

Full Season Schedule - Summer 2021

Date & Location	Outing description	Difficulty info
<p>Thu, Jul 1 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Thursday Road Bike Ride This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. First time riders please RSVP by email to ride leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at: ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p>Mon, Jul 5 7:30 am</p> <p>RC 7:30 am PURG 8:00 am</p>	<p>Hike to Snowdon Tarns We will start hiking up the Andrews Lake Trail, probably branching off after a mile to use the “climbing” trail to get near the talus field below the west face of Snowdon. From there we will cross the talus field and continue climbing while hiking south to roughly 12,500 ft, enjoying the high alpine meadows and tarns along the way. Bushwhack our way back to the Crater Lake trail, which we will follow back to the trailhead. We may do a variation of this, depending upon snow conditions and weather. Carpool \$6. Limit 12. Dogs ok if agile (talus field) RSVP Sandy Hoagland 970-759-7578 swhoagy@live.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Hard 10.5 miles 2350 ft. gain Moderately Brisk pace</p>
<p>Mon, Jul 5 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Monday Road Bike Ride This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate, 16 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p>Tue, Jul 6 - Wed, Jul 7</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p>Climb Sundog (13,432 ft.), Sunshine (14,001 ft.), & Redcloud (14,034 ft.) Once we know the participants, we will arrange carpooling. We will meet at Silver Creek TH and look for a place to car camp nearby. This loop hike starts out on a good trail, then climbs up a trail-less ridge to Sundog summit, then follows use trails over two 14ers, returning on a good trail. Limit 10, 4WD/HC, no dogs, Carpool TBD. RSVP John Bregar, 970-385-1814 or Johnbregar09@gmail.com SO! outings limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Most challenging, 10.1 miles, 4400 ft. elevation gain, Brisk Pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jul 7 8:00 am</p>	<p>WW hike West Lime Creek Trail We will hike along West Lime Creek for about 3 miles seeing</p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 1100 ft. HIGH ALTITUDE, min.</p>

<p>RC 8:00 am Purg 8:30 am</p>	<p>many waterfalls. The last quarter mile is an easy bushwhack to the last waterfall. Return is by the same route. Carpool \$6. Well behaved dogs ok. Limit 15. RSVP Tricia Bayless 799-4535 tbayless@bresnan.net SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>elevation 10,000 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jul 7 8:30 am</p> <p>ACP 8:30 am</p>	<p>Wednesday Easy Hikers Dalla Mtn. Pk. From Birket St. TH. Dogs OK. Carpool \$2. RSVP Dell Manners 970-903-6984 dell.manners@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Easy, 2-3 miles , Easy Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Jul 8 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Thursday Road Bike Ride This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. First time riders please RSVP by email to ride leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at: ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p>Fri, Jul 9 7:30 am</p> <p>RC 7:30 am Purg 8:00 am</p>	<p>Hike South Cascade Creek This is an in-out hike along the south side of Cascade Ck. We will hike to a view of “Under the Falls” falls. It is mostly forest cover with good views on the way back. Almost all elevation gain is on the return. Limit 12. 2 well behaved dogs ok. Carpool \$4. RSVP Lorie Hansen by email: Lmhansen39@gmail.com PH-828 243 2194 SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.</p>	<p>Moderate, 9 miles 1100 ft. gain, Brisk pace</p>
<p>Sat, Jul 10 7:30 am</p> <p>RC 7:30 am TC 7:40 am Purg 8:00 am</p>	<p>Hike McMillan Peak (12,804 ft.) This is an annual high-altitude loop hike beginning above and east of Red Mtn. Pass. It continues into lovely (maybe marshy) US Basin, climbs to a ridge and culminates with lunch atop the mountain (a flat grassy area with space for all.) Views are spectacular and wildflowers are usually abundant- great rewards for the uphill climb. Descent will be by a more direct and steeper route, mostly through meadows. Poles helpful. Limit 12. 4wd helpful. No dogs. Carpool \$9. RSVP Betsy Petersen betsyp@bresnan.net SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.</p>	<p>Moderate 3.8 miles 1400 ft. gain, Moderate Pace.</p>
<p>Sun, Jul 11 7:30 am</p> <p>RC 7:30 am</p>	<p>Hike Molas to Coal Bank Leaving cars at Coal Bank Pass, we will shuttle to Little Molas Lake. From there we will hike the Colorado trail west, then leave it to climb Jura Knob, work our way to Engineer Meadows, and down Pass Creek to the cars. Limit 12.</p>	<p>Hard 17 miles Brisk pace</p>

