

# Full Season Schedule - Winter 2021-22

Date & Location	Outing description	<u>Difficulty info</u>
<p>Wed, Dec 8 9:00 am</p> <p><u>TH</u> 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Hike to Raider Ridge</u></p> <p>We will meet at the trailhead at the end of Jenkins Ranch Road and hike up to the ridge. From there we will walk south and loop back on the Powerline Trail.</p> <p>No limit. No Carpool. Dogs OK. RSVP Chris Blackshear, <a href="mailto:chris.blackshear@gmail.com">chris.blackshear@gmail.com</a></p> <p>SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles, 1000 ft, moderate pace</p>
<p>Fri, Dec 10 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>Friday Snowshoe</u></p> <p>We are resuming our tradition of having a weekly snowshoe outing with some changes. First, the snowshoes will generally be on Friday. Second, while the outings may be moderate or hard, the pace will be moderate. And third, the participants will have to sign up and join the group in order to get the weekly emails that will announce what snowshoe outing we will be doing each week. Plans will vary according to current weather and snowpack conditions.</p> <p>Specific details for these Snowshoe outings (leader, destination, description, 4WD, etc.) will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance to the group members. There is no limit on participants; if appropriate we may divide into multiple groups. Carpool will be from \$3 to \$10, depending on destination. Dogs are OK if well behaved.</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. While we will strive to avoid avalanche danger, all participants should educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. To sign up for this snowshoe subgroup, send an email to <a href="mailto:clagow@rmi.net">clagow@rmi.net</a>.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Mon, Dec 13 9:00 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Snowshoe La Plata Canyon</u></p> <p>Depending on early snow conditions, we will snowshoe along the creek bed and through the forest for a couple of miles then up the steeper road as far as we like. If the snow hasn't arrived we will postpone.</p> <p>Carpool \$3. No limit, Dogs Ok, 4WD may be helpful. RSVP Harding Cure, 970-382-8286 or <a href="mailto:hardingcure@gmail.com">hardingcure@gmail.com</a>.</p>	<p>Easy to moderate terrain, 4-5 miles, moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Dec 15 9:30 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW Hike</u> <u>Animas River Trail</u></p> <p>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</p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></a></p>	
<p>Thu, Dec 16 7:00 pm</p> <p>Meet at the home of Steve Schnarch 83 Falls Creek Circle</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Moonlight Hike/Snowshoe in Falls Creek- Hidden Valley</u></a></p> <p>Weather and open skies permitting, we will boot hike or snowshoe through the Hidden Valley and its beautiful sandstone cliffs. The Valley is especially scenic under snow in the moonlight. We will have lots of ridge time, as we look down on the Animas Valley and across to Missionary Ridge. On a clear night you can see Mountain View Crest and the West Needles. Bring an extra warm layer of clothes, and a thermos of something hot to drink, so we can stay out for a while on the ridge top. Extra credit if you bring cookies to share.</p> <p>From the Fairgrounds, take West 25th Street (Junction St.) for 2.8 miles. At the stop sign, turn right on County Road 205. Two miles from the turn (past Turtle Lake), go straight onto Falls Creek Circle. Steve's house is the third driveway on the left. We will car shuttle about a half mile to the trail.</p> <p>Limit 15, 2 well-mannered dogs on approval. RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Moderate 3 miles round trip out and back, 3 short, steep hills, 250 ft. Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Fri, Dec 17 9:00 am</p> <p><a href="#"><u>RC</u></a> 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Friday Snowshoe</u></a></p> <p>Specific details for each Friday Snowshoe outing will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance to the group members. Participants must sign up in order to join the group and receive the emails.</p> <p>To sign up for this snowshoe subgroup, send an email to clagow@rmi.net.</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. While we will strive to avoid avalanche danger, all participants should educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sun, Dec 19 8:30 am</p> <p><a href="#"><u>RC</u></a> 8:30am Florida/CR 234 Fire Station 8:45am <a href="#"><u>TH</u></a> 9:30am</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Burnt Timber Trail</u></a></p> <p>Depending on conditions, we will either hike or snowshoe up the Burnt Timber Trail above Lemon Reservoir.</p> <p>. Carpool \$5, Limit 15 RSVP to Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930 chuck.rancatti@gmail.com SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety</p>	<p>Moderate 4-5 miles for snowshoe, 6 miles for hike 2000ft gain Moderate Pace</p>

