

Full Season Schedule - Winter 2019

Date & Location	Outing description	<u>Difficulty info</u>
Wed, Dec 11 9:30 am SRP 9:30 am	<p><u>WW hike</u> <u>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</p> <p><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace
Wed, Dec 11 7:00 pm Meet at the home of Steve Schnarch 83 Falls Creek Circle	<p><u>Moonlight Hike/Snowshoe in Falls Creek- Hidden Valley</u> Weather and open skies permitting, we'll boot hike or 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. 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 trail.</p> <p>Limit 18, 2 well-mannered dogs on approval. RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com</p>	Moderate 3 miles round trip out and back, 3 short, pretty steep hills, 250 ft. Moderate Pace
Sat, Dec 14 9:00 am RC 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am	<p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</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 educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p>	Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft
Sun, Dec 15 9:00 am TBD 9:00	<p><u>Avalanche Transceiver Practice</u> Spend an hour or two practicing with your avalanche transceiver. We will practice single and multiple burial scenarios. No dogs. RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com.</p>	Easy

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Tue, Dec 17 9:00 am ACP 9:00 am	<u>X/C ski La Plata Canyon</u> Depending on conditions, we will ski up the creek as far as we like, and then up the road a ways, before returning down the road. If the snow is not ready, we will postpone. Limit 15, Dogs OK, car pool \$2. RSVP Harding Cure, hardingcure@gmail.com or 970-382-8286	Moderate 6+ miles 600 ft Moderate pace
Wed, Dec 18 9:30 am SRP 9:30 am	<u>WW hike</u> <u>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>	Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace
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Wed, Jan 1 9:00 am RC 9:00 am	<u>Snowshoe Jura Knob (12,614 ft)</u> Start the decade with an epic. Snowshoe up Pass Creek to Engineer Meadows then head north to Jura Knob. Return the same way. There will be glorious views from the ridge if it's not snowing. No dogs. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe) and educated themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. Carpool \$5. RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com	Hard 9 miles, 2900 feet, Brisk pace
Sat, Jan 4 9:00 am	<u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> At the Rec Center meeting spot, snowshoe participants will divide into moderate and fast paced groups with their own separate leaders and	Moderate to Hard 3+

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<p>Sun, Jan 12 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Snowshoe Little Molas</u> We will climb from the turnout for Little Molas Lake up to the basin above. Then traverse southwest along a bench and finally circle back across the lake to the cars. Great views! Dogs OK. Carpool \$5. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe) and educated themselves about</p>	<p>Moderate, 1400 feet, 5-6 miles, Brisk pace</p>

	avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com .	
Tue, Jan 14 8:30 am RC 8:30 am TC 8:45 am PURG 9:00 am	<u>XC Ski (or Snowshoe) Lime Creek Rd</u> This will be a moderate XC ski on the old Lime Creek Rd out and back. Skis with fish scales are adequate; no climbing skins needed. Bring snowshoes in case snow conditions are not favorable for skiing. Carpool \$5. 4WD preferable. Dogs OK. RSVP Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@gmail.com	Moderate 6 miles 800 ft. Moderate Pace
Tue, Jan 14 6:30 pm RC	<u>SO! Monthly Meeting: Exploring the spectacular landscape scenery across the Navajo Nation</u> Speaker: Jeff Brame The Navajo Nation is the largest Native American Nation/Reservation in the United States by far covering parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. This vast area exhibits some of the most spectacular landscape scenery in the entire Colorado Plateau. This presentation will explore many of these landscape features with a view towards the basic geologic events that led to the creation and present day expression of these features. Jeff Brame is owner and chief geologist of Brame GeoScience, LLC in Durango, CO. He has BS and MS degrees in geology and has been a working geologist for over 43 years. Jeff spent the past 20 years as an independent consultant primarily involved with oil and gas exploration in addition to leading southwest USA geological seminars and field trips. He moved his geological consulting business to Durango, CO in 2003 and developed a particular interest and knowledge base in the geology and beautiful landscape scenery of the Colorado Plateau. Jeff has taught several courses on the geology of the Four Corners area and Durango area through the Fort Lewis College Continuing Education Dept. while frequently giving area geology presentations to local community groups	
Wed, Jan 15 9:00 am ACP 9:00 am	<u>Cross Country Ski at Vallecito</u> Beginner/Intermediate cross country ski. 5-10 miles depending on group consensus and ability. Location may change dependent on snow conditions. Carpool \$5 Limit 15 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. RSVP Steve Krest (970) 588-3806 stevekrest@gmail.com	Easy/Moderate 5-10 miles Minimal gain Moderate Pace 
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<p>Thu, Jan 16 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am Cascade Curve: 9:40 am</p>	<p><u>X-C Ski Trip up Cascade Creek</u></p> <p>We will cross country ski about 3 miles up Cascade Creek, either beside or on the creek as conditions permit. This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety and carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe). Limit 12, No Dogs, Carpool fee \$4. RSVP Travis Ward, tward@frontier.net or 970-247-1310.</p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles Less than 500 ft. Moderate pace</p>
<p>Thu, Jan 16 10:30 am</p> <p>Nordic Center at Purgatory 10:30 am</p>	<p><u>Classic XC Ski/Skate Ski Clinic</u> NEW</p> <p>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, its 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>Thu, Jan 16 5:30 pm</p> <p>2989 W 4th Ave</p>	<p><u>SO! Board Meeting</u> CANCELLED</p> <p>This meeting is cancelled. The Board meeting was planned to be held at Mary Moorehead's home, 2989 W 4th Ave. RSVP Mary mmtax@cmconline.com</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Sat, Jan 18 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u></p> <p>At the Rec Center meeting spot, snowshoe participants will divide into moderate and fast paced groups with their own separate leaders and carpools. 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>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500- 2000 ft</p>
<p>Mon, Jan 20 - Thu, Jan 23</p> <p>SR 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>4-day X-C Ski Trip to Ward's Cabin</u> DATE CHANGED</p> <p>Day 1: Ski 9 miles to the Ward cabin in the aspens north of Mancos. It's a gradual climb of 1,000 ft. mostly on Forest Service roads. Days 2 and 3: Ski around through the woods and meadows. Day 4: Depart by noon to return to vehicles. Note: Mattress and kitchen stuff provided. More details upon sign up. Limit 8, No Dogs, 4WD if roads are snowy, carpool fee \$5. RSVP Travis Ward, tward@frontier.net or 970-247-1310. Co-Leader Will Rietveld, willjanet@bresnan.net, 970-422-5233.</p>	<p>Hard 9 miles 1000 ft. moderate pace</p>

<p>Wed, Jan 22 9:00 am</p> <p>ACP 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Snowshoe south of Andrews Lake</u> 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 classified as hard. Carpool \$5 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy. Limit 10 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. RSVP: Charles Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com</p>	<p>Moderate/Ha 6 miles 1000 ft gain Moderate Pace</p> 
<p>Wed, Jan 22 9:30 am</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike</u> <u>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>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Sat, Jan 25 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> At the Rec Center meeting spot, snowshoe participants will divide into moderate and fast paced groups with their own separate leaders and carpools. 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>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500- 2000 ft</p>
<p>Mon, Jan 27 9:00 am</p> <p>SRP 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>X/C ski or skate Mesa Verde Park</u> INDEFINITELY POSTPONED DUE TO PARK STATUS The date for this outing will be flexible depending on snow conditions in the park. It is a bit of a drive, but when conditions are good, skiing the park trails is an experience to savor. We will likely follow the Cliff House loop, with occasional stops to admire the incredible views of cliff dwellings dusted with snow. Bring your camera! For more information, see https://www.nps.gov/meve/planyourvisit/crosscountryskiing.htm Trails may be immaculately groomed, or not. Will check grooming in advance. Mostly flat, very little slope. Limit 15, no dogs (park rule), car pool \$8. RSVP Harding Cure, hardingcure@gmail.com, 970-382-8286</p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles Flat Moderate pace</p>
<p>Tue, Jan 28 9:00 am</p> <p>SRP</p>	<p><u>LaPlata Canyon x-country – snow shoe outing</u> NEW OUTING Drive to the parking lot at the beginning of the canyon. You will have the option to cross country ski or snow shoe depending on the snow conditions. The route will either be along the road or the creek bed until it gets narrow, then traverse onto the road for a couple of miles. Good views, elevation gain and exercise. Return same route.</p>	<p>Moderate 4 - 6 miles 700' gain</p>

