

## Full Season Schedule - Spring 2021

	Outing description	Difficulty info
<p><b>Mon, May 3</b> <b>10:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 10:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Monday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride Leader: John Martin, <a href="mailto:mudpatch22@gmail.com">mudpatch22@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Moderate 16 miles Moderate Pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, May 5</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>Spur Line TH 9:00 am</b> <b>Take 3 Springs Blvd. to the 2nd roundabout, keep going straight on a gravel road for about ¼ mi. to TH 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>WW hike Spur Line Trail</b></p> <p>Hike this 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. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. Limit 10. RSVP Ray Walker 382-7662 <a href="mailto:raynsue@bresnan.net">raynsue@bresnan.net</a></p> <p>About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 4.25 miles, 100 ft. Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, May 5</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>ACP</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday Easy Hiker Oxbow Preserve</b></p> <p>ACP to Oxbow TH: flat, dirt trail near the river. Good birding, bring binoculars. Limit 15. No Dogs SO! hikes are limited to vaccinated members only. RSVP Dell Manners 970-903-6984</p>	<p>Easy, flat, 1 mile</p>
<p><b>Thu, May 6</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride leader: Rick Boebel, <a href="mailto:rick.boebel@boebel.com">rick.boebel@boebel.com</a></p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Sat, May 8</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>TH 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Spring Hiway Cleanup</b></p> <p>We will meet at the Hermosa Gas station lot and head straight out. No coffee and donuts this time. Bring work gloves and orange vest if you have one. If not, we have several. Also, we are looking for a new manager for this community function. RSVP: Betsey Butler, <a href="mailto:ejbutler12@gmail.com">ejbutler12@gmail.com</a> or phone 609-532-6948.</p>	<p>Easy route at an easy pace</p>
<p><b>Mon, May 10</b> <b>10:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Monday Road Bike Ride</b></p>	<p>Moderate 16 miles Moderate Pace</p>

<p><b>RC 10:00 am</b></p>	<p>This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com</p>	
<p><b>Tue, May 11 7:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation Canceled</b></p> <p><b>Date and time:</b> May 11, 2021, 7:00 PM</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Hang gliding across the western United States</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Bob Thompson</p> <p><b>Presentation summary: This event has been canceled because of Bob's untimely death.</b></p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p><b>Wed, May 12 8:30 am</b></p> <p><b>Southwest parking lot of Home Depot 8:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>WW hike Chimney Rock</b></p> <p>Starting from the parking area on Hwy 151, we will walk up the closed road to explore a Great Kiva, a multi-family dwelling and a Chacoan-style Great House Pueblo, continuing to the Chimney Rock lookout area boasting magnificent 360 degree views. The hike will be guided by Hunter McCleary, Vice President of the San Juan Basin Archeological Society and former docent at Chimney Rock NM. No dogs. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. Limit 12. RSVP Michele Mals (505) 288-0971 michelemariamals@gmail.com</p> <p>About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 6.5 miles 1300 ft. Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, May 12 9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>Twin Butte TH</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday Easy Hiker Dells Forest</b></p> <p>Dells house. Dirt trail up &amp; down loop, elevation gain 20 ft.. Wildflowers SO! hikes are limited to vaccinated members only. RSVP Dell Manners 970-903-6984</p>	<p>Easy 2 miles</p>
<p><b>Thu, May 13 8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>TH 8:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Overend Mountain Hike</b></p> <p>Meet at Schneider Park (on Roosa just south of the skateboard park) at the 9th Street Bridge. We will explore the backyard of Durango by completing a big loop, including an ascent of the Hogback. All on trail but some parts will be very steep on loose, slippery soil (especially the Hogback). Poles helpful for the descent of the Hogback. Limit 10. Dogs OK on leash only because of city regs. No Car Pool. During the pandemic SO!</p>	<p>Moderate+ 8-9 miles 1,800 ft. elevation gain Brisk pace</p>

