

# Full Season Schedule - Spring 2023

| Date & Location                   | Outing description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <u>Difficulty info</u>                      |
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| <u>SRP</u> 9:30 am                | SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                             |
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### [Hike In De-Na-Zin Wilderness in New Mexico](#)

Sat, Apr 1  
7:30 am

We will spend the day wandering around an area in De-Na-Zin wilderness just enjoying the vistas, rocks, hoodoos, small arches and petrified trees. Much of the walking terrain will be pretty flat and sandy, but some scrambling is required. (The 600 vertical feet is mostly in two climbs up to a mesa.) Bring plenty of water.

Moderate  
8 miles  
600 ft.

[SRP](#) 7:30 am

Carpool \$13. Limit 15. No dogs.

Moderate pace

RSVP Travis Ward [tlgward@gmail.com](mailto:tlgward@gmail.com)

SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

### [Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Apr 3  
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](mailto:mudpatch22@gmail.com)

16 miles

SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

### [Thursday Easy Outings](#)

Thu, Apr 6  
9:00 am

Friendly dogs and hikers welcome. Destination will be announced at the parking lot. Whenever possible, the group may return by the original route or a slightly more challenging route for those who choose to go the Extra Mile.

Moderate  
+/- 3 miles at  
lower altitudes  
near Durango  
Easy Pace

[RC](#) 9:00 am  
Parking lot between  
ballfields and Main  
Ave.

Carpool varies by destination, approx. \$3-4.

Do not RSVP. Contact Ted Keller if you need more specific info or you wish to meet at the trailhead. Text preferred to 970 759-7207.

SO! Outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

### [Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Apr 6  
10:00 am

Canceled due to weather

28 miles

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

moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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

SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

Mon, Apr 10  
9:00 am

### [Hike Smelter Mountain](#)

TH 9:00 am parking lot just SW of intersection of Highways 160 and 210 next to Bodo Park.

We will climb to the towers atop Smelter, gaining wonderful views of Durango, the La Platas and Lake Nighthorse. The hike is short but rated moderate because of the elevation gain. There is a bit of a scramble near the beginning.

No dogs. No carpool.

RSVP Wayne Bedor waynebedor@yahoo.com

SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

Moderate  
About 2 miles  
round trip  
900 ft.  
Moderate Pace

### [Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Apr 10  
10:00 am

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16 miles  
moderate pace

RC 10:00 am

Mon, Apr 10  
5:00 pm

### [SO! Board Meeting](#)

The quarterly SO! Board meeting will be held at 5:00 pm, and include a potluck dinner.

RSVP: chris.blackshear@gmail.com

Open to Covid vaccinated and boosted members.

Easy

5:00 pm Home of  
Chris Blackshear

### [SO! General Meeting](#)

Agenda:

5:50-6:20 PM: Social half hour with refreshments.

6:20-7:40 PM: Meeting and presentation.

Title: Durango Botanic Gardens: watch us grow

Speakers: Melanie Palmer & Cathy Metz

Presentation summary: How many people have visited the Durango

Botanic Gardens recently and seen it other than just from the River

Trail? There are 10 themed gardens (counting the Pollinator Garden).

The DBG Mission Statement and educational purpose will be reviewed.

DBG is 100% volunteer with NO paid staff.

Fun and  
Educational

Tue, Apr 11  
6:20 pm

RC 5:50 pm

RC 6:20 pm

Speaker bio: Melanie Palmer has a background in Clinical Laboratory Science, a field she worked and taught in for 20 years. She had a subsequent career as a middle school teacher before moving to Durango with her husband Clark in 2006. Having lived in many different locations as the wife of a pilot, she found gardening here to be a unique challenge. She became a Colorado Master Gardener in 2012 and a Board member of Durango Botanic Gardens the same year, to establish a

Docent program for the Gardens. Seeing a need for better plant signage and organized plant record keeping and reporting, she created the Curator function in 2017. She is the Captain of the Classics bed in the new Literary Garden.