	Moderate Pace, Limit 2 well behaved dogs, carpool \$2 RSVP Nancy Federico 259-1949 fortfed@gmail.com	
Wed, Jan 29 9:30 am SRP 9:30 am	<u>WW hike</u> <u>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>	Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace
Thu, Jan 30 8:30 am RC 8:30 am TC 8:45 am PURG 9:15	<u>Snowshoe South Side of Cascade Creek</u> 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. This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety and carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe). Limit 15, 2 well-mannered dogs on approval Carpool \$4. 4WD preferable. RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com	Moderate 8 miles out and back 800 ft. Moderate Pace
Thu, Jan 30 9:00 am RC 9:00 a.m. TC 9:10 a.m. Purg 9:30 a.m.	<u>XC Ski Tour in the area around Molas Pass/Andrews Lake</u> NEW OUTING This is for advanced beginners to intermediate skiers. It is a chance to brush up on XC skills, touring on gently rolling terrain and maybe try a few turns. Some trail breaking could be involved. No dogs. Moderate pace. Limit 8. Carpool \$5. Leader: Bill Cagle RSVP: cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate 4 miles 400'
Sat, Feb 1 9:00 am RC 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am	<u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> At the Rec Center meeting spot, snowshoe participants will divide into moderate and fast paced groups with their own separate leaders and carpools. 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.	Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500- 2000 ft
Mon, Feb 3 9:00 am Meet at the home of Steve Schnarch	<u>Snowshoe Falls Creek to Animas Overlook</u> We'll snowshoe from the Falls Creek Valley to the Animas Overlook off Junction Creek Road. Our route begins with a short boot climb up through some slickrock, then we'll put on snowshoes for the rest of the hike. 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.	Moderate 4.8 miles round trip, 1700 ft. Moderate Pace

83 Falls Creek Circle	Steve's house is the third driveway on the left. We'll car shuttle about a half mile to the trail. Limit 12, 2 well-mannered dogs on approval. RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com	
Mon, Feb 3 6:30 pm RC 6:30 PM	<u>SO! Avalanche Awareness Clinic</u> AVALANCHE TRAINING Avalanche Awareness for the Recreationalist : Two-hour clinic for SO! outing leaders and participants in backcountry winter outings.	Easy and possibly lifesaving
Wed, Feb 5 9:00 am ACP 9:00am	<u>Snowshoe above Little Molas Lake</u> 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. Carpool \$5 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy. Limit 10. 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. RSVP: Charles Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com	Moderate 4 miles 1000 ft gain Moderate Pace
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Thu, Feb 6 9:00 am RC 9:00 am TC 9:10 am Purg 9:30 am	<u>XC Ski to "Bill's Hill"</u> JUST ADDED! This will be for intermediate skiers who are able to make some turns. We will start a little below Andrew's Lake and climb up to Bill's Hill, then make a few runs down the hill. Skins are required. Some trail breaking could be involved. 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. No dogs. Limit 8. Carpool \$5. Leader: Bill Cagle RSVP: cagle81301@yahoo.com	Hard because of climbing 4 miles 400 Ft. Moderate Pace
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<p>Tue, Feb 11 6:30 pm</p> <p>RC 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>SO! Monthly Meeting: Fire History and historic patterns in pinon- juniper woodlands across Mesa Verde National Park and southwest Colorado</u></p> <p>Speaker: Lisa Floyd-Hanna</p> <p>While much is known about historical fire patterns in montane forests, relatively little attention has been paid to the ancient pinon-juniper woodlands. At Mesa Verde National Park, our research team developed methods to reconstruct historical fire and disturbance patterns, with work beginning in 1990. Our results were surprising initially because they show that fire patterns in these woodlands are very different from adjacent shrublands or ponderosa pine/mixed conifer forests which had frequent surface fires in the past. Rather, piñon -juniper woodlands have stand replacing crown fires, but with centuries separating these events. This allowed for the development of old-growth conditions; pinons of up to 600 years and much older junipers support hundreds of birds and mammals and many thousand insects, as well as a rich diversity of native plant species. Mesa Verde National Park has lost nearly half of these old-growth woodlands since the late 1980's. We project that similar "persistent" pinon-juniper woodlands of the Colorado Plateau are especially imperiled by increasing drought and temperature conditions.</p> <p>Lisa Floyd-Hanna is a plant ecologist and Professor Emeritus at Prescott College in Prescott, AZ. She has BS, MS And PhD degrees in biology and her research focuses on fire history and fire effects in piñon-juniper and other arid southwestern ecosystems. She also studies the effects of disturbances such as climate-driven insect infestation on plant communities and threatened plant populations. Lisa is involved in many National Park Service and Forest Service projects in Mesa Verde National Park, Dinosaur National Monument and other locations across the Colorado Plateau.</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Wed, Feb 12 9:00 am</p> <p>SRP 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Cross Country Ski at Chicken Creek</u></p> <p>Beginner/Intermediate cross country ski. 5-10 miles depending on group consensus and ability. Location may change dependent on snow conditions. Carpool \$5 Limit 15 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.</p> <p>RSVP Steve Krest (970) 588-3806 stevekrest@gmail.com</p>	<p>Easy/Moderate</p> <p>5-10 miles</p> <p>Minimal gain</p> <p>Moderate Pace</p> 
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<p>Fri, Feb 14 -</p>	<p><u>3-day Nordic X-C ski and skate trip on Grand Mesa</u></p>	