	hikes are limited to SO! members with current vaccination. RSVP Lynn Coburn harrisoncoburn@gmail.com	
<b>Thu, May 13</b> <b>9:00 am</b>  <b>RC 9:00 am</b>	<b>Thursday Road Bike Ride</b>  This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride leader: Rick Boebel, rick.boebel@boebel.com	Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace
<b>Mon, May 17</b> <b>10:00 am</b>  <b>RC 10:00 am</b>	<b>Monday Road Bike Ride</b>  This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com	Moderate 16 miles Moderate Pace
<b>Tue, May 18</b> <b>8:15 am</b>  <b>TC 8:15</b>	<b>Wallace Lake loop</b>  We will start at Wallace Lk off Missionary Ridge and make a gradual climb on an old FS road for several miles to reach the high point. From there we will follow the Stevens Ck trail down and return to the TH using the Wallace Lk connector trail. Limit 12. 2 well behaved dogs OK. SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated member only. RSVP Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930 or chuck.rancatti@gmail.com	Moderate 8 miles 1800 ft. elevation gain. Moderate Pace
<b>Wed, May 19</b> <b>8:30 am</b>  <b>Twin Buttes TH</b> <b>behind Speedway</b> <b>on 160 West</b> <b>8:30 am</b>	<b>WW hike</b> <b>Lightner Creek Trail</b>  This is an easy hike on trail, RR grade and sidewalk along Lightner Creek and Hwy 160 (expect highway noise!) with very little elevation gain. Well behaved dogs ok. Include in RSVP. Limit 15. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP Shelley Leader 317-0678 shelley.leader@gmail.com  About Wednesday Wanderers	Easy 4 miles 150 ft. Moderate pace
<b>Wed, May 19</b> <b>9:00 am</b>  <b>New soccer field</b> <b>parking lot</b>	<b>Wednesday Easy Hiker</b> <b>FLC Loop</b>  Friendly dog & hikers are welcome. If possible, group may return by original route or slightly more challenging route for those who choose the Extra Mile. SO! hikes are limited to vaccinated members only. RSVP Ted Keller 970-759-7207	Pace slow & flexible - 3 miles
<b>Thu, May 20</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Thursday Road Bike Ride</b>	Moderate, 28 miles

<p><b>RC 9:00 am</b></p>	<p>This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride leader: Rick Boebel, rick.boebel@boebel.com</p>	<p>Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Mon, May 24 8:30 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 8:30 am TH 8:50 am</b></p>	<p><b>Hike Haviland area trails</b></p> <p>Relatively easy/moderate hiking on trails, looking for early wildflowers. Route TBD depending on conditions, weather and flowers. Some ups and downs. Limit 15. No dogs. SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only. RSVP Betsy Petersen betsyp@bresnan.net</p>	<p>Moderate 4-6 miles Less than 800 ft. elevation gain Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Mon, May 24 10:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 10:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Monday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate 16 miles Moderate Pace</p>
<p><b>Tue, May 25 8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>TH 8:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Crader Ridge</b></p> <p>We will meet at the Horse Gulch Trailhead at 8:00 am. The first several miles are easy walking on the Horse Gulch Trail system, then a steep off-trail, cairned route to the rim. We will stay on top of the rim, over numerous ups and downs all the way out to the high point. Spectacular views the whole way and fun scrambling on the rocky rim edge. Dogs okay. Limit 10. During the pandemic SO! hikes are limited to SO! members with current vaccination. RSVP Lynn Coburn harrisoncoburn@gamail.com</p>	<p>Hard 8+ miles 2300 ft. + elevation gain Brisk pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, May 26 8:30 am</b></p> <p><b>Fire Station at CR 234 and Florida Rd. 8:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>WW hike Red Creek Trail</b></p> <p>The trail climbs gradually through forest, following and crossing the creek several times to our turn around point. Poles helpful for creek crossings. Well mannered dogs ok. Include in RSVP. Limit 15. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP Cindy Werland (512) 791-8498 cewerland@gmail.com</p> <p>About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles 700 ft. Moderate pace</p>