Speaker bio: Cathy Metz and her husband, Jim, moved to Durango in 1995 to pursue new careers in the southwest region. Cathy grew up in the military living all over the world and came to Colorado to attend Colorado State University, graduating with a bachelors degree in Psychology. She has a masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver. Cathy served as the City of Durango Parks and Recreation Director for over 25 years, retiring in 2021. During her tenure with the city, the Parks and Recreation Department received the National Gold Medal Award by the National Recreation and Park Association, the highest honor of the profession. Since her retirement, Cathy completed the Colorado Master Gardener Program and joined the Durango Botanic Gardens Board of Directors in 2022. Her board responsibilities include community outreach, public education, and the development of new gardens.

### [WW hike Sand Canyon](#)

Wed, Apr 12  
7:00 am

[SRP](#) 7:00 am for  
breakfast  
[SRP](#) 8:00 am for no  
breakfast

Optional breakfast meeting at Benys in Cortez will start the day. We will travel from there to the lovely canyon area west of Cortez. There will be views of Ancestral Puebloan sites, interesting rock formations, and if the timing is right, blooming cacti, shrubs and flowers. The hiking is on mostly sand and rock trails. Approx 1½ hour drive each way.

Carpool \$9. No dogs. Limit 15.

RSVP Lindy Ivie (505) 690-4903 [iviedgo@gmail.com](mailto:iviedgo@gmail.com). Co-leader Joe Ivie.

SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

Moderate  
6 miles  
600 ft. gain  
Easy pace

### [Escalante Slickrock](#)

Thu, Apr 13 -  
Tue, Apr 18

[TH](#) 8:00 am

4/13 Drive to Escalante, Utah.

4/14 6209 Pass loop (east of Deer Creek)

4/15 Bowington Cream Cellar loops N & S of Escalante River

4/16 McGath Pt circumnavigation (4WD/HC)

4/17 Red Pyramid and onto Tunnel & Zebra Canyons.

4/18 return to Durango

Primarily off trail, some exploratory. Stream/river crossings. Possible easy scrambling & mild exposure.

Motel & camping info to be provided as well as TH directions.

Carpool TBD. Some 4WD/HC. Dogs OK if approved.

RSVP Dan Honig [dhonig@vcn.com](mailto:dhonig@vcn.com)

SO! Outings are limited to fully Covid vaccinated members and their approved guests

Hard  
10-14 miles each  
day  
1500 - 2500 ft  
gain  
Relaxed  
moderate Pace

### Thursday Easy Outings

Thu, Apr 13  
9:00 am

Friendly dogs and hikers welcome. Destination will be announced at the parking lot. Whenever possible, the group may return by the original route or a slightly more challenging route for those who choose to go the Extra Mile.

Moderate  
+/- 3 miles at  
lower altitudes  
near Durango  
Easy Pace

RC 9:00 am  
Parking lot between  
ballfields and Main  
Ave.

Carpool varies by destination, approx. \$3-4.  
Do not RSVP. Contact Ted Keller if you need more specific info or you wish to meet at the trailhead. Text preferred to 970 759-7207.  
SO! Outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

### Thursday Road Bike Ride

Thu, Apr 13  
10:00 am

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

28 miles  
moderate pace

RC 10:00 am

Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

### Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, Apr 17  
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  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

16 miles  
moderate pace

RC 10:00 am

### WW hike Lightner Creek Trail

Wed, Apr 19  
8:30 am

Canceled

Twin Buttes TH  
(behind the  
Speedway on 160  
W) 8:30 am

This is an easy hike on trail, RR grade and sidewalk along Lightner Creek and Hwy 160 (expect highway noise!) with very little elevation gain.

