

Full Season Schedule - Fall 2021

Date & Location	Outing description	Difficulty info
Wed, Sep 1 7:30 am	<p>WW hike Jones Creek Trail</p> <p>This hike goes through parts of the 416 Fire area. From the trailhead, the hike climbs consistently uphill through ponderosa pine, spruce, and fir. Returning along the same route. Well behaved dogs ok, include in RSVP. Carpool \$2. Limit 15.</p> <p>RSVP Lindy Ivie (505) 690-4903 iviedgo@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only</p>	Moderate 6 miles 600 ft. Moderate pace
RC 7:30 am	About Wednesday Wanderers	
Wed, Sep 1 9:00 am	<p>WEH- Hike Haviland to Forebay Lake</p> <p>Haviland Lake Trailhead before campground to Forebay Lake Friendly dogs & hikers welcome. Whenever possible group may return by original route or slightly more challenging for those who choose the “ Extra Mile” . Carpool \$4 Do not RSVP. Text Ted Keller at 970 759-7207 if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the Trailhead. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only</p>	Easy-Moderate +/- 4 mile Pace slow & flexible
ACP 9:00 am	About Wednesday Wanderers	
Thu, Sep 2 10:00 am	<p>Thursday Road Bike Ride</p> <p>This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread. Contact 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.</p>	28 miles, moderate pace
RC 10:00 am	Click here for additional details	
Sat, Sep 4 7:30 am	<p>Hike Spencer Basin -Continental Divide Loop</p> <p>Starting from the Highland Mary Trailhead, we will hike a loop going to the Continental Divide, Verde Lake, and Spencer Basin and back to the cars. Dogs OK. Limit 15. Carpool \$9. HC vehicle. RSVP Chris Blackshear, Chris.blackshear@gmail.com. Co-leader Stephanie Weber steph4100@gmail.com. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only</p>	Hard, 12 miles, 2500 ft, Brisk Pace
RC 7:30 am TH 9:00 am	Monday Road Bike Ride	
Mon, Sep 6 10:00 am	<p>This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center stopping at PJs and back. Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com</p>	16 miles, moderate pace
RC 10:00 am	During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed	

vaccinations.

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Silver Mountain 12,496 ft](#)

Tue, Sep 7
7:30 am

[SRP](#) 7:30 am

This is a moderate climb that begins at the La Plata City Campground. After parking cars, we immediately cross the La Plata River (bring water shoes) and begin hiking up an old mining road for several miles until we hit Bragdon Ridge. From there we follow an intermittent trail along the ridge to Deadwood Peak (12,285). We then use the ridge line from Deadwood to hike/scramble to the top of Silver Peak. Once we hit Bragdon Ridge the views are great all the way up.

Most Challenging
10 miles
4,000 ft gain
Moderately Brisk Pace

Carpool \$3. Limit 10. No Dogs.
RSVP Bart Womack 970-749-0286 yobart99@msn.com
SO! Outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only

Wed, Sep 8
7:00 am

[RC](#) 7:30am
[TC](#) 7:45am
Purg 8:00am

[Cascade Creek](#)

This hike will take us to the beautiful final 150 ft water fall, as we pass several more along Cascade Creek. We will travel a total of 12.5 miles at a brisk pace.

Hard Brisk Pace
12.5 miles
2,050ft gain

Carpool \$4. Limit 10
RSVP Terri Wells 970-749-8209 terriwells7@hotmail.com
SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.

[WW hike](#)

[Lime Creek Rd.](#)

Wed, Sep 8
8:00 am

[RC](#) 8:00 am
Purg 8:30 am

This hike starts at the northern entrance to Lime Creek Road. We will proceed down the road to a side road, then follow the side road to a large meadow below 550. The meadow contains an old mine, several old cars and perhaps an active beaver pond. Well behaved dogs ok. Limit 15. Carpool \$6.

Moderate
6 mi
500 ft. Moderate pace

RSVP by email only to Lorie Hansen lmhansen39@gmail.com
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[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

Wed, Sep 8
9:00 am

[WEH -Hike Rockridge to Lightner Creek](#)

Rockridge Trailhead; hike towards Lightner Creek Rd. and back.

Easy, up to 3 mile, up to 300 ft. elevation gain

RSVP Lydine Hannula, 970 426-9684
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[RC](#) (south end) 9:30 am

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Climb Bridal Peak \(aka T11, 13,510\) and Peak 13,159](#)

Thu, Sep 9
6:30 am

[RC](#) 6:30 am
[TC](#) 6:40 am

Begin off Ophir Pass Road to access Columbine Lake Trail to Pass 12,520 ft. Leave the trail and ascend south to the ridge east of the lake. Climb Point 13,051 and Peak 13,159. Scrambling, mild exposure. Pass by the lake and ascend to Columbine Pass. North to Bridal Peak then free range back to trail.