<p>Wed, Dec 22 9:30 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><u><a href="#">WW Hike</a></u> <u><a href="#">Animas River Trail</a></u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Participants may turn back earlier or go further, if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or ehpahlke@gmail.com. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only. <u><a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></u></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Fri, Dec 24 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Friday Snowshoe</a></u> Specific details for each Friday Snowshoe outing will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance to the group members. Participants must sign up in order to join the group and receive the emails. To sign up for this snowshoe subgroup, send an email to clagow@rmi.net. This is a backcountry winter outing. While we will strive to avoid avalanche danger, all participants should educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Dec 29 9:30 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><u><a href="#">WW Hike</a></u> <u><a href="#">Animas River Trail</a></u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Participants may turn back earlier or go further, if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or ehpahlke@gmail.com. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only. <u><a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></u></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Fri, Dec 31 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Friday Snowshoe</a></u> Specific details for each Friday Snowshoe outing will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance to the group members. Participants must sign up in order to join the group and receive the emails. To sign up for this snowshoe subgroup, send an email to clagow@rmi.net. This is a backcountry winter outing. While we will strive to avoid avalanche danger, all participants should educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sun, Jan 2 9:00 am</p>	<p><u><a href="#">XC Ski Cascade Creek</a></u></p>	<p>Moderate 8 miles</p>

<p><u>RC</u> 9:00am <u>TH</u> 9:30am</p>	<p>XC Ski Outing up Cascade Creek. We will ski up Cascade Creek from the Hwy 550 TH, keeping near or along the creek as much as possible. We plan to cross country ski at a moderate pace over existing track as well as make some new. Nothing steep and no turning required.</p> <p>Carpool \$5, Limit 10, No dogs. RSVP to Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930 chuck.rancatti@gmail.com</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p> <p>SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only.</p>	<p>1000ft gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jan 5 9:30 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW Hike</u> <u>Animas River Trail</u></p> <p>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</p> <p><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Jan 6 10:00 am</p> <p><u>ACP</u> 10:00 am</p>	<p><u>WEH Snowshoe Haviland Lake or Overend Park</u></p> <p>Haviland Lake TH or Leyden St TH for Ned Overend Park Snowshoe Hikes.</p> <p>Friendly dogs &amp; hikers welcome. Whenever possible group may return by original route or a slightly more challenging for those who choose the Extra Mile. Do not RSVP. Text Ted if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the TH.</p> <p>Ted Keller 970-759-7207 text PREFERRED</p> <p>SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Easy-Moderate +/- 2 miles</p>
<p>Fri, Jan 7 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am <u>Purg</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>Friday Snowshoe</u></p> <p>Specific details for each Friday Snowshoe outing will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance to the group members. Participants must sign up in order to join the group and receive the emails.</p> <p>To sign up for this snowshoe subgroup, send an email to clagow@rmi.net.</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. While we will strive to avoid avalanche danger, all participants should educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.</p> <p>SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sat, Jan 8 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>Snowshoe to Baldy Mountain (9800 ft)</u></p>	<p>Moderate/Hard depending on conditions</p>