	<p>Dogs ok if you can get them down an eight-foot vertical drop. Carpool \$6. RSVP Chris.blackshear@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	
<p>Mon, Jul 12 - Tue, Jul 13</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p><u>Climb Peaks 13,510 and 13,162 East of Spring Creek Pass</u> Once we know the participants we will arrange carpooling. We will meet at Spring Creek Pass to car camp. Depending on the weather forecast, we may start this hike by headlamp. From Spring Creek Pass we will follow the Colorado Trail east for 5-6 miles, then climb Peak 13,510, followed by Peak 13,162. We will then loop back to the Colorado Trail and return to the pass. Limit 10, no dogs. Carpool TBD. RSVP John Bregar, 970-385-1814, or Johnbregar09@gmail.com SO! outings limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Most Challenging, 15 miles, elevation gain 3900 ft., Brisk Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Jul 12 8:30 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 8:30</p>	<p><u>Hike Vallecito Creek Trail</u> We will have two options on this hike along Vallecito Creek. We can stop at the first bridge for a six mile hike, or go to the second bridge for 10.5 miles. Beautiful views of the creek. Limit 15, two well-behaved dogs ok. Carpool \$5. RSVP Wayne Bedor at waynebedor@yahoo.com or cell 769-6548 or home 764-4089 SO! hikes are restricted to fully vaccinated members.</p>	<p>Moderate or hard depending on the choice of distance, 6 or 10.5 miles, 800 ft. gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Jul 12 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Monday Road Bike Ride</u> This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. <u>Click here for additional details</u></p>	<p>Moderate, 16 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p>Tue, Jul 13 7:30 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 7:30 am <u>TC</u> 7:40 am Purg 8:00 am</p>	<p><u>Hike Blackhawk Mountain</u> Starting at Hotel Draw, off of Scotch Creek road, we will hike the Colorado Trail then divert to climb Blackhawk Mountain. This hike takes us through the forest, crossing a couple creeks, then a climb to the top at 12,681 ft. elevation. The vista from there is spectacular. Limit 10. High clearance vehicles required. 2 well behaved dogs ok. Carpool \$8. RSVP Terri Wells 970-749-8209 or terriwells7@hotmail.com SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.</p>	<p>Hard 9 miles 2280 ft. gain, Brisk pace</p>
<p>Tue, Jul 13 5:00 pm</p> <p>Chris Park 5:00 pm</p>	<p><u>SO! General Meeting, Election of Officers, and Annual Picnic</u> The SO! Annual Barbecue and Election of Board Members will be held at the Chris Park Group Site at Haviland Lake. We will begin with a social hour at 5 pm, followed by the election of new Board members. The barbecue will begin at 6:15 pm,</p>	<p>Easy and Fun</p>