Most Challenging
11.2 miles,
3,500 ft.
Moderately Brisk

See Earthline for description. 4WD. Limit 10. No dogs. Carpool \$9.
RSVP Thomas Ward 970-426-8918 tom@thward.net Co-leader Debra Van Winegarden debra@vanwinegarden.com
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[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Sep 9
10:00 am

This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread.
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28 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Sep 13
10:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center stopping at PJs and back.
Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com

16 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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[SO! Social & Picnic](#)

Due to increased concern about transmission of the Delta variant, our quarterly SO! social will be another splendid (not soggy) picnic at Chris Park at 5 pm. This Social will not feature a "potluck" or "catered meal" component so as to minimize potential contamination of food/utensils. Attendees are asked to bring their own complete dinners including beverages of choice (SO! will provide water and lemonade but feel free to bring your favorite beverage). Perhaps, ordering take-out in advance from one of the restaurants on the way up to Chris Park would be an option. Also, all attendees will be responsible for their own place mats, silverware, plates and glasses for beverages.

Chris Park
5:00 pm

Easy and great fun

A Food Drive Collection for Volunteers of America will be set-up as well. Horseshoes, volleyball and bonfire activities (live music, perhaps) will be available.

No RSVPs Required. Just come with your own dinner and drinks. No dogs. SO! activities are restricted to current members with completed vaccinations.

[WW hike](#)

[Hoffheins Connection to Gudys Rest](#)

Wed, Sep 15
8:00 am

This is an in and out hike with mostly gradual elevation gain as the trail heads north towards the Colorado Trail and Gudys Rest, with views of Perrins Peak, Barnroof Point and the La Platas. 2 well behaved dogs. Limit 15. Carpool \$2. RSVP Delores Ladd (214) 422-7206 ladddelores@gmail.com

Moderate
4.5 mi.
600 ft. Moderate
pace

[SRP](#) 8:00 am

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[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[WEH Hike Chris Park Trails](#)

Wed, Sep 15
9:00 am

Chris Park: trail TBD
Carpool \$4

Easy-Moderate
+/- 3 mi.

[ACP](#) 9:00 am

RSVP Becky Rodefer, roderfer@hotmail.com

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[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Sep 16
10:00 am

This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread.

Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org

28 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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[La Plata Peaks & Ridge Hike](#)

Fri, Sep 17
7:00 am

We will climb four peaks on the west edge of La Plata Canyon: Parrott (11,857), Madden (11,972), Star (11,761), and Gibbs (12,256). It will be a LONG day, mostly off-trail or on sketchy use trail with lots of steep ups and downs once on the ridge. But it is a glorious ridge hike and there is no significant exposure or scary stuff except for some crummy rock coming off Gibbs. It will be a loop hike with a short car shuttle. Hunting season – wear orange. Limit 10

Most
Challenging, 9
miles, 4,900 ft.
gain, Brisk pace

[RC](#) 7:00 am

Agile mountain dogs okay. Carpool \$4. RSVP Lynn Coburn harrisoncoburn@gmail.com or 247-0914

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[Crater Lake](#)

Sat, Sep 18
12:00 am

CANCELLED!

Hard
Brisk Pace
11 miles
1,300ft gain

[RC](#) 7:00am
[TC](#) 7:15am
Purg 7:30am

This long hike is worth the effort to reach beautiful Crater Lake. From there we will climb above the lake to a scenic spot for lunch. This end of season hike is for those who wish for a great workout as well at a brisk pace. Limit 10. Carpool \$6.

RSVP Terri Wells 970-749-8209 terriwells7@hotmail.com
SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.

[Climb Grizzly Peak \(13,738 ft.\)](#)

Mon, Sep 20
7:00 am

Climb Grizzly Peak. Mostly off trail on loose rock. Climb steep couloir with loose dirt and rock to broad ridge to summit. Great view of San Juan peaks from summit. Return via south ridge with class 3 scramble and moderate exposure.

Hard, 7.3 miles
and 3200 ft
elevation gain.
Pace will be
moderate but
depending on
weather could
be fast.

Needles Store,
7 am

There is a long, rough drive to the trailhead needing high clearance or 4wd vehicles.

Limit 10, no dogs. Carpool \$9

RSVP Tim Tischler, 970 247 7970, 512 971 4229, tbtischler46@gmail.com

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Mon, Sep 20
10:00 am

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center stopping at PJs and back. Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com

16 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations.