Easy  
4 miles  
150 ft. gain  
Easy pace

Well behaved dogs ok, include in RSVP. Limit 15.  
RSVP Shelley Leader (970) 317-0678 shelley.leader@gmail.com  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

Wed, Apr 19  
9:00 am

### WW hike Spur Line

Postponed to April 19

Easy  
4.25 miles  
100 ft gain  
Easy pace

This trail system is in the Three Springs area. It is in the open and fairly

[TH](#) 9:00 am Take 3 level and will be a good hike for the early season.  
Springs Blvd. to the Dogs ok, on leash only. Limit 10.  
2nd roundabout, RSVP: Ray Walker 382-7662 raynsue@bresnan.net.  
keep going straight SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid  
on a gravel road for vaccinated and boosted.  
about ¼ mi. to [TH](#)  
am

### Thursday Easy Outings

Thu, Apr 20  
9:00 am

Friendly dogs and hikers welcome. Destination will be announced at the parking lot. Whenever possible, the group may return by the original route or a slightly more challenging route for those who choose to go the Extra Mile. Moderate +/- 3 miles at lower altitudes near Durango Easy Pace  
Carpool varies by destination, approx. \$3-4.  
Do not RSVP. Contact Ted Keller if you need more specific info or you wish to meet at the trailhead. Text preferred to 970 759-7207.  
SO! Outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

[RC](#) 9:00 am  
Parking lot between ballfields and Main Ave.

### Thursday Road Bike Ride

Thu, Apr 20  
10:00 am

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Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

[RC](#) 10:00 am

### Hike Raider Ridge

Fri, Apr 21  
8:30 am

This is a moderate hike starting at the Skyline trail head to the extended ridge trail and returning Skyraider trail to Powerline. Moderate 4 miles 895 ft. Moderate Pace  
Limit 10. Two dogs OK.  
RSVP Troy Albright 580-747-6294 talbright318@gmail.com.  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

[RC](#) 8:30 am

### Highway Clean Up

Sat, Apr 22  
9:00 am

Come join other SO! members as we clean up our two stretches of Highway 550. We will meet at the Hermosa gas station (Speedway) lot and head straight out. No coffee and donuts this time. Bring work gloves and orange vest if you have one. If you do not have a vest, we have several. Easy 2 miles Min elevation change  
No dogs.

Hermosa Gas Station 9:00 am

RSVP to Leader Betsey Butler ejbutler12@gmail.com or 609-532-6948.  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid

vaccinated and boosted.

### Lower Junction Creek Loop

Sun, Apr 23  
9:00 am

Brand new loop hike to Gudys Rest via both sides of Junction Creek. From the upper TH, we will hike an abandoned bike trail on the South rim of Junction Creek to connect to the CT just beyond Gudys Rest. From there we will hike down to Junction Creek via the CT, then hike up to the North rim of Junction Creek and follow a trail back to the TH where we started.

Moderate  
6 miles  
1600 ft gain  
Moderate Pace

RC 9:00 am

Carpool \$2. No limit. Dogs OK

RSVP Will Rietveld willi\_wabbit@bresnan.net

SO! Outings are limited to fully Covid vaccinated members and their approved guests

### Grand Staircase Exploration

Mon, Apr 24 -  
Fri, Apr 28

This will be a series of day hikes to highpoints in the Grand Staircase of the Escalante. Day 1 we will drive to our camping base between Boulder and Escalante, Utah (~7 hour drive). Days 2-4 will be slickrock hikes to Boulder Benchmark/Point 6,507, Phipps Arch via Old Sheffield Road TH, McGrath Point and perhaps Inselberg Pit (aka Cosmic Navel). Return on 04/28/23.

Hard, Class 3  
scrambling in  
spots. Elevation  
gain/loss ~ 1,850  
ft/day  
8 to 12 miles per  
day.

RC 8:00 am or TBD

4WD. No dogs. Limit 10. Details on carpooling/what to bring, etc. to be discussed.

RSVP Rich Butler 609-532-6949 rbbutler54@gmail.com

SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

Pace will be  
Moderate to  
Brisk. Route  
finding over  
slickrock will be  
required.

### Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, Apr 24  
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  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

16 miles  
moderate pace

RC 10:00 am

### Hike Colorado Trail to Gudy's Rest

Tue, Apr 25  
9:00 am

New event, replaces Dry Fork hike

We will hike to Gudy's Rest from the north side via the Colorado Trail. Starting from the lower parking lot at the Junction Creek Trailhead we will hike along the creek climbing at a gradual but steady rate. The trail then descends slightly arriving at a bridge after 2.5 miles. Once at the bridge, there are a series of switchbacks for 1.5 miles to Gudy's Rest. We will return by the same route. Limit 12. Two well-mannered dogs OK with approval. Please indicate where you will meet us. Carpool \$2.

Moderate  
8 miles  
1400 ft.  
Moderate Pace

RC 9:00 am  
Junction Creek  
Lower Trailhead  
9:10 am

RSVP Nancy Mead 259-5978, nancy.a.mead@gmail.com

SO! Outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

### WW hike Horse Gulch

Leader change

Wed, Apr 26  
8:30 am

The hike will be selected depending on trail conditions. Two well behaved dogs are ok but must be leashed until we get past city limits to BLM land.

Dogs OK, include dogs in RSVP. Limit 12.

RSVP **Shelley Leader shelley.leader@gmail.com, (970) 317-0678.**

SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

Moderate  
4 miles  
400 ft. gain  
Moderate pace

SRP 8:30 am

### Thursday Easy Outings

Thu, Apr 27  
9:00 am

Friendly dogs and hikers welcome. Destination will be announced at the parking lot. Whenever possible, the group may return by the original route or a slightly more challenging route for those who choose to go the Extra Mile.

Carpool varies by destination, approx. \$3-4.

Do not RSVP. Contact Ted Keller if you need more specific info or you wish to meet at the trailhead. Text preferred to 970 759-7207.

SO! Outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

Moderate  
+/- 3 miles at  
lower altitudes  
near Durango  
Easy Pace

RC 9:00 am  
Parking lot between  
ballfields and Main  
Ave.

### Thursday Road Bike Ride

Thu, Apr 27  
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

SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

28 miles  
moderate pace

RC 10:00 am

### Hike Falls Creek Ridge

Fri, Apr 28  
9:00 am

This hike starts on CR 203 about 3 miles north of where it branches off from US 550. We will go up an old road easement, cross Falls Creek twice, and then go along the ridge south to a high point for lunch.

Carpool \$2. No dogs.

RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net

SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

Moderate  
4.4 miles  
890 feet,  
Moderate Pace

RC 9:00 am

### Hike Animas Mountain

Mon, May 1

Moderate  
6 Miles



9:00 am Rescheduled from Apr 24 to May 1 and Leader Change 1200 ft.  
Moderate Pace

We will take the lower route below the east rim unless it is closed as it was last fall. If closed, we will take the rim trail. Break for lunch at the summit. Great views of the Animas Valley, Durango, and the La Platas.

[TH](#) 9:00 am West 4th Ave just north of West 32nd street No dogs. No carpool  
RSVP Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

### Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, May 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 16 miles  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid moderate pace  
vaccinated and boosted.

[RC](#) 10:00 am

### WW hike Skyline and Smokejumpers Trails

Wed, May 3  
8:30 am We will hike up Skyline Trail on well graded switchbacks to the top of Raiders Ridge. We will then follow the ridge north on Smokejumper Trail to a great viewpoint then back down the same way. Moderate  
Dogs on leash only, include in RSVP. Limit 15. 5 miles  
RSVP Chris Wiehage 903-5353 cwiehage22@gmail.com. 900 ft. gain  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid Relaxed pace  
vaccinated and boosted.

[RC](#) 8:30 am

### Thursday Easy Outings

Thu, May 4  
9:00 am Friendly dogs and hikers welcome. Destination will be announced at the parking lot. Whenever possible, the group may return by the original route or a slightly more challenging route for those who choose to go the Extra Mile. Moderate  
Carpool varies by destination, approx. \$3-4. +/- 3 miles at  
Do not RSVP. Contact Ted Keller if you need more specific info or you lower altitudes  
wish to meet at the trailhead. Text preferred to 970 759-7207. near Durango  
SO! Outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully Easy Pace  
vaccinated and boosted.