<p><b>RC</b> 9:00 am Florida/CR 234 Fire Station 9:15</p>	<p>Loop route leaving from trailhead above Durango Hills subdivision and gradual climb on road to top of Baldy Mountain and the radio towers. Wonderful 360 degree views of San Juans, La Platas and Wolf Creek. We will return on the Missionary Ridge trail, past Haflin Ck trail til we meet a social trail that follows a ridge and back to TH. Expect about five hours on trail. Limit 15. 2 well-mannered dogs on approval. Carpool fee \$3. 4WD preferable. RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	<p>6 miles 1300 ft. Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Tue, Jan 11 9:00 am <b>RC</b> 9:00am <b>TH</b> 9:20am</p>	<p><b><u>Snowshoe or Hike Haviland Lk, Chris Park area</u></b> This is the first of a series of outings in the Haviland Lake area on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, January through March. Depending on conditions, we will either hike or snowshoe in the Haviland Lk/Chris Park area. Outing will have moderate up and down. Please indicate where you will meet us. Carpool \$4, Limit 15, RSVP to Betsy Petersen betsy@bresnan.net 970-259-5417 SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only.</p>	<p>Moderate 4-5 miles for snowshoe, 6 miles for hike 500 ft gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Tue, Jan 11 5:30 pm <b>RC</b> 5:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>General Meeting and New Member Orientation</u></b> <b>CANCELED</b> The Seniors Outdoors! general meeting will be held at the Durango Rec Center on Jan. 11, 2022. Prior to the meeting there will be an orientation for new members beginning at 5:00 pm. New members who have joined in the last year should plan to attend. 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. Face masks are required indoors. Any changes to these plans due to the vagaries of the Covid pandemic will be emailed and posted on this site. Speakers: Terry Bacon &amp; Debra Parmenter Title: Journey to Antarctica and South Georgia Island Presentation summary: Terry Bacon and Debra Parmenter traveled to the Southern Ocean, Antarctica and South Georgia Island in November, 2018 and saw massive glaciers, mile-long icebergs, killer whales, elephant seals, penguins by the hundreds of thousands, and seabirds with 10-foot wingspans. Long-time Durangoans and world travelers, Bacon, author and retired businessman, and Parmenter, a retired Realtor, will show a short film, still photos, and share stories. Speakers bios: Terry Bacon is an author and retired businessman. A 30-year resident of Durango, he is the former CEO of Lore International Institute and was named as one of the Top 100 Thinkers in Leadership in the World. He has published more than forty books. Terry has served on many nonprofit boards, including the FLC Foundation, Music in the Mountains, DAC Advisory Board,</p>	<p>Easy and educational and fun</p>

	<p>Women' s Resource Center, Durango STEAM Park, and Durango PlayFest. Together with Debra Parmenter, he was awarded the Sweethearts of the Arts award by the Durango Arts Center.</p> <p>Debra Parmenter is a retired realtor and resident of Durango since 1966. She is an accomplished photographer and winner of numerous awards, including the Good Neighbor Award from the National Association of Realtors, Volunteer of the Year from Durango Chamber of Commerce, Athena Award (now the Morley Ballantine Award) and Distinguished Service Award from Durango Association of Realtors. She has also served on many nonprofits, including the FLC Foundation, New Face Productions, One Hundred Club of Durango, and the Women' s Resource Center. She was Realtor of the Year in 1987.</p>	
<p>Wed, Jan 12 9:30 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><u><a href="#">WW Hike</a></u> <u><a href="#">Animas River Trail</a></u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u><a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></u></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
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<p>Fri, Jan 14 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am <u>Purg</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Friday Snowshoe</a></u></p> <p>Specific details for each Friday Snowshoe outing will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance to the group members. Participants must sign up in order to join the group and receive the emails.</p> <p>To sign up for this snowshoe subgroup, send an email to clagow@rmi.net.</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. While we will strive to avoid avalanche danger, all participants should educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft Moderate pace</p>

<p>Sat, Jan 15 8:30 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 8:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Snowshoe Jura Knob Ridge</u></b> Snowshoe from Coal Bank Pass to the ridge leading to Jura Knob. Spectacular views enroute. Avalanche beacons and shovels required. Dogs OK. Carpool \$6. RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Hard 2000 ft, 8 miles, Brisk Pace</p>
<p>Mon, Jan 17 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>X-C Ski at Vallecito Nordic Area</u></b> Classic ski or skate ski around the east side of Vallecito Lake on the Vallecito Nordic Club groomed track. Make this day as easy or hard as you like. \$5 donation suggested. Carpool \$4, Limit 15, Dogs OK. 4WD helpful. RSVP Harding Cure, 970-382-8286 or hardingcure@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Easy flat groomed terrain, distance optional, individual pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jan 19 9:30 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>WW Hike</u></b> <b><u>Animas River Trail</u></b> 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 <b><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Jan 20 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am <u>TC</u> 9:10 am</p>	<p><b><u>Snowshoe Castle Rock</u></b> Beginning at the Needles Store, we will snowshoe up the Elbert Creek trail climbing steadily through aspens to the cabin and then up to Castle Rock with commanding views of Electra Lake, Spud Mountain and the Twilights. Moderate pace with few breaks. Carpool \$4 Limit 15 Well behaved dogs ok RSVP Judy Mack tupelo16@gmail.com This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. SO! Outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles 1700 ft gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Thu, Jan 20 10:00 am</p> <p><u>ACP</u> 10:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>WEH Snowshoe Haviland Lake or Overend Park</u></b> Haviland Lake TH or Leyden St TH for Ned Overend Park Snowshoe Hikes. Friendly dogs &amp; hikers welcome. Whenever possible group may return by original route or a slightly more challenging for those who choose the Extra Mile. Do not RSVP. Text Ted if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the TH. Ted Keller 970-759-7207 text PREFERRED SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Easy-Moderate +/- 2 miles</p>