	<p>after which we will enjoy music and a bonfire (fire restrictions permitting), a horseshoe competition and volleyball. The menu will include a choice of main entrée, potato salad, pasta salad, mixed green salad, baked beans, watermelon and cake. Bring your own placemats, cups, plates, tableware and beverages. The capacity of the Chris Park facility is 150, so RSVP early. Do not come without prior RSVP. If you RSVP and cannot attend, notify Jackie Frederick.</p> <p>Those who register for tent camping may check in from 4 to 6 pm.</p> <p>A collection of cash, checks and non-perishable food items will be donated to Durango Food Bank. Please consider tipping the caterers, Animas Concierge.</p> <p>RSVP before June 28th with your name, contact information, and choice of Burgers, Veggie Burgers, or Brats for main entrée to Jackie Frederick, jackiefrederick@me.com</p> <p>SO! activities are limited to fully vaccinated members of SO!.</p>	
<p>Wed, Jul 14 8:00 am</p> <p>RC 8:00 am Purg 8:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike Engineer Meadows</p> <p>This hike offers abundant wildflowers and beautiful vistas. The trail ascends a steep grassy slope into spruce/fir and passes by 2 small lakes. At 2.5 miles the trail exits the woods and enters the tundra where there are beautiful wildflowers Return is by the same route. Carpool \$5. Well behaved dogs ok. Limit 10. RSVP by email only to Lynda Packard (254) 424-5061 lbpackard@gmail.com</p> <p>SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p> <p>About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 5 mi 1300 ft. HIGH ATLITUDE, min. elevation 10,640 ft. Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jul 14 8:30 am</p> <p>ACP 8:30 am</p>	<p>Wednesday Easy Hikers Haviland Lake towards Forebay Lake</p> <p>Haviland Lake TH before Campground: to Forebay Lake. Carpool \$4.</p> <p>Friendly dogs & hikers are welcome. If possible, group may return by original route or slightly more challenging route for those who choose the Extra Mile.</p> <p>RSVP Ted Keller 970-759-7207(text) ted.keller@gmail.com</p> <p>SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Easy, +/- 4 miles, Easy and Flexible Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Jul 15 7:30 am</p> <p>RC 7:30 am</p>	<p>Hike to Ruby and Emerald Lakes</p> <p>Drive about 30 miles of pretty good dirt roads to the trailhead. We will hike up to Mountain View Crest and head north. Nice views all around. Then we drop down past Ruby to Emerald Lake. Return the same way. Limit 12. Dogs ok. High clearance helpful. Carpool \$8. RSVP Chris.blackshear@gmail.com</p> <p>SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Hard 11 miles 2700 feet Brisk pace</p>
<p>Thu, Jul 15 9:00 am</p>	<p>Thursday Road Bike Ride</p> <p>This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>

<p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. First time riders please RSVP by email to ride leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at: ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	
<p>Sat, Jul 17 - Sun, Jul 18</p> <p>Four Corners Riversports</p>	<p>Inflatable Kayak Class This two-day class is for beginning to intermediate boaters. We will be paddling with ACA-certified instructors from 4CRS on the Animas River, learning stroke technique, boat handling and river reading. We will also cover gear fitting, maintenance, and self-supported camping. \$200 discounted price includes lunch, plus \$40 for kayak rental. Class runs from 9:00 am until approx.. 4:00 pm each day. Sign up at www.riversports.com under Adult Kayak Instruction, select SO Inflatable Kayak. Also give phone and email for pre-class instructions to Mary Gillam 259-0966 gillam@rmi.net SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Moderate</p>
<p>Sat, Jul 17 8:00 am</p> <p>SRP 8:00 am</p>	<p>Indian Ridge Trail Hike This hike, along a classic portion of the Colorado Trail in the La Platas, features spectacular views. We will drive 12+ miles up La Plata Canyon (part of the road is very rough) to parking where the CT crosses Kennebec saddle (11,620 ft.) The trail is well defined, and the first mile to Taylor Lake is fairly level. It then climbs steeply for 1/2 mile to the ridge where we hope some of the spectacular wildflower display will linger. We will follow the relatively level trail, above 12,000 ft., as long as we like, returning by the same route. Limit 15, 4WD/HC required, dogs OK with driver. RSVP Harding Cure at hardingcure@gmail.com or 970-382-8286. SO! outings limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Moderate, 6-8 miles, 1,000 ft. gain, Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Jul 19 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Monday Road Bike Ride This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate, 16 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p>Tue, Jul 20 7:00 am</p> <p>RC 7:00 am TC 7:15 am PURG 7:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Snowden Peak We will start at Andrews Lake and hike the Crater Lake trail for the first mile, then take a use trail up to the north ridge of Snowden. The ridge is an exposed, class 3 scramble on excellent rock. Scary in spots but very fun and very beautiful. Return will be via the south ridge which also has some ‘interesting spots’, and then we will circle back around the</p>	<p>Most challenging, 7 miles, 2,600 ft. elevation gain, Moderate to Brisk Pace</p>