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[WW hike](#)

[Purgatory Trail](#)

Wed, Sep 22
8:00 am

We will hike from the trailhead across from Purgatory downhill through lovely aspen groves to Purgatory Flats then turn right to a nice viewpoint. Then we will retrace our steps and slowly climb back up to the trailhead. NO dogs. Limit 12. Carpool \$4.

Moderate
4 mi.
1200 ft.
Moderate pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am
Purg 8:30 am

RSVP by email only Cindy Werland cewerland@gmail.com
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[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[WEH Hike Falls Creek east trails](#)

Wed, Sep 22
9:00 am

Falls Crk.Rd. east trailhead
Friendly dogs & hikers welcome. Whenever possible group may return by original route or slightly more challenging for those who choose the "Extra Mile".

Easy-Moderate
+/- 3 mi

Carpool \$2

[ACP](#) 9:00 am Do not RSVP. Text Ted Keller at 970 759-7207 if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the Trailhead.
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[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Bike Lime Creek Road](#)

Thu, Sep 23
8:30 am

This is a one-way mountain bike ride on Lime Creek Road, starting at the upper end by Hwy. 550. We will drop a shuttle car at the lower end. The ride begins with an 800 foot downhill ride to the creek, followed by a 600 ft. climb. We will likely take a short side hike to Adrenalin Falls, break for lunch, and continue another 800 feet downhill to the shuttle cars. The road is rough, but the fall colors should be glorious. Mountain bike strongly recommended.

Moderate, 11.4 miles, 600 ft. gain, moderate biking pace

[RC](#) 8:30 am
Purg 9:00 am

Limit 15, no dogs, carpool \$6.
RSVP Harding Cure at hardingcure@gmail.com
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[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Sep 23
10:00 am

This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread.
Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org

28 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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[Hike Perins Peak South](#)

Fri, Sep 24

9:00 am

Hike on a well-established trail from the Rockridge Trail Head Parking lot. Enjoy beautiful La Plata Mountain, Missionary Ridge and City of Durango views at the destination. Hiking poles helpful for return trip.

Moderate, 5.5 miles, 1800 ft. gain, moderate pace

[RC](#) 9:00 am

No Dogs. Carpool \$1. Hunting Season Wear Orange.

[TH](#) 9:10 am

RSVP Wayne Bedor waynebedor@yahoo.com or 970-769-6548

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[Hike](#)

[Vallecito Creek](#)

Sun, Sep 26

8:30 am

Although the trail is rocky and narrow in spots it offers great views into the gorge. This is a meandering hike with stops for picture taking, rests, and smelling the roses. No Dogs. Carpool \$5. Limit 15 due to Wilderness designation.

Moderate
Slow pace
7 miles
900ft gain

[RC](#) 8:30 am

[TH](#) 9:15 am

RSVP Gail Davidson 970-799-2940, gaildavidson1@gmail.com

SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Sep 27

10:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center stopping at PJs and back.

Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com

During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations.

16 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Hike & Cookout at Ward Cabin](#)

Tue, Sep 28

8:00 am

This is an easyish one-way hike from Transfer Campground to the Ward cabin at 9,000 feet in the aspen forest. We will set up a shuttle before the hike so the cars will be at the cabin. We will have a cookout for lunch. We will supply hot dogs (also veggie), buns, fixings, beans and lemonade. Other dishes welcome. Carpooling encouraged because of the shuttle.

Easy/moderate,
4 miles, 400 ft. gain, moderate pace

[SRP](#) 8:00 am

Limit 15, two dogs on leash. Carpool \$5.

RSVP to Donna Ward at tlward@frontier.net. Co-leader Travis Ward.

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[Animas Mt. Trail Geology Hike](#)

Wed, Sep 29

8:30 am

This is a moderate hike to the top of Animas Mt. along a well-defined, somewhat rocky trail that returns back to TH. Several stops with expert geologist discussion of the geology that created the wide variety of north Durango scenery viewed along trail. Visual aids included. Will be 5-7 hours in length depending on amount of hiker questions and discussion. Bring lunch. Limit 15. No dogs.