<p>Thu, Jan 20 10:30 am</p> <p>Nordic Ski Center 10:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>XC Ski/Skate Ski Clinic at Purgatory Nordic Center</u></b></p> <p>The Nordic Center at Purgatory is offering a classic cross-country ski clinic or a skate ski clinic to members of SO! There will be two classic classes: one for beginners and the other for intermediate skiers who wish to improve their cross-country skills. The skate ski clinic will be for those who have some experience with classic XC. NOTE: Beginners should sign up for the classic clinic. Equipment rentals are available onsite. The classes are \$15. If you need to rent equipment, it is an extra \$10 for classic and \$15 for skate equipment. Please come 20 minutes early if renting. There are picnic tables along the trails for people who want to bring a sack lunch and enjoy the beautiful trails after the clinic. The Nordic Center is located across the highway and about 1/3 mi. north from Purgatory Resort. Limit: 30. RSVP: David Wright at 259-5978, djwright001@gmail.com or Nancy Mead at 259-5978, nancy.a.mead@gmail.com Please respond ASAP so that the Nordic Center can arrange for enough instructors.</p>	<p>Fun and Easy</p>
<p>Thu, Jan 20 5:00 pm</p> <p>Home of Kevin Conroy 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b><u>SO! Board Meeting</u></b></p> <p>SO! Board Meeting Board Meetings are open to all SO members. If you would like to attend, please contact Kevin Conroy at 57ales@gmail.com</p>	<p>Fun and Interesting</p>
<p>Fri, Jan 21 9:00 am</p> <p><b><u>RC</u></b> 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Snowshoe</u></b></p> <p>Specific details for each Friday Snowshoe outing will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance to the group members. Participants must sign up in order to join the group and receive the emails. To sign up for this snowshoe subgroup, send an email to clagow@rmi.net. This is a backcountry winter outing. While we will strive to avoid avalanche danger, all participants should educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sat, Jan 22 8:30 am</p> <p><b><u>RC</u></b> 8:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Snowshoe Molas to the Animas</u></b></p> <p>From the large parking lot just south of Molas Lake, we will take the Colorado Trail to the river and back. Early turn backs OK. Carpool \$7. Dogs OK. RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Hard, 10 miles, 2000 ft, Brisk Pace</p>
<p>Tue, Jan 25 7:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Ski from Red Mtn Pass to Prospect Gulch Overlook</u></b></p>	<p>Hard 5 miles 1,250 ft Moderate pace</p>

<p><u>ACP</u> 7:30 am Purg 8:00 am</p>	<p>We will park at Red Mt Pass (11,075 ft) and ski past the St Paul Lodge, heading south and east working our way up to 12,250 ft where we should be able to look into Prospect Gulch and see Silverton Mountain Ski Area as well as Minnehaha Basin. There will be opportunities to ski laps on 25 degree slopes. Skiers must have climbing skins and the ability to make turns on powder slopes and wind crust, and be able to traverse obstacles and trees. Date may change due to snow conditions. Bring avalanche gear, a good down parka, and down pants. Carpool \$10 Limit 8 No Dogs RSVP Bart Womack, yobart99@msn.com, 970-749-0286 This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. SO Outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	
<p>Tue, Jan 25 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00am <u>TH</u> 9:20am</p>	<p><u><b>Snowshoe or Hike Haviland Lk, Chris Park area</b></u> Depending on conditions, we will either hike or snowshoe in the Haviland Lk/Chris Park area. Outing will have moderate up and down. Please indicate where you will meet us. Carpool \$4, Limit 15, RSVP to Betsy Petersen betsyp@bresnan.net 970-259-5417 SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only.</p>	<p>Moderate 4-5 miles for snowshoe, 6 miles for hike 500ft gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Wed, Jan 26 9:30 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><u><b>WW Hike</b></u> <u><b>Animas River Trail</b></u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Participants may turn back earlier or go further, if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or ehphlke@gmail.com SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only. <u><b>About Wednesday Wanderers</b></u></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Jan 27 10:00 am</p> <p><u>ACP</u> 10:00 am</p>	<p><u><b>WEH Snowshoe Haviland Lake or Overend Park</b></u> Haviland Lake TH or Leyden St TH for Ned Overend Park Snowshoe Hikes. Friendly dogs &amp; hikers welcome. Whenever possible group may return by original route or a slightly more challenging for those who choose the Extra Mile. Do not RSVP. Text Ted if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the TH. Ted Keller 970-759-7207 text PREFERRED SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Easy-Moderate +/- 2 miles</p>
<p>Fri, Jan 28 9:00 am</p>	<p><u><b>Friday Snowshoe</b></u></p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft Moderate pace</p>

