa Rita Park to Hermosa, stopping at PJs Market for coffee, then back to the start (about 30 miles). Sub-groups may take somewhat different routes or extend the ride, such as north to Bakers Bridge. This is a casual, no-drop ride with emphasis on health and group well-being. Helmets required. First time riders RSVP to ThursdayBikers@senioroutdoors.org to get your name on the email list.</p>	<p>Easy ride , about 30miles, at an easy pace, 10-15 miles per hour</p>
<p>Thu, May 28 5:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Outings Committee Meeting</u></p>	<p>Easy</p>

<p>Home of Steve Schnarch, 5:30 PM</p>	<p>This is the meeting when your Outings Committee sets the outings schedule for the next quarter. If you are already an SO! outings leader and are able and willing to lead an outing next quarter, please forward your outing information to your committee member prior to this meeting. SO! This is the meeting when your Outings Committee sets the outings schedule for the next quarter. If you are already an SO! outings leader and are able and willing to lead an outing next quarter, please forward your outing information to your committee member prior to this meeting. SO! is always in need of additional leaders. If you may be interested in leading an outing, please contact anyone on the committee and we will get you start-ed.is always in need of additional leaders. If you may be interested in leading an outing, please contact anyone on the committee and we will get you start-ed.\RSVP Harding Cure at 970-382-8286 or hardingcure@gmail.com.</p>	
<p>Fri, May 29 8:30 am RC 8:30 am</p>	<p><u>Hike Goulding Creek Trail to Jones Creek</u> This is an opportunity to see the impact of the 416 fire on one of our favorite hikes. We will hike the switchbacks up Goulding Creek (most of the elevation gain), follow the ridge south on the Pinkerton Flagstaff Trail, and descend on the Jones Creek Trail to Hermosa Creek. Carpool \$3 No dogs (because of car shuttle). RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net</p>	<p>Hard 10 miles 2200 ft gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Jun 1 9:30 am Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery) 9:30 AM</p>	<p><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u> This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread. We will meet in the south parking lot at Home Depot (by their nursery); ride the Animas River Trail to E. 32nd St., 32nd to Bread where we will stop for coffee and pastries. From Bread, we will take Florida Rd.-15th St. to Rotary Park where we will rejoin the Animas Trail and return to Home Depot. We will leave HD promptly at designated start time. Helmets are required. Contact me if you have questions and to be added to an email list so you can be notified of cancellations due to weather, etc. Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373 Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089. <u>Click here for additional details</u></p>	<p>16 miles total distance Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Tue, Jun 2 5:30 pm 5:30 pm Social 6:30 pm Meeting and Election of New Board Members 7:00 pm Dinner Chris Park Group Campground</p>	<p><u>SO! General Meeting and Picnic/Potluck</u> This year, the Annual Picnic/Potluck is slated to happen at a new location and on a new date. Note that this year's picnic is on the 1st Tuesday in June (rather than the 2nd Tuesday). Chefs from the Manna Soup Kitchen will be manning the grills and buying all the protein and barbecue fixings. Because of this scenario, a voluntary donation of \$5.00 per attendee is highly encouraged. Donation jars will be available at the venue. Please RSVP your interest in attending this event as well as your protein choices to Michele Mals at michelemariamals@gmail.com or (505) 288-0971 before May 25, 2020. Protein choices are: beef burgers</p>	<p>Easy and fun</p>

<p>Campground 1 mile south of Haviland Lake on Forest Rd 166 Directions: From Durango, travel north on Highway 550 for about 18 miles. Turn at the Haviland Lake sign, continue for one-half mile, then right at the intersection (at sign for Chris Park). Adequate parking is available near the pavilion, but carpooling is encouraged.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">veggie burgers or brats</p> <p>Please RSVP choices only if you will be a definite attendee, so as to prevent over-purchasing of food.</p> <p>Lemonade and Iced Tea will be provided. If you wish to bring another beverage, please feel free.</p> <p>Please provide your own plates, tableware and napkins.</p> <p>Couples should bring a dish to serve 12, singles, to serve 6, with labeled serving utensils.</p> <p>Food Assignments by last name: A-F: Desserts G-R: Salads and Sides S-Z: Appetizers</p> <p>Please also bring non-perishable food donations or a check made out to the Durango Food Bank.</p>	
<p>Wed, Jun 3 8:30 am RC 8:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike Skyline and Smokejumper Trails</u> We will hike up Skyline Trail on well graded switchbacks to the top of Raider Ridge. We will then follow the ridge north on Smokejumper Trail to great viewpoint then back down the same way. Dogs on leash only. Limit 20. Everyone must RSVP due to limit. RSVP Chris Wiehage 903-5353 cwiehage22@gmail.com <u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>Moderate 7 miles 1000 ft gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Thu, Jun 4 9:00 am SRP 9:00 AM</p>	<p><u>Thursday Road Bike Rides</u> Ride at an easy pace from Santa Rita Park to Hermosa, stopping at PJs Market for coffee, then back to the start (about 30 miles). Sub-groups may take somewhat different routes or extend the ride, such as north to Bakers Bridge. This is a casual, no-drop ride with emphasis on health and group well-being. Helmets required. First time riders RSVP to ThursdayBikers@senioroutdoors.org to get your name on the email list. <u>Click here for additional details</u></p>	<p>Easy ride , about 30miles, at an easy pace, 10-15 miles per hour</p>
<p>Sat, Jun 6</p>	<p><u>Madden & Parrott Peaks (11,972 & 11,857 ft)</u></p>	<p>Hard</p>