[RC](#) 9:00 am  
Parking lot between ballfields and Main Ave.

### Thursday Road Bike Ride

Thu, May 4  
10:00 am This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread. 28 miles  
Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger moderate pace  
Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid

[RC](#) 10:00 am

vaccinated and boosted.

### Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, May 8  
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  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

16 miles  
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

### SO! General Meeting

May 9, 2023 Agenda:

5:50-6:20 PM: Social half hour with refreshments.

6:20-7:40 PM: Meeting and presentation.

Presentation title: Archaeology 2023: Indiana Jones Need Not Apply.

Speaker: Hunter and Lorraine McCleary

Presentation summary: Archaeology has been transformed over the past 50 years. Yes, by technology, but even more by attitudes towards indigenous tribes and the growing acceptance that they are partners in understanding our past and present. The San Juan Basin Archaeology Society fosters understanding among its members and the public through a monthly speakers program at FLC; regular field trips and support of FLC archaeology students through paid internships.

Speaker bio: Hunter McCleary is past VP of San Juan Basin

Archaeology Society and its current newsletter editor. He has been a docent at Chimney Rock National Monument. He and Lorraine are also site stewards for several Ancestral Puebloan sites at Canyons of the Ancients National Monument and in Durango. He is a member of Daybreak Rotary and a co-instigator of their bike rack program for Durango.

Lorraine McCleary is Trip Coordinator for San Juan Basin

Archaeological Society; SO! member and hike leader; and is a regular volunteer at the Durango Food Bank.

Tue, May 9  
6:20 pm

[RC](#) 5:50 pm

[RC](#) 6:20 pm

Fun and  
Educational

### WW hike Carbon Junction

Wed, May 10  
8:30 am

New Hike!

This hike will begin at Carbon Junction Trail, climbing to Crites Connect then down Sidewinder back to Carbon Junction. Three well-behaved dogs ok, include in RSVP. Carpool \$2. Limit 15. RSVP Lorraine McCleary lorrainemccleary@gmail.com

Moderate  
6 miles  
700 ft. gain  
Moderately easy  
pce

[RC](#) 8:30 am

Thu, May 11  
9:00 am

### Thursday Easy Outings

Friendly dogs and hikers welcome. Destination will be announced at the parking lot. Whenever possible, the group may return by the original

Moderate  
+/- 3 miles at  
lower altitudes  
near Durango

[RC](#) 9:00 am route or a slightly more challenging route for those who choose to go the Easy Pace  
Parking lot between Extra Mile.  
ballfields and Main Ave. Carpool varies by destination, approx. \$3-4.  
Do not RSVP. Contact Ted Keller if you need more specific info or you wish to meet at the trailhead. Text preferred to 970 759-7207.  
SO! Outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

### Thursday Road Bike Ride

Thu, May 11  
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  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted. moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

### Hike to Tacoma Power plant

Fri, May 12  
9:00 am Starting at the Haviland Lake parking area, we go east and cross Elbert Creek. We then go down and old road and eventually down Sawmill Canyon. The power plant is down at the Animas River. We probably will not tour it, as it has not been running for some time. Lunch across the river, and then it is all uphill back to the start. Moderate  
5.9 miles  
1200 feet  
Moderate Pace

9:00 [RC](#)  
9:20 [TH](#) Dogs OK. Carpool \$4.  
RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

### Climb Carbon Mtn (7,844 ft)

Sat, May 13  
8:30 am You see Carbon from all over town. If you have not climbed it, here is your chance. We will pitch up the short and ultra steep north ridge from BODO. Walk out the sandstone summit rim to overlook Lake Nighthorse. Limit 10. No dogs. RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269 Moderate Pace  
debra@vanwinegarden.com Co-leader Tomas Ward [tom@thward.net](mailto:tom@thward.net)

[SRP](#) 8:30 am

### Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, May 15  
9:00 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  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted. moderate pace

[RC](#) 9:00 am

Wed, May 17  
8:30 am WW hike Sauls Creek Moderate  
6 mi.  
600 feet gain

This hike is in a lovely mostly wooded area with a couple of steep but

[SRP](#) 8:30 am short climbs. Moderate pace  
Two well behaved dogs ok, include in RSVP. Carpool \$4. Limit 15.  
RSVP Lorie Hansen lmhansen39@gmail.com.  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid  
vaccinated and boosted.