<p><b>Wed, May 26</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>SRP carpool</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday Easy Hiker</b> <b>Big Canyon</b></p> <p>TH at left of Toyota Dealer entrance. In and out of up &amp; down dirt trail. Elevation gain +/- 500 ft. SO! hikes are limited to vaccinated members only. RSVP Lydine Hannula 970-426-9684</p>	<p>Easy +/- 3 miles</p>
<p><b>Thu, May 27</b> <b>8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>8:00 am Jct of CR 250 and Missionary Ridge Road, caravan to Wallace Lake</b></p>	<p><b>Climb Peak 10,562 on Missionary Ridge</b></p> <p>Steady grade on-trail from Wallace Lake to the Stevens Creek Trail and then to the Missionary Ridge Trail. Ascend east to the saddle between Peak 10,562 and Point 10,406. Mellow hike off-trail north to the peak. Best views of the La Plata and San Juan mountains from Missionary Ridge. Limit 10. No dogs. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269 debra@vanwinegarden.com Co-leader Tomas Ward 426-8918 tom@thward.net</p>	<p>Hard 9.6 miles 2,400 ft. Moderately Brisk</p>
<p><b>Thu, May 27</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride leader: Rick Boebel, rick.boebel@boebel.com</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Fri, May 28</b> <b>8:30 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 8:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>Hike Goulding Creek Trail to Jones Creek</b></p> <p>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. Note that a shuttle is required for this hike and SO!requires masks in shuttle cars. No dogs due to shuttle. SO! hikes are limited to 15 COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net</p>	<p>Hard 10 miles 2,200 ft. Moderate Pace</p>
<p><b>Mon, May 31</b> <b>10:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 10:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Monday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate 16 miles Moderate Pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, Jun 2</b> <b>8:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>WW hike Haviland/ Chris Park</b></p> <p>We will start at the parking lot across from Haviland Lake and</p>	<p>Moderate 4 miles 700 ft.</p>

<p><b>Parking area across from Rapp Corral (on road to Haviland Lake) 8:30 am</b></p>	<p>do a circuit counter clockwise that includes the following trails: Aspen Loop, Hermosa Views, Cave Connector, Chris Park Trail, Wagon and Haviland View Trail to finish. It is mostly tree covered with 2 stream crossings over bridges. The footing is very good. No dogs. Limit 12. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP Michele Mals (505) 288-0971 michelemariamals@gmail.com</p> <p>About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, Jun 2 8:30 am</b></p> <p><b>ACP carpool \$2.</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday Easy Hiker West Log Chutes</b></p> <p>Trailhead is 5 mi. up Jct Crk Rd. Pleasant loop with up &amp; downs. Part of Log Chutes System. RSVP if you are bringing a dog. SO! hikes are limited to vaccinated members only. RSVP Becky Rodefer 619-933-2781</p>	<p>Easy 3 mi.</p>
<p><b>Thu, Jun 3 9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride leader: Rick Boebel, rick.boebel@boebel.com</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Fri, Jun 4 8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 8:00 am or 8:45 Cascade Creek TH</b></p>	<p><b>Hike Cascade Creek</b></p> <p>Hike Cascade Creek to the waterfalls. There will be two groups moderate and fast. The moderate group will go to three waterfalls and the fast group may go further and get their feet wet in the process. Limit 12 per group. Dogs ok. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP Chris Blackshear chris.blackshear@gmail.com (fast group) or Harding Cure hardingcure@gmail.com (moderate group).</p>	<p>Hard 9-12 miles 1100-1500 ft. Moderate Pace and Brisk Pace</p>
<p><b>Mon, Jun 7 9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am ACP 9:30 am PURG</b></p>	<p><b>Hike "Larkspur Lane"</b></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. SO! hikes are limited to 15 COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net</p>	<p>Moderate 8 miles 2000 ft Moderate Pace</p>
<p><b>Mon, Jun 7 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Monday Road Bike Ride</b></p>	<p>Moderate 16 miles Moderate Pace</p>