Moderate.
6 mile loop,
approx. 1520 ft. gain,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 8:15 am

RSVP Jeff Brame 759-9827 or geostar20@aol.com

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[WW hike](#)

[Cascade Village](#)

Wed, Sep 29

8:30 am

The hike begins behind the condos at Cascade Village. The trail ascends immediately and then winds gently through an aspen forest then down to a

Moderate
6 miles
400 ft. Moderate
pace

[RC](#) 8:30 am

Purg 9:00 am meadow along Cascade Creek. There are fine views of Engineer Mountain along the way. Limit 15. Carpool \$5.
RSVP Tricia Bayless 799-4535 tbayless@bresnan.net
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

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[WEH Hike Log Chutes Trails](#)

Wed, Sep 29

9:00 am

Log Chutes Trailhead: 5 mi. up Jct. Crk. Rd. Hilly terrain. Carpool \$2
RSVP if you are bringing a dog. Becky Rodefer, roderfer@hotmail.com
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

Easy-Moderate
+/- 3 mi.

[ACP](#) 9:00 am

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[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Sep 30

10:00 am

This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread.

Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org

28 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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[Hike Castle Rock](#)

Fri, Oct 1

8:00 am

An annual favorite for fall colors. Beginning at the Needles Store, we will hike the Elbert Creek trail climbing steadily through the aspens to the cabin and then up to Castle Rock with commanding views of Electra Lake, Spud Mountain and the Twilights. Carpool \$4. Limit 10. 2 well behaved dogs OK

Moderate
5.5 miles
1650 ft
Moderately
brisk pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am

[TC](#) 8:15 am

RSVP Judy Mack tupelo16@gmail.com
SO! Outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only

[Hike](#)

[Purgatory Flats](#)

Sun, Oct 3

8:00 am

This hike is a reverse climb: we will begin at the top, hike down to the Animas River, then climb back out of the canyon. Good views, hiking in Aspen, good fall color, depending on the timing. Carpool \$4. Limit 12, two well behaved dogs okay.

Moderate
8 miles RT
1100 ft gain
Moderate Pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am

[TH](#) 8:30 am

Hunting Season Wear Orange!
RSVP Franny 970-884-1139 frannyhart8@gmail.com
SO! Outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Oct 4

10:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center stopping at PJs and back. Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com
During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations.

16 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Climb Jura Knob 12,614 ft](#)

Tue, Oct 5

7:30 am

Hike up the Pass Creek Trail to the Engineer Mtn. Trail to the ridge of Jura Knob. Climb Jura (some scrambling involved) Return on the Coal Creek Trail to Hwy 550. This hike will require a shuttle. Carpool \$6, Limit 10, No Dogs

Hard
9 miles
2200 ft
Brisk pace

[RC](#) 7:30 am

[TC](#) 7:45 am

Hunting Season Wear Orange!
RSVP Sherry Suenram sherryjsuenram@gmail.com
SO! Outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only

[Hike Barnroof Point](#)

Wed, Oct 6

8:30 am

Canceled due to weather

This is a moderate hike with some bushwhacking near the end of the point. Hike begins in the Dry Fork parking lot just off CR 207 (Lightner Creek Road) and climbs from the SW to the NW with lovely views of the La Platas. Limit 12, No dogs. Carpool \$2

Moderate, 5.5 miles, 1,900 ft. gain, moderate pace

[SRP](#) 8:30 am

[TH](#) 8:45 am

RSVP Wayne Bedor 769-6548 or waynebedor@yahoo.com
Co-leader: Bruce Rodman
Hunting Season Wear Orange!
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[WW hike](#)

[Ouray Perimeter Trail](#)

Wed, Oct 6

8:30 am

Moderately strenuous trail providing beautiful views of Ouray and the surrounding peaks. Worth the drive! No dogs. Limit 12. Carpool \$11. RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 759-3421 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

Moderate 6 miles
1600 ft. Easy pace

[RC](#) 8:30 am

Purg 9:00 am

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[WEH Hike Dry Creek Trail](#)

Dry Creek Trailhead from Dry Fork parking.

Wed, Oct 6

9:00 am

Friendly dogs & hikers welcome. Whenever possible group may return by original route or slightly more challenging for those who choose the "Extra Mile". Carpool \$2

Easy-Moderate

Do not RSVP. Text Ted Keller at 970 759-7207 if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the Trailhead. +/- 4 mi.

[ACP](#) 9:00 am

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[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Oct 7

10:00 am

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28 miles,
moderate pace

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[RC](#) 10:00 am

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[Hike Vallecito Creek](#)

Sat, Oct 9

8:00 am

We will hike through fall colors along the rushing waters of Vallecito Creek to the second bridge. The pace will be BRISK for an end of the season great workout. Carpool \$5. Limit 10.