### Thursday Road Bike Ride

Thu, May 18  
9:00 am This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and  
back, stopping at Bread. 28 miles  
Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org moderate pace  
[RC](#) 9:00 am SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid  
vaccinated and boosted.

### Thursday Easy Outings

Thu, May 18  
9:00 am Friendly dogs and hikers welcome. Destination will be announced at the  
parking lot. Whenever possible, the group may return by the original  
route or a slightly more challenging route for those who choose to go the  
Extra Mile. Moderate  
Carpool varies by destination, approx. \$3-4. +/- 3 miles at  
lower altitudes  
[RC](#) 9:00 am Do not RSVP. Contact Ted Keller if you need more specific info or you  
wish to meet at the trailhead. Text preferred to 970 759-7207. near Durango  
Easy Pace  
Parking lot between  
ballfields and Main  
Ave. SO! Outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully  
vaccinated and boosted.

### Hike Prater Ridge

Rescheduled due to closures

Fri, May 19  
8:00 am Prater Ridge is in Mesa Verde National Park next to the campground.  
We hike up to a plateau and then make a loop on the well-established  
trail. This is an interesting area that was hit by a wildfire about 20 years  
ago. On a clear day, the views stretch up to 100 miles. Moderate  
7.3 miles  
890 feet  
Moderate Pace  
[SRP](#) 8:00 am No dogs due to National Park. Carpool \$7.  
RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid  
vaccinated and boosted.

### Hike Hermosa Ck

Sat, May 20  
8:00 am We will start at the Hermosa Creek campground and hike Hermosa  
Creek trail to the intersection of Dutch Creek trail and then about a mile  
up Dutch Creek to a nice meadow for lunch and then return. Nice big  
tree hike and we will get to see how the forest is recovering after the 416  
fire. Hard  
11 miles  
1000 ft.  
Moderate Pace  
[RC](#) 8:00 am  
[TC](#) 8:10 am

Carpool \$3, Limit 12, Two well behaved dogs OK.  
RSVP Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930 chuck.rancatti@gmail.com.  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

### Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, May 22  
9:00 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  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid moderate pace  
vaccinated and boosted.

RC 9:00 am

### Hike Haflin Creek

Tue, May 23  
8:30 am

This is a hard out and back hike up the Haflin creek trail. Hard  
Carpool \$2. Limit 10. 2 dogs OK. 7.6 miles  
RSVP Troy Albright 580-747-6294 2888 ft.  
talbright318@gmail.com. Moderate pace  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid  
vaccinated and boosted.

RC 8:30 am

### WW hike Hoffheins Connection

Wed, May 24  
8:30 am

Cancelled due to muddy trail

TH 8:30 am (Twin  
Buttes parking lot  
behind the  
Speedway on 160  
W)

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. Moderate  
Well mannered dogs ok, include in RSVP. Limit 15. 5 miles  
RSVP Robbin Clark (419) 230-7796, clark.robbin@gmail.com 700 ft. gain  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid Moderate pace  
vaccinated and boosted.

### Thursday Road Bike Ride

Thu, May 25  
9:00 am

This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center to Bakers Bridge and  
back, stopping at Bread. 28 miles  
Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger moderate pace  
Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid  
vaccinated and boosted.