	<p>base of the mountain through a lovely stretch of little lakelets. Limit 10. No dogs. Carpool \$6. RSVP Lynn Coburn 247-0914 or harrisoncoburn@gmail.com SO! outings limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	
<p>Wed, Jul 21 - Fri, Jul 23</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p>Backpack and Climb Two Cave Basin 13ers Once we know the participants, we will arrange carpooling. Cave Basin TH is on Middle Mountain Road above Vallecito Reservoir. From the TH we will backpack about 5.5 miles to base camp, partly off trail. The next day we will explore a trail less loop to Peaks 13,340 and 13, 310. Expect some Class 3 scrambling. We may pack out that afternoon, but we should be prepared for a second night of camping. 4WD/HC, Limit 8, No Dogs, Carpool \$5. RSVP John Bregar, 970-385-1814, or Johnbregar09@gmail.com SO! outings limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Most Challenging, 16 miles, 3400 ft. elevation gain, Brisk Pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jul 21 7:30 am</p> <p>RC 7:30 am Purg 8:00 am</p>	<p>WW hike Little Molas/Colorado Trail This hike begins at the Little Molas Campground on the Colorado Trail and climbs up through a forest planted after the 1879 wildfire then up to expansive views above the planted forest. Carpool \$6. Well behaved dogs ok, include in RSVP. Limit 12. RSVP by email only to Cindy Werland (512) 791-8498 cewerland@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 5 mi. 600 ft. HIGH ALTITUDE, min. elevation 10,600 ft. Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jul 21 8:30 am</p> <p>ACP 8:30 am</p>	<p>Wednesday Easy Hikers Haviland Lake towards Chris Pk. Haviland Lake TH before Campground: to Chris Park area. Carpool \$4. Friendly dogs & hikers are welcome. If possible, group may return by original route or slightly more challenging route for those who choose the Extra Mile. RSVP Ted Keller 970-759-7207(text) ted.keller@gmail.com</p>	<p>Easy, +/- 4 miles, Easy and Flexible Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Jul 22 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Thursday Road Bike Ride This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. First time riders please RSVP by email to ride leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at: ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sat, Jul 24 6:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Macomber Peak (13,222 ft.) and Tower Mtn. (13,552 ft.) We will hike to Hematite lake on a good use trail through a</p>	<p>Most Challenging, 8 miles, 4,000 ft.</p>

<p>RC 6:30 am TC 6:45 am PURG 7:00 am</p>	<p>wondrous wildflower display if the timing is right. The rest of the hike is off trail; steep, but above timberline so not brushy. We will climb the ridge to Macomber, enjoy the stellar view over Silverton, then descend to the Macomber/Tower saddle and on up the last grunt to Tower. From there, if the weather permits, we will loop back on the ridge that separates Hematite and Cataract Basins and eventually rejoin the Hematite Lake trail below the Lake. There will be a lot of steep climbing and descending, but no difficult scrambling or serious exposure. Limit 10, Dogs okay. Carpool \$8. RSVP Lynn Coburn harrisoncoburn@gmail.com 247-0914 SO! outings limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>elevation gain, Moderate to Brisk Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Jul 26 7:00 am RC 7:00 am PURG 7:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Spencer Peak (13,087 ft.) Beginning at the Colorado Trail access by Little Molas Lake, we will hike mostly off trail through flower filled tundra, and along a few steep and loose trail sections. If we have good weather, we may opt to continue to Grand Turk, adding another mile and 600 feet of elevation. Carpool \$6 Limit 12. Agile dogs ok RSVP Sandy Hoagland 970-759-7578 swhoagy@live.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Hard 5-6 miles 2000-2600 ft. gain Moderate to Brisk pace</p>
<p>Mon, Jul 26 9:00 am RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Monday Road Bike Ride This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate, 16 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jul 28 8:00 am RC 8:00 am Purg 8:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike Andrews Lake Flower Hike We will hike from Andrews Lake up the steep, well-defined Crater Lake Trail to the wilderness border. Views and wildflowers are spectacular along the route. Carpool \$6. NO dogs. Limit 10. RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 759-3421 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 4 mi. 900 ft. HIGH ALTITUDE, min. elevation 10,750 ft. Easy pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jul 28 8:30 am ACP 8:30 am</p>	<p>Wednesday Easy Hikers Chris Park Car shuttle at ill-defined Waterdog Trot trail on left. Start hike across from Chris Park Campground. Carpool \$4. Friendly dogs & hikers are welcome. If possible, group may return by original route or slightly more challenging route for those who choose the Extra Mile. RSVP Ted Keller 970-759-7207(text) ted.keller@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Easy, +/- 4 miles, Easy and Flexible Pace</p>