Hard
Brisk Pace
12 miles

[RC](#) 8:00 am

RSVP Terri Wells 970-749-8209 terriwells7@hotmail.com

1,200ft gain

[TH](#) 8:45am

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[Skiers Pot Luck](#)

Sun, Oct 10

2:00 pm

RSVP date change

Attention Downhill Skiers and Boarders: Get acquainted, reacquainted and/or just have a good time at a pot luck gathering hosted at Four Corners RV on Highway 3. Bring your small tables and chairs, plus beverages and a dish to share. We need a count of attendees via RSVP no later than **October 3**.

Easy and Fun

Four Corners

RV 2:00 pm

RSVP to Bruce Rodman at Mtnman16@gmail.com or 970-385-7899. (Please leave your email address with phone message.)

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[Car Camp San Rafael Swell, Utah](#)

Mon, Oct 11 -

Fri, Oct 15

We will set up our first camp near Goblin Valley State Park and explore some of the canyons near there. Then venture into Robbers Roost for some more canyons. There will be some exposure issues and this will involve scrambling over obstacles in the canyons. No dogs. Limit 12. Carpool TBD. HC vehicle.

Moderate,
exposure to drop
offs, difficult
scrambling

[RC](#) 7:00 am

RSVP Chris Blackshear, 970-238-1541, chris.blackshear@gmail.com, Co-Leader Stephanie Weber steph4100@gmail.com

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[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Oct 11

10:00 am

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16 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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[SO! General Meeting](#)

Social Portion of General Meeting is Canceled

Tue, Oct 12

6:00 pm

The next Seniors Outdoors general meeting will be held at the Durango Rec Center on Oct. 12, 2021 featuring a program presentation inside from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Face masks are required indoors.

Easy, fun and
informative.

[RC](#) 6:00 pm

Our speaker is Katrina Blair who will present:

“Walking journey from Durango to Telluride consuming wild edible foods of the San Juan Mountains”

Presentation summary: This slide show presentation focuses on the wild edible and medicinal plants that the speaker consumes on an annual personal walkabout journey from Durango to Telluride in the month of August. The abundance of edible berries, greens and mushrooms will be highlighted.

Speaker bio: Katrina Blair began studying wild plants in her teens when she camped out alone for a summer with the intention of eating primarily wild foods. She later wrote “The Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants of the San Juan Mountains” for her senior project at Colorado College. In 1997 she completed a MA at John F Kennedy University in Orinda, CA in Holistic Health Education. She founded Turtle Lake Refuge in 1998, a non-profit, whose mission is to celebrate the connection between personal health and wild lands. She teaches sustainable living practices, permaculture and wild edible and medicinal plant classes locally and internationally. She is the author of a book titled “[Local Wild Life – Turtle Lake Refuges Recipes for Living Deep](#)” published in 2009 that focuses on the uses and recipes of the local wild abundance. Her latest book is “The Wild Wisdom of Weeds: 13 Essential Plants for Human Survival” published in 2014 by Chelsea Green.

We look forward to seeing you at this fascinating presentation.

[Hike Mitchell Lakes via Jones Cree/Pinkerton Flagstaff Trails \(9,562 Ft.\)](#)

Canceled due to weather

Wed, Oct 13
8:00 am

This climb through old growth forest and the ridge north of Hermosa Mountain should bring fall colors, expansive views and the opportunity to check out some of the 416 Fire burn area three years later. After leaving vehicles at the ending trailhead on CR250N, we will depart from Lower Hermosa Horse Camp on Forest Road 576 (CR 201). We will hike north on the Jones Creek Trail to the junction with the Pinkerton Flagstaff Trail where we head south to Mitchell Lakes and then down the Mitchell Lakes (4WD) Road to CR250N. Rated hard due to length. Limit 16 people. Hunting season – wear orange. Since we will proceed through fresh burn area, hike to be conducted only if weather is non-threatening. Carpool \$2.
RSVP: Bruce Rodman 385-7899 Mtnman16@gmail.com
Co-leader Wayne Bedor 764-4089 waynebedor@yahoo.com
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Hard, 10.8 miles, 2000 ft. gain, moderate pace

[ACP](#) 8:00 am
[TC](#) 8:10 am

[WW hike Cascade Creek](#)

Wed, Oct 13
8:00 am

Canceled due to weather

This trail begins at the Forest Service Center by the TH for Larkspur Lane (Engineer Mountain Trail) and meanders through aspen groves and meadows until it meets up with Cascade Creek Rd. near the gate. We will then proceed past the gate to a break spot along the creek. Return is by the same route. Limit 15. Carpool \$5. Hunting season wear orange.
RSVP Michele Mals (505) 288-0971 michelemariemals@gmail.com

Moderate
5 miles
300 ft.
Moderate pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am
Purg 8:30 am