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<p>Mon, Jan 31 8:30 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 8:30 am <u>TC</u> 8:45am <u>PURG</u> 9:00a</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Snowshoe Snowden Meadows to Crater Lake Trail</a></u> This is a loop route extending the usual snowshoe from Andrews Lake to the back of Snowden Meadows. From there we will go due west up one small creekbed and down another, descending to the Crater Lake Trail and returning on that to our cars. Great Views of Snowden, Engineer Mtn and all the peaks above Molas. Expect about five hours on trail. Limit 15. 2 well-mannered dogs on approval. Carpool fee \$7. RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 <a href="mailto:ssalivedgo@gmail.com">ssalivedgo@gmail.com</a> SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Moderate/Hard depending on conditions 4.5 miles 600 ft. elevation gain. Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Tue, Feb 1 9:00 am</p> <p>Twin Buttes <u>TH</u> (behind Speedway on 160 W) 9:00 am</p>	<p><u><a href="#">X-C ski Chicken Creek</a></u> X-C ski on easy to moderate groomed, wooded trails at Chicken Creek Nordic Center, with a break for lunch. Carpool \$7 Limit 12 No Dogs RSVP Sandy Hoagland 970-759-7578 <a href="mailto:swhoagy@live.com">swhoagy@live.com</a> SO Outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Moderate Approx 5 miles 750 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed, Feb 2 9:30 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><u><a href="#">WW Hike Animas River Trail</a></u> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Participants may turn back earlier or go further, if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and walking companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For more information contact Eric Pahlke at 247-1130 or <a href="mailto:ehpahlke@gmail.com">ehpahlke@gmail.com</a> SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only <u><a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></u></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Feb 3 10:00 am</p> <p><u>ACP</u> 10:00 am</p>	<p><u><a href="#">WEH Snowshoe Haviland Lake or Overend Park</a></u> Haviland Lake TH or Leyden St TH for Ned Overend Park Snowshoe Hikes. Friendly dogs &amp; hikers welcome. Whenever possible group may return by original route or a slightly more challenging for those who choose the Extra Mile. Do not RSVP. Text Ted if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the TH.</p>	<p>Easy-Moderate +/- 2 miles</p>