<p>Sun, Feb 16</p> <p>RC 7:00 am</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!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>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>Flexible difficulty and pace. We will most likely divide into groups based on interest and ability</p>
<p>Sat, Feb 15</p> <p>9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p> <p>Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u></p> <p>At the Rec Center meeting spot, snowshoe participants will divide into moderate and fast paced groups with their own separate leaders and carpools. 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>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft</p>
<p>Tue, Feb 18</p> <p>9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p> <p>Florida/CR 234 Fire Station 9:15</p>	<p><u>Snowshoe to Baldy Mountain (9800 ft)</u></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 five hours on trail. This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety and carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe).</p> <p>Limit 12. No Dogs. Carpool fee \$2. 4WD preferable.</p> <p>RSVP Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930 Chuck.rancatti@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate/Ha 6 miles 1300 ft. Moderate Pace</p> 
<p>Wed, Feb 19</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>RC 8:30 am</p> <p>TC 8:45 am</p> <p>PURG 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>XC Ski from Red Mountain to Ironton</u></p> <p>DATE CHANGE FROM FEB 20 TO FEB 19</p> <p>This will be a moderate XC ski from Red Mountain Pass on an old railroad grade to Ironton Park. We will park cars for shuttling. The entire route is downhill, probably on unbroken snow, with a short steep section near the end. This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety and carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe).</p>	<p>Moderate 4 miles 1500 ft. downhill Moderate Pace</p>

	<p>Carpool \$8. 4WD preferable. No dogs. RSVP Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Wed, Feb 19 9:30 am</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike</u> <u>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>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Sat, Feb 22 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> At the Rec Center meeting spot, snowshoe participants will divide into moderate and fast paced groups with their own separate leaders and carpools. 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>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500- 2000 ft</p>
<p>Wed, Feb 26 9:30 am</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike</u> <u>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>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Sat, Feb 29 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> At the Rec Center meeting spot, snowshoe participants will divide into moderate and fast paced groups with their own separate leaders and carpools. 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>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500- 2000 ft</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 3 8:30 am</p> <p>RC 8:30 am Florida/CR 234 Fire Station 8:45</p>	<p><u>Snowshoe up Vallecito/Fall Ck</u> We'll leave from Vallecito Ck TH and follow for short distance before following a social trail to Fall Ck. We'll generally follow Fall Ck for several miles on the west side of the Vallecito drainage. Very pretty drainage surrounded by impressive mountains. This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety and carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe).</p>	<p>Moderate/Ha 7 miles 1700 ft. Moderate Pace</p> 

	<p>Limit 12. No Dogs. Carpool fee \$4. RSVP Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930 Chuck.rancatti@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Wed, Mar 4 9:30 am</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike</u> <u>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>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Sat, Mar 7</p> <p>RC 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>Saturday Snowshoe</u> At the Rec Center meeting spot, snowshoe participants will divide into moderate and fast paced groups with their own separate leaders and carpools. 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>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500- 2000 ft</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 10 5:30 pm</p> <p>Rec Center 5:30 pm New member orientation 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Potluck</p>	<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>	<p>Easy & Fun</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 11 9:30 am</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike</u> <u>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>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>