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[WEH Hike Haviland Lake to Chris Park](#)

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Easy-Moderate +/- 3 mi.
[ACP](#) 9:00 am Hunting Season Wear Orange!
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[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Hike Goulding Creek Trail to Jones Creek](#)

Thu, Oct 14 8:00 am 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. Carpool \$4 Limit 12. No Dogs.
Hard
10.5 miles
2300 ft gain
Moderate pace
[RC](#) 8:00 am Hunting Season Wear Orange!
Purg 8:30 am RSVP Steve Krest stevekrest@gmail.com
SO! Outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only

[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Oct 14 10:00 am This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread.
Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org
28 miles,
moderate pace
[RC](#) 10:00 am During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations.

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Highway Cleanup](#)

Sat, Oct 16 9:00 am Date Change from October 9 to 16
Come join other SO! Members as we clean up our two stretches of Highway 550. 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 vests.
Easy route, easy pace
Hermosa Gas Station 9:00 am
RSVP: Betsey Butler, ejbutler12@gmail.com or phone 609-532-6948

[Hike Starvation Creek](#)

Mon, Oct 18 8:30 am New date!
Moderate
Moderately brisk pace
9 miles
1500ft gain
[SRP](#) 8:30am Nice loop hike on Starvation Creek with a side hike up and back on Old Gold Run trail. Carpool \$5. High clearance needed and 4WD recommended. Limit 12. 2 well behaved dogs OK. RSVP Lorie Hansen 828-243-2194

lmhansen39@gmail.com
Hunting Season Wear Orange!
SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.

[Hike New Mexico Arches](#)

Mon, Oct 18 9:00 am A short hike and scramble in northern New Mexico to the beautiful Anasazi Arch in Cox Canyon, the unique Octopus Arch in Dirt Canyon, and a few other real or imposter arches along the way. The distances are not far, but there is some bushwhacking and ledge scrambling. Moderate with scrambling, 3 miles, easy pace

[SRP](#) 9:00 am No limit, agile dogs OK. 4WD/HC is helpful but not necessary. Carpool \$5. RSVP leader Harding Cure at hardingcure@gmail.com or 970-382-8286. During the Pandemic, SO! outings are restricted to fully vaccinated members.

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Oct 18 10:00 am This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center stopping at PJs and back. Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com 16 miles, moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations.

[Click here for additional details](#)

[WW hike](#)
[Log Chutes](#)

Wed, Oct 20 8:00 am We will enjoy the fall colors with Kennebec Mt. in the background as we hike the West View Trail plus an extension of the Log Chutes Trail system. It is a very pleasant loop with some ups and downs. No dogs. Limit 15. Carpool \$2. Hunting season wear orange. Moderate 5 miles 700 ft. Moderate pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am RSVP Lorraine McCleary (703) 403-9073 lorraineccleary@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Hike Haflin Creek Trail](#)

Wed, Oct 20 8:30 am Canceled

This is classified a hard hike due to the elevation gain. Hike on a well-established trail with wonderful views of the Animas Valley to the west. Hunting season wear orange Hard, 5.5 miles, 2700 ft. gain, moderate pace

[RC](#) 8:30 am Limit 12, No Dogs. Car pool \$2

[TH](#) 8:45 am RSVP: Wayne Bedor, cell 769-6548 or home 764-4089 or waynebedor@yahoo.com During the Pandemic, SO! outings are restricted to fully vaccinated members.

[WEH Hike Sale Barn Trail](#)

Wed, Oct 20 9:00 am Sale Barn TH behind Dietz Mkt. Dogs kept under control. Bring leash. Easy, 4 mile, 140 ft. gain

Carpool \$2

RSVP Lydine Hannula, 970 426-9684

SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

[SRP](#) 9:00am

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Oct 21
10:00 am

This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread.
Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org

28 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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[Click here for additional details](#)

[Hike Molas Trail to Elk Park](#)

Fri, Oct 22
8:00 am

The hike down offers dramatic views of the canyon below and possibly a glimpse of the D&SNG as it passes through the canyon. Beautiful scenes are plentiful on this hike. The trail leads down into Animas Canyon and eventually to Elk Park with 35 switchbacks for the descent which means we finish with an ascent! We will cross the Animas River via a bridge at 3.7, cross the tracks and on to Elk Park, the railroad stop for our historical narrow gauge at 4.4 miles, our destination and lunch. Carpool \$5. Limit 12. No dogs

Hard
8.8 miles
1,900 ft gain
Moderate pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am
Purg 8:30 am

Hunting Season Wear Orange!
RSVP Steve Krest stevekrest@gmail.com
SO! Outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only

[Hike First Fork and Red Creek](#)

Sat, Oct 23
8:30 am

We will hike up First Fork trail to Missionary Ridge Trail then north to the intersection with Red Creek trail and back down to TH. We will either have some lingering color or wide open views from Missionary Ridge. No dogs. Carpool \$2. Limit 10.