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Fri, Feb 4 9:00 am  <u>RC</u> 9:00 am Purg 9:30 am	<u>Friday Snowshoe</u> Specific details for each Friday Snowshoe outing will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance to the group members. Participants must sign up in order to join the group and receive the emails. To sign up for this snowshoe subgroup, send an email to clagow@rmi.net. This is a backcountry winter outing. While we will strive to avoid avalanche danger, all participants should educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.	Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft Moderate pace
Sat, Feb 5 8:00 am  <u>RC</u> 8:00 am	<u>Snowshoe McMillan Peak</u> Snowshoe from Red Mountain Pass to McMillan summit. This is one of the most scenic hikes in the area. Avalanche beacons and shovels required. Dogs OK. Carpool \$9. RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.	Hard 6 miles 2000 ft, moderately brisk pace
Tue, Feb 8 9:00 am  <u>RC</u> 9:00am <u>TH</u> 9:20am	<u>Snowshoe or Hike Haviland Lk, Chris Park area</u> Depending on conditions, we will either hike or snowshoe in the Haviland Lk/Chris Park area. Outing will have moderate up and down. Please indicate where you' will meet us. Carpool \$4, Limit 15, RSVP to Betsy Petersen betsyp@bresnan.net 970-259-5417 SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only.	Moderate 4-5 miles for snowshoe, 6 miles for hike 500ft gain Moderate Pace
Tue, Feb 8 5:00 pm  <u>RC</u> 5:30 pm	<u>General Meeting</u> <b>CANCELED</b> The Seniors Outdoors! general meeting will be held at the Durango Rec Center on Feb. 8, 2022. 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. Face masks are required indoors. Any changes to these plans due to the vagaries of the Covid pandemic will be posted on this site. Speaker: Doug Summers Title: Ultra-clear outer space images and new science discoveries from ground-based telescopes Presentation summary: We're living in the golden age of astronomy. Over just the last 25 years, humans have come to rearrange the solar system's components, characterize our galaxy's black hole, and understand that every star in every galaxy likely hosts from 1-10 planets. In this talk, we examine the role of the largest optical telescopes on earth, and how they work in synergy with smaller space-based telescopes to produce images that reveal and confirm amazing science about our	Easy and educational and fun

	<p>universe. Along the way, we'll view some interesting outer space science images and weave a story of some professional astronomy characters who compete and collaborate for science fame and glory.</p> <p>Speaker bio: Doug Summers is a computer scientist who completed studies at Brigham Young University in 1987. After early career assignments in defense contracting and telecommunications, in 2001 he switched careers to support ground-based Astronomy at the world's most scientifically productive observatory in the world, the Keck Observatory in Hawaii. He has since worked with many of the largest ground based optical/infrared observatories around the world. Doug is a google scholar, having authored or co-authored 45 published scientific/engineering papers with over 1700 peer citations. He shares the dubious distinction of being part of the team that "demoted" Pluto, as well as a team member responsible for observations of the Milky Way's black hole environment, which ultimately culminated in the 2020 Nobel Prize in physics. Recently retired from the Steward Observatory at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Doug continues to periodically support ground-based observatories around the world as an expert in Laser Beam Avoidance. Doug is both an accomplished telescope builder and amateur astrophotographer. He has been married for 31 years and has 5 children and 10 grandchildren.</p>	
<p>Wed, Feb 9 9:30 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><u>WW hike</u> <u>Animas River Trail</u></p> <p>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</p> <p><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Feb 10 9:00 am</p> <p><u>SRP</u> 9:00 am</p>	<p><u>XC Ski La Plata Canyon</u></p> <p>This is easy backcountry skiing on mostly flat terrain following tracks in deep snow. We will likely follow the creek, forest trails, and road up the slopes and ski back down the road. No skins needed most any skis will work.</p> <p>Carpool \$3. No limit, Dogs Ok, 4WD may be helpful. RSVP Harding Cure, 970-382-8286 or hardingcure@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Easy to moderate terrain, 4-6 miles, moderate pace</p>
<p>Thu, Feb 10 10:00 am</p> <p><u>ACP</u> 10:00 am</p>	<p><u>WEH Snowshoe Haviland Lake or Overend Park</u></p> <p>Haviland Lake TH or Leyden St TH for Ned Overend Park Snowshoe Hikes.</p> <p>Friendly dogs &amp; hikers welcome. Whenever possible group may return by original route or a slightly more challenging for those</p>	<p>Easy-Moderate +/- 2 miles</p>