<p><b>RC 10:00 am</b></p>	<p>This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com</p>	
<p><b>Wed, Jun 9 8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>Skyline TH Located at the end of Jenkins Ranch Rd. 8:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>WW hike Raiders Ridge/Powerline Trail Loop</b></p> <p>Starting at the TH for Skyline Trail, it is roughly a 900 ft. ascent to Raiders Ridge. We then head south along the spine of the ridge to Ridge View Trail, connecting with Powerline Trail and back to the TH. No dogs. Limit 12. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP Lorie Hansen (828) 243-2194 lmhansen39@gmail.com. No phone calls, text or email only.</p> <p>About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 900 ft. Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, Jun 9 9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>ACP</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday Easy Hiker Ned Overend Park</b></p> <p>Friendly dogs &amp; hikers welcome. If possible, group may return by original route or slightly more challenging route for those who choose the Extra Mile. SO! hikes are limited to vaccinated members only. RSVP Ted Keller 970-759-7207</p>	<p>Pace slow &amp; flexible -3 miles</p>
<p><b>Thu, Jun 10 9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride leader: Rick Boebel, rick.boebel@boebel.com</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Fri, Jun 11 8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 8:00</b></p>	<p><b>Hike Log Chutes area</b></p> <p>This is a hike with a few steep sections, connecting off grid trails, trails and FS roads. It starts off CR 205 with a steep climb. It is a steady climb for the first half with good views into Falls Creek on the way back. Limit 11. 2 well behaved dogs OK. SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only. RSVP Lorie Hansen text 828-243-2194 or Lmhansen39@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard 11-12 miles 2000 ft. elevation gain. Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Sun, Jun 13 8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 8:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Cave Basin Geology Hike</b></p> <p>Before his untimely death, our Bob Thompson, aka Vallecito Bob, contributed articles about two geology hikes in our newsletter. As a bit of a memorial tribute to Bob, this hike will follow the description of his Cave Basin hike as appeared</p>	<p>Moderate 6-7 miles 1,300 ft. elevation gain Moderate Pace</p>

	<p>in our March SO! Highlights. For complete details about this hike please refer to that article, which you can reach here. Our SO! Program Director, geologist Jeff Brame, will co-lead this hike and provide geologic observations along the way. Arrangements to meet at the start of Middle Mountain Road above Vallecito Lake will be acceptable. The route includes about ten miles on a gravel road which is fairly washboard, so HC or 4WD is helpful.</p> <p>Limit 15. Dogs OK. SO! outings are restricted to members who are fully vaccinated.</p> <p>RSVP Harding Cure, at hardingcure@gmail.com or 970-382-8286.</p> <p>Co-Leader Jeff Brame, geostar20@aol.com 970- 259-3037</p>	
<p><b>Mon, Jun 14</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Hike West Lime Creek</b></p> <p>We will hike along West Lime Creek for about 3 miles seeing many waterfalls. The last quarter mile is an easy bushwhack to the last waterfall. Return is by the same route. Well behaved dogs ok. SO! hikes are limited to 15 COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net</p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 800 ft</p>
<p><b>Mon, Jun 14</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Monday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate 16 miles Moderate Pace</p>
<p><b>Tue, Jun 15</b> <b>8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 8:00 am</b> <b>Hermosa 8:10</b> <b>TH 8:30</b></p>	<p><b>Hike Lower Hermosa trail</b></p> <p>This hike follows good trail all the way, is not difficult, but is fairly long, with many gentle ups and downs and a few steeper slopes. Highlights are possibility of spring wildflowers, view spots, creek crossings, some magnificent Ponderosas and Aspen groves and an expansive meadow. When we reach the fork on the Hermosa trail at 4 miles, we will take the right fork and go up the Dutch Creek trail for another 1 1/2 miles to the meadow for lunch.</p> <p>Early turnbacks with a buddy OK—those wishing to might turn around at the fork, if not before.</p> <p>Limit 15. No dogs. So! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.</p> <p>RSVP Betsy Petersen betsyp@bresnan.net</p>	<p>Hard 11 miles Less than 1000 ft. elevation gain Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, Jun 16</b> <b>8:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>WW hike</b> <b>Skyline and Smokejumper Trails</b></p>	<p>Moderate 5 mi. 1100 ft.</p>