RC 9:00 am

Thu, May 25  
9:00 am

Thursday Easy Outings Moderate  
Friendly dogs and hikers welcome. Destination will be announced at the  
parking lot. Whenever possible, the group may return by the original  
route or a slightly more challenging route for those who choose to go the  
Easy Pace  
+/- 3 miles at  
lower altitudes  
near Durango

RC 9:00 am

Parking lot between ballfields and Main Ave. Extra Mile.  
Carpool varies by destination, approx. \$3-4.  
Do not RSVP. Contact Ted Keller if you need more specific info or you wish to meet at the trailhead. Text preferred to 970 759-7207.  
SO! Outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

### Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, May 29  
9:00 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  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid moderate pace  
vaccinated and boosted.  
RC 9:00 am

### Hike Boyce Lake loop

Mon, May 29  
9:00 am  
We will go east on the Purgatory trail for a short distance and then turn north. We follow a user trail with some bushwhacking north and make a loop around Boyce Lake. Easy  
Dogs OK. Carpool \$4. 4.4 miles  
500 feet  
RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net Moderate Pace  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid  
vaccinated and boosted.  
RC 9:00  
TH 9:30

### First Fork to Red Creek Loop

Wed, May 31  
8:30 am  
Climb to Missionary Ridge via First Fork, then descend on the Red Creek Trail to our starting point. Expect creek crossings. Hard, Class 1  
Car Pool \$2. 2 WD OK. Well behaved and controlled dogs OK. Limit hiking on trail.  
14. ~9 miles  
RSVP Rich Butler rbutler54@gmail.com 609-532-6949, Co-Leader 1,900 ft  
Betsey Butler elevation gain.  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid  
vaccinated and boosted.  
RC 8:30 am  
Alternative at the Fire Station on CR 234.

### WW hike Twin Buttes and Cliffrock Loop

Wed, May 31  
8:30 am  
This hike goes up steeply then has gentle ups and downs as it climbs up to the old railroad grade. Here we will continue straight on the Cliff Rock Loop, which will give us lovely views of Hogsback and Perrins Peak. We will follow this loop until it intersects with the RR grade then head back down on the same trail. Moderate  
7 mi.  
700 ft. gain  
Limit 15. RSVP Tricia Bayless 799- 4535 tbayless@bresnan.net. Moderate pace  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid  
vaccinated and boosted.  
TH 8:30 am (Twin Buttes parking lot behind the Speedway on 160 W)

### Thursday Road Bike Ride

Thu, Jun 1  
9:00 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](mailto:ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org)  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

28 miles  
moderate pace

RC 9:00 am

### Thursday Easy Outings

Thu, Jun 1  
9:00 am

Friendly dogs and hikers welcome. Destination will be announced at the parking lot. Whenever possible, the group may return by the original route or a slightly more challenging route for those who choose to go the Extra Mile.  
Carpool varies by destination, approx. \$3-4.  
Do not RSVP. Contact Ted Keller if you need more specific info or you wish to meet at the trailhead. Text preferred to 970 759-7207.  
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Moderate  
+/- 3 miles at  
lower altitudes  
near Durango  
Easy Pace

RC 9:00 am  
Parking lot between  
ballfields and Main  
Ave.

Mon, Jun 5  
8:00 am

### Mitchell Lakes

Hike the Mitchell Lakes and Pinkerton-Flagstaff trails to Point 9,564' on "Hermosa Ridge." Some steep pitches on the 4WD track. Conditioning hike—brisk hikers are welcome; we'll regroup. Chorus frogs should be serenading. Limit 12. RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269  
[debra@vanwinegarden.com](mailto:debra@vanwinegarden.com). Co-leader Tomas Ward [tom@thward.net](mailto:tom@thward.net)

Hard  
8.2 miles  
2,850 ft.  
Moderate Pace

RC 8:00 am  
TC 8:10 am

### Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, Jun 5  
9:00 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](mailto:mudpatch22@gmail.com)  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

16 miles  
moderate pace

RC 9:00 am

### Hike Wallace Lake Loop

Tue, Jun 6  
8:00 am

We will start at Wallace Lake off Missionary Ridge and make a gradual climb on an old FS road for several miles to reach the high point. From there we will follow the Stevens Creek Trail down and return to the TH using the Wallace Lake connector trail.  
Carpool \$4. Limit 12. No Dogs.  
RSVP Steve Krest 970-588-3806 [stevekrest@gmail.com](mailto:stevekrest@gmail.com)  
SO! Outings are limited to fully Covid vaccinated members and their approved guests