	<p>who choose the Extra Mile. Do not RSVP. Text Ted if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the TH.  Ted Keller 970-759-7207 text PREFERRED  SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	
<p>Fri, Feb 11  9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am  Purg <u>TH</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Snowshoe</u></b>  Specific details for each Friday Snowshoe outing will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance to the group members. Participants must sign up in order to join the group and receive the emails.  To sign up for this snowshoe subgroup, send an email to <a href="mailto:clagow@rmi.net">clagow@rmi.net</a>.  This is a backcountry winter outing. While we will strive to avoid avalanche danger, all participants should educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety.  SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft  Moderate pace</p>
<p>Mon, Feb 14  7:00 pm</p> <p>Meet at the home of Steve Schnarch  83 Falls Creek Circle</p>	<p><b><u>Moonlight Snowshoe in Falls Creek- Hidden Valley</u></b>  Weather and open skies permitting, we will snowshoe through the Hidden Valley and its beautiful sandstone cliffs. The Valley is especially scenic under snow in the moonlight. We will have lots of ridge time, as we look down on the Animas Valley and across to Missionary Ridge. On a clear night you can see Mountain View Crest and the West Needles. Bring an extra warm layer of clothes, and a thermos of something hot to drink, so we can stay out for a while on the ridge top. Extra credit if you bring cookies to share.  From the Fairgrounds, take West 25th Street (Junction St.) for 2.8 miles. At the stop sign, turn right on County Road 205. Two miles from the turn (past Turtle Lake), go straight onto Falls Creek Circle. Steve's house is the third driveway on the left. We'll car shuttle about a half mile to the trail.  Limit 12, 2 well-mannered dogs on approval.  RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 <a href="mailto:ssalivedgo@gmail.com">ssalivedgo@gmail.com</a>  SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Moderate  3 miles round trip out and back, 3 short, steep hills, 250 ft.  Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Tue, Feb 15  5:00 pm</p> <p>Home of Judy Mack 5:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>SO! Outings Committee Meeting</u></b>  Our Outings Committee meets quarterly to prepare our SO! Outings Calendar for the next quarter. Any member who is willing and able to lead an SO! outing is urged to contact the committee at <a href="mailto:Outings@SeniorsOutdoors.org">Outings@SeniorsOutdoors.org</a>. We are in need of additional leaders and outings, so do your part!  If you would like to attend the meeting, RSVP to <a href="mailto:Outings@SeniorsOutdoors.org">Outings@SeniorsOutdoors.org</a></p>	<p>Interesting and Enjoyable</p>
<p>Wed, Feb 16  9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>WW Hike</u></b>  <b><u>Animas River Trail</u></b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles  Easy Pace</p>

<p><a href="#">SRP</a> 9:30 am</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="#">About Wednesday Wanderers</a></p>	
<p>Thu, Feb 17 10:00 am</p> <p><a href="#">ACP</a> 10:00 am</p>	<p><a href="#">WEH Snowshoe Haviland Lake or Overend Park</a> Haviland Lake TH or Leyden St TH for Ned Overend Park Snowshoe Hikes.</p> <p>Friendly dogs &amp; hikers welcome. Whenever possible group may return by original route or a slightly more challenging for those who choose the Extra Mile. Do not RSVP. Text Ted if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the TH. Ted Keller 970-759-7207 text PREFERRED SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Easy-Moderate +/- 2 miles</p>
<p>Fri, Feb 18 9:00 am</p> <p><a href="#">RC</a> 9:00 am <a href="#">Purg</a> 9:30 am</p>	<p><a href="#">Friday Snowshoe</a></p> <p>Specific details for each Friday Snowshoe outing will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance to the group members. Participants must sign up in order to join the group and receive the emails.</p> <p>To sign up for this snowshoe subgroup, send an email to clagow@rmi.net.</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. While we will strive to avoid avalanche danger, all participants should educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Sat, Feb 19 8:30 am</p> <p><a href="#">RC</a> 8:30 am <a href="#">TC</a> 8:45 am <a href="#">PURG</a> 9:00</p>	<p><a href="#">Snowshoe Adrenaline Falls</a></p> <p>Adrenaline Falls is a scenic spot where Lime Creek meets its confluence with Coal Creek. Lets go see what it looks like in winter! Our starting point will be determined by what is plowed out for parking on 550 between Coal Creek and Dear Creek. Our route will descend approx. 600 ft.to the Falls and be uphill on our return. If conditions and interest allow, we may explore along Lime Creek below the Falls. This is a backcountry winter outing. While avalanche conditions on this route are minimal, it is still recommended that hikers carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe).</p> <p>Limit 12, 2 well-mannered dogs on approval Carpool \$7. RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Moderate 3.25 miles 600 ft. elevation gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Sun, Feb 20 8:30 am</p>	<p><a href="#">Vallecito Ck/Fall Creek</a></p> <p>We will leave from Vallecito Ck TH and follow for short distance before following a social trail to Fall Ck. We will</p>	<p>Moderate/Hard 7 miles</p>