<p><b>Skyline TH</b>  <b>Located at the end of Jenkins Ranch Rd.</b>  <b>8:30 am</b></p>	<p>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 a great viewpoint then back down the same way. Dogs on leash only.  Limit 15. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only.  RSVP Chris Wiehage 903-5353 cwiehage22@gmail.com</p> <p>About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, Jun 16</b>  <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>SRP</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday Easy Hiker Sale Barn</b></p> <p>TH north of Dietz Mkt.  Elevation gain +/- 300 ft.  Friendly dogs &amp; hikers welcome. If possible, group may return by original route or slightly more challenging route for those who choose the Extra Mile.  SO! hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.  RSVP Ted Keller 970-759-7207</p>	<p>Easy +/- 3 miles</p>
<p><b>Thu, Jun 17</b>  <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations.  Ride leader: Rick Boebel, rick.boebel@boebel.com</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles  Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Fri, Jun 18</b>  <b>8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>ACP 8:00</b>  <b>TC 8:15</b>  <b>TH 8:45</b></p>	<p><b>Castle Rock Hike</b></p> <p>Up Up Up to outstanding view on top of Castle Rock. Limit 15. No dogs  RSVP Steve Krest stevekrest@gmail.com</p> <p>Vaccinated Members only</p>	<p>Moderate  5.5 miles  1600 ft  Moderate Pace</p>
<p><b>Sat, Jun 19</b>  <b>8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 8:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Crevasse Geology Hike</b></p> <p>This is the second geology hike that our departed Bob Thompson contributed to our SO! newsletter. As with the Cave Basin hike on June 13, we will follow the route as described by Bob in that article. For details please see Bob's article in the September 2020 issue of the SO! Highlights, which you can find here. As with the Cave Basin hike, our SO! Program Director, geologist Jeff Brame, will co-lead this hike and provide geologic observations along the way. Arrangements to meet at the start of Endlich Mesa Road, above Lemon Reservoir, will be acceptable. The route includes about ten miles on an "endless" rough road so</p>	<p>Moderate  7.5 miles, 1200 ft. elevation gain,  Moderate pace</p>

	<p>4WD/HC is highly recommended. The hike is not difficult, but it is at high altitude (12,300 ft.)</p> <p>Limit 15. Dogs OK. SO! outings are restricted to members who are fully vaccinated.</p> <p>RSVP Harding Cure, at hardingcure@gmail.com or 970-382-8286.</p> <p>Co-Leader Jeff Brame, geostar20@aol.com 970- 259-3037</p>	
<p><b>Sun, Jun 20</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 8:30 am</b> <b>TH 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Hike Purgatory Trail to Animas River</b></p> <p>This hike starts directly across the highway from the ski area. The switch back decent takes us through aspen groves down to Purgatory flats. From there we travel with stunning views of Cascade Creek to the Animas River. We will picnic at the Cascade Wye, then return via the same route. RSVP terriwells7@hotmail.com 970-749-8209</p>	<p>Hard Brisk pace 8.2 miles 1100 ft gain</p>
<p><b>Mon, Jun 21</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Monday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate 16 miles Moderate Pace</p>
<p><b>Tue, Jun 22</b> <b>9:45 am</b></p> <p><b>Needles store at 9:45 or TH at 10 am mile marker 55 HWY 550</b></p>	<p><b>Climb Potato (Spud) Mountain</b></p> <p>New Date</p> <p>Off trail hike with low exposure class three scramble on summit ridge. Good resting and waiting place for those not wanting to complete the blocky ridge scramble to the summit. Beautiful view of the Animas Valley from the summit. Expect loose rock and talus on this hike. The hike is about five miles round trip with approximately 1700 feet elevation gain taking 4-5 hours to complete. Limit 10. No dogs. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP: Tim Tischler, 970 2477970, 512 9714229 tbtischler46@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard, 5 miles, 1700 ft. Brisk pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, Jun 23</b> <b>8:30 am</b></p> <p><b>Purg 8:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>WW hike</b> <b>Upper Elbert Creek Trail</b></p> <p>Hike through an open meadow along Elbert Creek to a ridgeline then hike along the ridgeline to a scenic overlook. Usually great flowers. 2 well behaved dogs. Include in RSVP. Limit 15. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 759-3421 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</p> <p>About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles 700 ft. HIGH ALTITUDE, min. elevation 10,000 ft. Moderate pace</p>