<p>Thu, Jul 29 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Thursday Road Bike Ride This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. First time riders please RSVP by email to ride leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at: ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sat, Jul 31 7:30 am</p> <p>RC 7:00 am TC 7:45 am Purg 7:30 am</p>	<p>Hike Columbine Lake A hike worth the effort to reach the beautiful Columbine Lake. The first 1000 feet is a steep and hard climb. After that we will hike through a large alpine cirque, then up and over the first ridge for a spectacular view of craggy mountains. After lunch at the lake, we will climb to the Lewis Mountain overlook. Limit 12. 4WD helpful. 2 well behaved dogs ok. Carpool \$8. RSVP Terri Wells terriwells7@hotmail.com 970-749-8209 SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.</p>	<p>Hard, 8.5 miles 2750 ft. gain, Moderately Brisk pace</p>
<p>Wed, Aug 4 7:00 am</p> <p>SRP 7:00 am</p>	<p>WW hike Hope Lake This hike is a 2 hour drive so it will be an all-day outing instead of the usual morning hike. The TH is at Trout Lake near Lizard Head Pass. The trail climbs steadily past creeks, bountiful wildflowers and incredible vistas. Return is by the same route. Carpool \$14. Limit 15. RSVP Tricia Bayless 799-4535 tbayless@bresnan.net SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 6 mi. 1150 ft. Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Aug 4 8:30 am</p> <p>ACP 8:30 am</p>	<p>Wednesday Easy Hikers Lower Hermosa Trail Well defined trail with some ups & downs and crosses side streams, typically dry. Out & back hike. Dogs under control OK. Carpool \$2. RSVP Hannula Lydine 970-426-9684 hlydine@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Easy +/- 3 miles, Easy Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Aug 5 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Thursday Road Bike Ride This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. First time riders please RSVP by email to ride leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at: ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>

<p>Sat, Aug 7 7:00 am</p> <p>RC 7:00 am TC 7:15 am Purg 7:30 am</p>	<p>Hike Highland Mary Lake</p> <p>A rewarding hike climbing to alpine lakes with spectacular views of valleys and mountains. We will loop back on the Continental Divide trail.</p> <p>Limit 15. 4WD helpful 2 well behaved dogs ok. Carpool \$9 RSVP Terri Wells terriwells7@hotmail.com 970-749-8209 SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.</p>	<p>Moderate 7.7 miles 1790 ft. gain, Moderately Brisk pace.</p>
<p>Mon, Aug 9 9:00 am</p> <p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Monday Road Bike Ride</p> <p>This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate, 16 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p>Tue, Aug 10 7:00 am</p> <p>RC 7:00 am</p>	<p>Climb East Babcock (13,149 ft.)</p> <p>We will walk up the Tomahawk Basin jeep trail for about 2 miles, then hike off trail into the beautiful upper basin, eventually leave the basin and hike through a mix of tundra, talus and somewhat scabbly scree to the saddle below E. Babcock. From there, it is a class 3 ridge scramble to the summit. The exposure is considerable, but the rock is generally good; you will definitely feel you earned the summit by the time you get there!</p> <p>Limit 10, no dogs. 4 WD. Carpool \$5. RSVP Lynn Coburn harrisoncoburn@gmail.com or 970-247-0914 SO! outings limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Most challenging, 7.6 miles 3,300 ft. elevation gain, Brisk pace</p>
<p>Tue, Aug 10 5:30 pm</p> <p>RC 5:30 pm</p>	<p>SO! General Meeting & Program</p> <p>The SO! monthly meeting series will resume with our meeting at the Rec Center on Tuesday, August 10. We will conduct our usual meeting format, but starting one hour earlier than normal. Social time with beverages and hors d'oeuvres will occur from 5:30-6:00 with our meeting and speaker presentation running from 6:00-7:00. The talk titled "Restoring Beaver's Sacred Role Within the Web of Life" will be presented by Nicole Fox, local beaver enthusiast and founder of Give a Dam.</p> <p>Program summary: Before Europeans trapped beavers nearly to extinction, there were 60-400 million on the North American landscape. This translates to beaver families every quarter to half a mile along waterways. Their sacred function within the web of life as water guardians holds a key to restoring balance for our waterways. This is an educational presentation on this keystone species and the essential role they play in restoring water.</p>	<p>Easy & Fun</p>
<p>Wed, Aug 11</p>	<p>Wednesday Easy Hikers</p>	<p>Easy +/- 3 miles, Easy</p>