<p><b><u>RC</u></b> 8:30am Florida/CR 234 Fire Station 8:45am <b><u>TH</u></b> 9:30am</p>	<p>generally follow Fall Ck for several miles on the west side of the Vallecito drainage. Very pretty drainage surrounded by impressive mountains. Carpool \$5 Limit 10. No Dogs. RSVP Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930 chuck.rancatti@gmail.com SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only. This is a backcountry winter outing. SO! recommends that all participants carry appropriate gear (beacon, shovel and probe) and educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety</p>	<p>1700 ft gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Tue, Feb 22 9:00 am  <b><u>RC</u></b> 9:00am <b><u>TH</u></b> 9:20am</p>	<p><b><u>Snowshoe or Hike Haviland Lk, Chris Park area</u></b> Depending on conditions, we will either hike or snowshoe in the Haviland Lk/Chris Park area. Outing will have moderate up and down. Please indicate where you will meet us. Carpool \$4, Limit 15, RSVP to Betsy Petersen betsyp@bresnan.net 970-259-5417 SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only.</p>	<p>Moderate 4-5 miles for snowshoe, 6 miles for hike 500ft gain Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Wed, Feb 23 9:30 am  <b><u>SRP</u></b> 9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>WW Hike Animas River Trail</u></b> 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. <b><u>About Wednesday Wanderers</u></b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p>
<p>Thu, Feb 24 9:00 am  <b><u>RC</u></b> 9:00 am <b><u>TC</u></b> 9:10 am</p>	<p><b><u>Snowshoe Purgatory Flats</u></b> Starting at the TH across from Purgatory, we will follow switchbacks down to the Flats and follow one or more of the creeks a bit depending on snow conditions. Pace will be moderate with few breaks. Carpool \$4 Limit 15 Well behaved dogs ok RSVP Judy Mack tupelo16@gmail.com SO Outings are limited to fully vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Moderate 4-5 miles 800-1000 ft elevation gain Moderate pace</p>
<p>Thu, Feb 24 10:00 am  <b><u>ACP</u></b> 10:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>WEH Snowshoe Haviland Lake or Overend Park</u></b> Haviland Lake TH or Leyden St TH for Ned Overend Park Snowshoe Hikes. Friendly dogs &amp; hikers welcome. Whenever possible group may return by original route or a slightly more challenging for those who choose the Extra Mile. Do not RSVP. Text Ted if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the TH. Ted Keller 970-759-7207 text PREFERRED SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Easy-Moderate +/- 2 miles</p>

<p>Fri, Feb 25 9:00 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 9:00 am Purg <u>TH</u> 9:30 am</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Snowshoe</u></b></p> <p>Specific details for each Friday Snowshoe outing will be e-mailed about 2-3 days in advance to the group members. Participants must sign up in order to join the group and receive the emails.</p> <p>To sign up for this snowshoe subgroup, send an email to <a href="mailto:clagow@rmi.net">clagow@rmi.net</a>.</p> <p>This is a backcountry winter outing. While we will strive to avoid avalanche danger, all participants should educate themselves about avalanche risks, conditions, and safety. SO! outings are limited to fully vaccinated SO! members only.</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft Moderate pace</p>
<p>Mon, Feb 28 8:30 am</p> <p><u>RC</u> 8:30 am <u>TC</u> 8:45 am <u>PURG</u> 9:00</p>	<p><b><u>Snowshoe Andrews Lake Power Lines</u></b></p> <p>From the bench above Andrews Lake we will descend along the ridges to the south, moving through the trees and emerging along the Power Lines as they approach Lime Creek. After crossing the Creek we will return on the old Lime Creek road to our shuttle cars on 550. This is a backcountry winter outing. While avalanche conditions on this route are minimal, it is still recommended that hikers carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe).</p> <p>Limit 12, 2 well-mannered dogs on approval. Carpool \$7 RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 <a href="mailto:ssalivedgo@gmail.com">ssalivedgo@gmail.com</a> SO! Outings are limited to vaccinated members only</p>	<p>Moderate/Hard depending on conditions. 4 miles, 400 ft elevation gain and 1400 ft. descent. Moderate Pace</p>