<p><b>Wed, Jun 23</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>ACP carpool \$2.</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday Easy Hiker</b> <b>Falls Creek -Hidden Valley</b></p> <p>Trailhead is 5 mi. from town. Mostly in trees on a well-established trail. Beautiful view of Animas Valley. SO! hikes are limited to vaccinated members only. RSVP Becky Rodefer 619-933-2781</p>	<p>Easy 2.5 miles</p>
<p><b>Thu, Jun 24</b> <b>7:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 7:00 am or 8:00 am Andrews Lake</b></p>	<p><b>Climb South Snowdon (N2) and Peak 12,618 (N3)</b></p> <p>Explore the Snowdon Peak Divide. Flank Snowdon Peak on the west and climb South Snowdon. Bliss out on the tundra shelf to N3 (east of Crater Lake). Return through Snowdon Ponds and take a new route back to Andrews Lake. Primarily off-trail, extensive block fields, steep slopes. Limit 10. No dogs. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269 debra@vanwinegarden.com Co-leader Tomas Ward 426-8918 tom@thward.net</p>	<p>Most Challenging 11.7 miles 3,200 feet Moderately Brisk</p>
<p><b>Thu, Jun 24</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride leader: Rick Boebel, rick.boebel@boebel.com</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Fri, Jun 25</b> <b>7:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 7:00 am</b></p>	<p>Hike Jura Knob 12,614 ft Hike up the Pass Creek Trail to the Engineer Mtn Trail to the ridge of Jura Knob. Climb the knob (some scrambling involved). Return on the Coal Creek Trail to Hwy 550. Limit 12 No Dogs RSVP Sherry Suenram sherryjsuenram@gmail.com This hike will require a shuttle. Masks are required to be worn in the shuttle vehicle. Vaccinated Members only</p>	<p>Hard 9 miles 2200 ft Brisk to Moderate Pace</p>
<p><b>Mon, Jun 28</b> <b>7:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 7:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Climb Engineer Peak</b></p> <p>Starting from Coal Bank Pass, the first two miles are good trail. The last mile involves a very steep, loose section and one tricky place with exposure. The top of the mountain is a climb, not a hike, but there will be plenty of hand-holding and moral support, so for those of you who have not climbed it and would like to, here is your chance. Limit 10. No dogs. During the pandemic SO! hikes are limited to SO! members with current vaccination RSVP Lynn Coburn harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</p>	<p>Most challenging 6 miles 2,400 ft. elevation gain Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Mon, Jun 28</b> <b>8:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>Hike Upper Elbert Creek Trail</b></p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles</p>

<p><b>Purg/8:30 am</b></p>	<p>Hike through an open meadow along Elbert Creek to a ridgeline then hike along the ridgeline to a scenic overlook. Usually great flowers. 2 well behaved dogs. Include in RSVP. Limit 15. SO hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 759-3421 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</p>	<p>700 ft. <b>HIGH</b> ALTITUDE, min. elevation 10,000 ft./Easy pace</p>
<p><b>Mon, Jun 28</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Monday Road Bike Ride</b></p> <p>This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate 16 miles Moderate Pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, Jun 30</b> <b>7:00 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 7:00 or 8:30 am</b> <b>Grouse Gulch</b> <b>Trailhead</b></p>	<p><b>Cinnamon Mountain Loop Trek</b></p> <p>The climb hits three ranked summits and three numbered points ringing Grouse Gulch Basin. Begin on the south rim, go through Cinnamon Pass, and climb Cinnamon Mountain. Reprises the 2012 Bob Thompson hike. Off-trail, scrambling, steep slopes. 4WD. Limit 10. No dogs. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269 debra@vanwinegarden.com Co-leader Tomas Ward 426-8918 tom@thward.net</p>	<p>Most Challenging 7.5 miles 4,000 feet Moderately Brisk</p>
<p><b>Wed, Jun 30</b> <b>8:30 am</b></p> <p><b>RC 8:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>WW hike</b> <b>Colorado Trail 2nd TH to Gudys Rest</b></p> <p>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 Gudys Rest. Return is along the same route. Well mannered dogs ok. Include in RSVP. Limit 15. SO! hikes are limited to COVID vaccinated members only. RSVP Lindy Ivie (505) 690-4903 iviedgo@gmail.com</p> <p>About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 6 mi. 1000 ft. Moderate pace</p>
<p><b>Wed, Jun 30</b> <b>9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>ACP</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday Easy Hikers Dalla Mtn. Park</b></p> <p>Friendly dogs &amp; hikers welcome. If possible, group may return by original route or slightly more challenging route for those who choose the Extra Mile. SO! hikes are limited to vaccinated members only. RSVP Ted Keller 970-759-7207 Ted.keller@gmail.com</p>	<p>Easy-mod +/- 3 miles</p>