Hard
Moderate pace
9.5 miles 1800ft gain

[RC](#) 8:30am
Fire Station
Florida Road
8:45am

RSVP Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930, chuck.rancatti@gmail.com
Hunting Season Wear Orange!
SO! Hikes are limited to vaccinated members only.

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Oct 25
10:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center stopping at PJs and back.
Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com

16 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations.

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Hike Jackson Ridge](#)

Tue, Oct 26
9:00 am

Canceled due to weather

This is a hike from Echo Basin (10,600ft.) along the west-most ridge of the La Plata Mountains. The Jackson Ridge (12,200ft.) lies to the south of Mt. Hesperus, with excellent views of all the western La Plata peaks and beyond Sleeping Ute into Utah. Our route drops to a high shelf of Rush Basin, with a glacial lake for those interested in a quick dip. (sandals recommended). An easy traverse takes us back below the Jackson and a final ridge walk home. Carpool \$7. High Clearance vehicles required for 3 miles of rocky road. Limit

Moderate, 5.75 miles, 1600 ft elevation gain, Moderate pace

[RC](#) 7:30 am

12, dogs on approval only. High Clearance vehicles required. Carpool \$7
RSVP Steve Schnarch, 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com
Hunting Season Wear Orange!
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

[WW hike
Spud Lake](#)

Wed, Oct 27 8:30 am The hike passes through aspen and past several beaver ponds, some of which are still active. From the lake are views of Engineer Mountain and Twilight Peaks. We will hike to the lake, around its circumference and back. HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES REQUIRED! Please let Eric know if you have one and if you are willing to take riders. 2 well behaved dogs. Limit 15. Carpool \$5. Moderate 3 miles 440 ft. Moderate pace

[RC](#) 8:30 am
Purg 9:00 am RSVP Eric Pahlke 247-1130 ehphlke@gmail.com
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

[About Wednesday Wanderers
WEH Hike Three Springs Loop](#)

Wed, Oct 27 9:00 am Three Springs Spurline Loop Trailhead. Dogs OK if kept under control. Bring leash. Carpool \$2 Easy, 1.8 mile, mostly level

[SRP](#) 9:00 am RSVP Lydine Hannula, 970 426-9684
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

[About Wednesday Wanderers
Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Oct 28 10:00 am This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread. Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org 28 miles, moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations.

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Thu, Oct 28 5:00 pm [SO! Board Meeting](#)
New Date!
Easy, but sometimes boring.

5:00 pm at Clark Lagow Home The Seniors Outdoors! Board will hold its quarterly meeting at the home of Clark Lagow, beginning at 5:00 pm. All SO! members are invited to attend SO! board meetings. Members who plan to attend should RSVP to Clark at clagow@rmi.net

Sun, Oct 31 8:00 am [Hike / Snowshoe Ice Lake](#)
Date Change
Hard, 7.5 miles, 2700 ft. Moderately brisk pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am Hike or snowshoe, or both, up to Ice Lake. If the gully over to Island Lake is not too scary, we will venture over there too. Dogs OK. Carpool \$8. Limit 15. Hunting season wear orange.

RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Nov 1
10:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center stopping at PJs and back.
Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com
During the pandemic SO! outings are limited to members with completed vaccinations.

16 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

[WW hike](#)

[Animas River Trail](#)

Wed, Nov 3
9:30 am

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 ehpahlke@gmail.com
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

Easy Flat 5-7
miles Easy Pace

[SRP](#) 9:30 am

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Nov 4
10:00 am

This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread.
Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org
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28 miles,
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

[SO! General Meeting](#)

Change to Social Half Hour!

The next Seniors Outdoors general meeting will be held at the Durango Rec Center on Nov. 9, 2021. **The social half hour without refreshments** will begin at 5:30 PM with the meeting and program presentation held from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. We have a renowned public lands manager and speaker coming from Moab, Utah to share with us his unique knowledge of western public lands creation and development. Face masks are required indoors at all times.

Easy, fun and
informative.

Tue, Nov 9
5:30 pm

[RC](#) 5:30 pm

Title: Public Lands: Where, Why and How?