<p>8:30 am</p> <p>SRP 8:30 am</p>	<p>We will climb Madden from the Madden Peak Road; it should be a moderate climb on a the old road/trail. We will descend to the Madden/Parrott saddle and scramble up talus to Parrott. Then descend back to the saddle and traverse under Maddens ridge to the up route. Carpool: \$6. 4WD. Limit 14 people and 2 Well controlled dogs OK.</p> <p>RSVP Rich Butler rbutler54@gmail.com 609-532-6949, Co-leader Betsey Butler</p>	<p>6 miles</p> <p>2,250 ft gain</p> <p>Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Jun 8</p> <p>9:30 am</p> <p>Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery)</p> <p>9:30 AM</p>	<p><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u></p> <p>This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread. We will meet in the south parking lot at Home Depot (by their nursery); ride the Animas River Trail to E. 32nd St., 32nd to Bread where we will stop for coffee and pastries. From Bread, we will take Florida Rd.-15th St. to Rotary Park where we will rejoin the Animas Trail and return to Home Depot. We will leave HD promptly at designated start time. Helmets are required. Contact me if you have questions and to be added to an email list so you can be notified of cancellations due to weather, etc.</p> <p>Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373 Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089.</p> <p><u>Click here for additional details</u></p>	<p>16 miles total distance</p> <p>Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 10</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>RC 8:00 am</p> <p>Fire Station at CR 234 and Florida Rd. 8:15 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike Mt. Baldy</u></p> <p>We will hike to the top of Baldy Mt on old trails and a FS Rd. This will be a loop hike, in and out of trees with a gradual but steady climb. Great views at the top. Bring water and snacks. Carpool \$2 Dogs ok. Limit 15.</p> <p>Everyone must RSVP due to limit. RSVP Lorie Hansen 828 243 2194 Lmhansen39@gmail.com</p> <p><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>6-7 miles</p> <p>1300 ft gain</p> <p>Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jun 10</p> <p>9:30 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 AM</p> <p>TC 9:10 AM</p> <p>TH 9:30 AM</p>	<p><u>Hike Purgatory Trail to Animas River</u></p> <p>The trailhead for this popular trail is across Hiway 550 from the Purgatory entrance. We will hike down to the Animas River and back up, with a climb at the end. It offers mountain views, the spectacular narrow Cascade Creek Canyon with the trail both at creek level and high above, and a riverside lunch spot with picnic tables.</p> <p>Dogs OK, Carpool \$4.</p> <p>RSVP Terri Wells at 970-749-8209 or terriwells7@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Hard, 1050 feet gain,</p> <p>Brisk pace</p>
<p>Thu, Jun 11</p> <p>9:00 am</p> <p>SRP 9:00 AM</p>	<p><u>Thursday Road Bike Rides</u></p> <p>Ride at an easy pace from Santa Rita Park to Hermosa, stopping at PJs Market for coffee, then back to the start (about 30 miles). Sub-groups may take somewhat different routes or extend the ride, such as north to Bakers Bridge.</p> <p>This is a casual, no-drop ride with emphasis on health and group well-being. Helmets required.</p> <p>First time riders RSVP to ThursdayBikers@senioroutdoors.org to get your name on the email list.</p> <p><u>Click here for additional details</u></p>	<p>Easy ride , about 30miles, at an easy pace, 10-15 miles per hour</p>
<p>Sat, Jun 13</p>	<p><u>Hike Larkspur Lane</u></p>	

<p>9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p>An annual favorite named by John Montle in 2001 for the larkspur and other flowers carpeting the meadows. We follow the well-established lower Engineer Mountain Trail part way up and back through woods and meadows with great views. Lunch at a view spot. Early turn-backs OK. Dogs OK. Carpool \$4. No RSVP required. Leader: Clark Lagow</p>	<p>Moderate 8 miles 2000 ft gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Jun 15 9:30 am</p> <p>Home Depot Parking lot (South End near HD nursery) 9:30 AM</p>	<p><u>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists</u> This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread. We will meet in the south parking lot at Home Depot (by their nursery); ride the Animas River Trail to E. 32nd St., 32nd to Bread where we will stop for coffee and pastries. From Bread, we will take Florida Rd.-15th St. to Rotary Park where we will rejoin the Animas Trail and return to Home Depot. We will leave HD promptly at designated start time. Helmets are required. Contact me if you have questions and to be added to an email list so you can be notified of cancellations due to weather, etc. Ride Leader: Bob Schuckhart, bschuck1@gmail.com, 832-285-2373 Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com, 970-403-3089. <u>Click here for additional details</u></p>	<p>16 miles total distance Moderate Pace</p>
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