8:30 am ACP 8:30 am	Colo. Trail Colorado Trail 2nd TH. Out & back. Carpool \$2. RSVP Hannula Lydine 970-426-9684 hlydine@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only	Pace
Wed, Aug 11 8:30 am RC 8:30 am Purg 9:00 am	WW hike Larkspur Lane This is an in and out hike up Engineer Mountain Trail (aka Larkspur Lane). The trail climbs steadily through aspens and meadows with spectacular views to a small pond. Depending on the group we may continue up the trail another mile or so. Carpool \$5. Well behaved dogs ok. Limit 15. RSVP Chris Wiehage 903-5353 cwiehage22@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only About Wednesday Wanderers	Moderate 4 miles 700 ft. HIGH ALTITUDE, min. elevation 9,000 ft Moderate pace.
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Sat, Aug 14 7:30 am RC 7:30 am TH 8:15 am	Hike Vallecito Creek to 2nd bridge A beautiful hike following Vallecito Creek through the steep canyon with big jagged mountains filling the view to the north. Most of the elevation gain is during the early portion of the hike. It then flattens out to a very gradual, gentle grade. Hard only because of distance. Limit 12. 2 well behaved dogs ok. Carpool \$5. RSVP Chuck Rancatti chuck.rancatti@gmail.com 425-231-0930 SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.	Hard 11 miles 900 ft. gain, Moderate Pace
Mon, Aug 16 9:00 am RC 9:00 am	Monday Road Bike Ride This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details	Moderate, 16 miles Moderate pace
Mon, Aug 16 9:15 am TH 9:15 am	Bear Smart Durango Demo and Education Hike We will meet at the Perrins Peak State Wilderness Area (SWA) entrance parking lot, located on Lightner Creek Road at its intersection with CR208. Join Bryan Peterson, Executive	Moderate, Several miles, Easy Pace

	<p>Director of Bear Smart Durango (bearsmartdurango.org) for a demo on how to use bear spray and an informative hike in bear country in the Perrins Peak State Wilderness Area (SWA.) Obtain a better understanding of black bears, the natural foods bears need to survive in the wild, bear signs, using bear spray and human-bear conflict. Bear Smart Durango encourages us to carry bear spray and will require signature on a simple waiver. This hike includes an off-trail bushwhack, with a gradual climb taking approximately 30 minutes. Duration approximately 3.5 hours. Note: To access the SWA, either an SWA Pass or hunting or fishing license is required. If under 65 years of age, a Habitat Stamp is also required. You may purchase these at the Durango State Fish Hatchery office or online at cpw.state.co.us. Limit 10, No dogs. RSVP Bruce Rodman, 970-385-7889 or BERodman@gmail.com SO! outings limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	
<p>Wed, Aug 18 7:00 am RC 7:00 am Purg 7:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike Relay Creek/Greyrock Loop Hike up old logging roads to fantastic views. Return via different logging roads through lovely forests. Group must stay together. Limit 18 hikers, 2 dogs. Carpool \$6. RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 759-3421 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate, 6 miles 1000 ft. at high altitude, Easy Pace</p>
<p>Wed, Aug 18 8:30 am ACP 8:30 am</p>	<p>Wednesday Easy Hikers Chris Park: Aspen Loop Dogs OK, bring leash. Park at the first gate & hike trail on the right. Carpool \$4. RSVP Dell Manners 970-903-6984 dell.manners@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Easy +/- 3 miles 100 ft gain, Easy Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Aug 19 7:30 am SRP 7:30 am</p>	<p>Hike Centennial Peak (13,062 ft.) A splendid hike to do in August in honor of the Centennial State (145 yrs!). Hike through the alpine meadows up onto the scree-sloped sides of the peak. Excellent views of the Needles, the San Miguel, the Abajos, and Sleeping Ute. The trail head is on the west side of the La Platas, north of Mancos. Parking is limited, so carpooling is a must. Carpool \$8. The last 2-3 miles require 4WD/HC. Limit 12. No Dogs. RSVP Steve Krest stevekrest@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Hard 5 miles 2160 ft. gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Aug 19 9:00 am RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Thursday Road Bike Ride This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. First time riders please RSVP by email to ride leaders: Rick</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>