Speaker: Walt Dabney

Presentation summary: In this presentation, Walt Dabney will provide answers to these and more questions: Where did our public lands come from? Why do the western states have lots and other states almost none? How were states formed? What does the Constitution say about these lands? What was

the effect of the Homestead Act and the Railroad Act? How were National Parks and Forests established? Why are these lands held “in common” so important to us today?

Speaker bio: Walt graduated from Texas A&M with a BS degree in Recreation and Park Administration. He spent the next 30 years with the National Park Service as a ranger in Yosemite, district ranger at Mt. Rainier and Grand Tetons, Resource Management Chief in Everglades, NPS Chief Ranger stationed in Washington, DC. and the last eight years as the Southeast Utah Group Superintendent over Arches, Canyonlands, Natural Bridges and Hovenweep. He retired from NPS in 1999 to become the Director of the Texas State Parks System overseeing 123 state parks and historic sites and 1800 employees. Retiring in 2010 after 11 years as the Texas Director, he still teaches a variety of park management courses and presents talks on The History of US Public Lands around the country. Residing in Moab, Utah, he also spends lots of time in our public lands mountain biking, hiking, camping, fishing, and trying not to be old.

[WW hike](#)
[Animas River Trail](#)

Wed, Nov 10 9:30 am 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 ehpahlke@gmail.com
[SRP](#) 9:30 am SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)
[Hike Snowden Tarns](#)

Thu, Nov 11 7:30 am From Andrews Lake we will take the usual trail to the back of Snowden meadows, then we are mostly off-trail. Our route climbs a talus field to a tarn at the base of Snowden, then over a mild pass at 12,100 ft. to Three Lakes Basin. Then it is a downhill bushwhack until we hit the Crater Lake Trail and return to our starting point. Early snow/icy conditions may require micro-spikes or snowshoes.
[RC](#) 7:30am Limit 12, dogs on approval only. Carpool \$6
Hunting Season Wear Orange!
RSVP Steve Schnarch, 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

Hard, 7.8 miles 1500 ft. elevation gain. Moderate pace

[Sand Canyon Through Hike](#)

Mon, Nov 15 8:00 am The Sand Canyon Trail crosses Canyon of the Ancients National Monument and contains many ancestral Puebloan sites. We will split up and hike the trail from opposite directions, hopefully meeting and trading car keys halfway through to avoid an out and back. For more information click [here](#) to see the BLM website.
[SRP](#) 8:00 am Limit 15, well behaved dogs OK, Car pool \$9.
RSVP Harding Cure at hardingcure@gmail.com.
During the Pandemic, SO! outings are restricted to fully vaccinated members.

Moderate, 6.5 miles, moderate pace

Wed, Nov 17 [WW hike](#) Easy Flat 5-7

9:30 am [Animas River Trail](#) miles Easy Pace

[SRP](#) 9:30 am 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 ehphlke@gmail.com
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[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[WW hike](#)

[Animas River Trail](#)

Wed, Nov 24 9:30 am 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 ehphlke@gmail.com
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[WW hike](#)

[Animas River Trail](#)

Wed, Dec 1 9:30 am 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 ehphlke@gmail.com
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Snowshoe Snowden Meadows](#)

Fri, Dec 3 9:00 am This is our annual kickoff for the snowshoe season. Join our snowshoe jaunt from Andrews Lake area up to the meadows at the foot of Snowden Peak, with a lovely short scenic canyon along the way. Beautiful, rewarding hike. Bring hot dogs or brats for a cookout. Limit 15 per group due to wilderness regulations. 4WD conv. Carpool \$5. Dogs OK
RSVP after November 23 to: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net
SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only

Moderate 4.1 miles 800 ft Moderate pace

Mon, Dec 6 9:00 am [Hike Sand Canyon](#)

New Hike!

Moderate 7.5 miles

Twin Buttes (behind Speedway on 160 W) Enjoy some small ancestral Puebloan ruins as we hike along the sand and slick rock of Sand Canyon and East Rock Creek trails. Carpool \$9 Limit 12. Well behaved (or leashed) dogs ok
RSVP Sandy Hoagland 970-759-7578 swhoagy@live.com
SO! Outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only.

1,400 ft. Moderate pace

9:00 am

[WW hike](#)
[Animas River Trail](#)

Wed, Dec 8
9:30 am

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 ehphlke@gmail.com

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Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace

[SRP](#) 9:30 am

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

Fri, Dec 10
9:00 am

[Friday](#)
[Snowshoes](#)

Details to come in November. Contingent on having snow.

[RC](#) 9:00 am

[WW hike](#)
[Animas River Trail](#)

Wed, Dec 15
9:30 am

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Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy

[SRP](#) 9:30 am

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)