	<p>Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at: ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	
<p>Sat, Aug 21 7:00 am RC 7:00 am</p>	<p>Hike to the Old Hundred Boarding House This classic hike takes us to the Old Hundred Boarding House. This spectacular old miners' boarding house is perched on the side of Galena Mountain with spectacular views. It has been minimally restored as an historic landmark. The hike will be rated moderate if you only go to the overlook of the mine. If you choose to make the short but steep scramble down the loose scree to the boarding house you will likely rate it challenging. There is some exposure, but well worth it. Poles will be helpful. Post-hike visit to the ruins of the nearby Buffalo Boy mine. Limit 12, no dogs on scramble to the boarding house. 4WD/HC necessary, Carpool \$13. RSVP Harding Cure at hardingcure@gmail.com or 970-382-8286. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only</p>	<p>Moderate, 4 miles, 1000 ft. gain, Most Challenging for scramble to Boarding House, Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Aug 23 9:00 am RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Monday Road Bike Ride This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate, 16 miles Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Aug 25 7:00 am RC 7:00 am Purg 7:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike Upper Hermosa Trail This out and back hike begins behind Purg at the upper TH of the Hermosa Trail. We will hike downhill along the lovely Hermosa Creek to just beyond the edge of the burn area from the 416 fire. A small SUV or higher clearance is needed to ford a creek near the TH. Carpool \$5. Limit 18 hikers, 2 dogs. RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 759-3421 sbrckbrown@yahoo.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	<p>Moderate 7 miles 500 ft. gain at high altitude, Min. elevation 9000 ft. Easy pace</p>
<p>Wed, Aug 25 8:30 am ACP 8:30 am</p>	<p>Wednesday Easy Hikers Animas Overlook Picnic 7 +/- miles up Jct. Creek. Rd. Carpool \$2. Dogs OK Bring leash. Bring your lunch. RSVP Ted Keller 970-759-7207(text) ted.keller@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Easy, +/- 4 miles, Easy and Flexible Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Aug 26 9:00 am</p>	<p>Thursday Road Bike Ride This is a 28-mile road ride through the Animas Valley from the</p>	<p>Moderate, 28 miles Moderate pace</p>

<p>RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back. First time riders please RSVP by email to ride leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at: ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	
<p>Sat, Aug 28 8:00 am RC 8:00 am</p>	<p>Hike to Grand Turk / Sultan Saturday Classic Hike: Grand Turk (13,150 ft) and Sultan (13,368 ft) Peaks This high altitude hike starts at the top of Molas Pass and heads to a saddle at 12,400 ft. We will hike up to the summit of Grand Turk at 13,150 ft. From there we will continue one half mile farther, and summit Sultan Peak (13,168 ft.). Limit 12. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK. RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Hard 7.5 miles 2460 ft. gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Sun, Aug 29 8:30 am TH 8:30</p>	<p>Hike Animas City Mountain Hike a loop on Animas City Mountain, followed by lunch along the Animas river. Lunch provided by the leader. Limit 10. Maximum of two dogs. RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles, 1500 ft. gain, Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Aug 30 9:00 am RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>Monday Road Bike Ride This is a social bike ride from the Rec Center to PJs and back. Ride Leader: John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations. Click here for additional details</p>	<p>Moderate, 16 miles Moderate pace</p>