Moderate  
8 miles  
1800 ft gain  
Moderate Pace

RC 8:00 am

Tue, Jun 6

### Picnic and General Meeting

Easy and fun

4:00 pm

SENIORS OUTDOORS PICNIC  
CHRIS PARK – AT HAVILAND LAKE

JUNE 6, 2023

STARTING AT 4:00 PM

RSVP BY May 28, 2023 TO

[HOSPITALITY@SENIORSOUTDOORS.ORG](mailto:HOSPITALITY@SENIORSOUTDOORS.ORG)

MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE: 150

**Please No Pets!**

Chris Park

This year our annual Seniors Outdoors Picnic and General Membership Meeting is to be held at beautiful Chris Park at Haviland Lake. SO! will provide RGP Flame Grilled Wraps as well as iced tea and lemonade. Those attending are asked to bring an appetizer, picnic side or dessert to share according to the schedule below. Feel Free to bring another beverage of your choice. **There will also be a collection of non-perishable food or cash (check) donations for the Durango Food Bank.**

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| First Initial Last Name | Item to Share |
| A – F                   | Appetizer     |
| G – R                   | Picnic Side   |
| S – Z                   | Dessert       |

Attendees are asked to bring their own table service and to label their serving dishes and utensils. While Chris Park has ample picnic tables for seating, some attendees may prefer to bring their own chair.

**Please RSVP! by May 28 to –**

[HOSPITALITY@SENIORSOUTDOORS.ORG](mailto:HOSPITALITY@SENIORSOUTDOORS.ORG) and include the following information:

- Name
- Number Attending, and
- Flame Grilled Wrap of your choice, by number, as follows –
  - **#1 BLT** – Provolone Cheese, Roma Tomatoes, Crumbled Bacon, Romaine and Caesar Dressing.
  - **#2 STANDARD VEGGIE** – Roasted Red Peppers, Sweet Corn, Red Onions, Green Peppers, Roma Tomatoes, Shredded Carrots, Romaine, Provolone and Buttermilk Ranch Dressing
  - **#3 SOUTHWEST TURKEY** – Cheddar Cheese, Roma Tomatoes, Crumbled Bacon, Green Chiles, Oven Roasted Turkey Breast and Spicy Chipotle Dressing

As space is limited to 150, we request RSVP “YES” ONLY if you plan to attend. **Please inform Hospitality, as soon as possible, if you are**



**unable to attend.**

### **Event Schedule**

4:00 Arrival (Please Carpool If Possible. Parking is limited.)

4:00-5:00 Social Hour

5:00 Officer Elections and Announcements

5:30 Dinner

### **WW Hike Miners Trace Loop**

Wed, Jun 7  
8:30 am We'll start up Water Dog Trot to either Cowboy Cut-off or Lupine Trail, depending on flowers, to Haviland View trail, and then hike down Miners Trace, passing by the old Elbert Mine before returning to Chris Park. Poles will be helpful for water crossings. Well behaved dogs ok, include in RSVP. Carpool \$4. Limit 20. RSVP Tricia Bayless (970) 799-4535 tbayless@bresnan.net

Moderate  
5 mi.  
800 ft. gain  
Relaxed pace

[RC](#) 8:30 am

### **Thursday Road Bike Ride**

Thu, Jun 8  
9:00 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](#) 9:00 am

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Moderate  
+/- 3 miles at  
lower altitudes  
near Durango  
Easy Pace

[RC](#) 9:00 am  
Parking lot between  
ballfields and Main  
Ave.

### **Hike Box Canyon (from Coyote Park)**

Fri, Jun 9  
9:00 am This hike is a through-hike on Box Canyon trail (and spur trail) on the SE side of the W. Mancos River. We will spot cars at the end of FR 331, before returning to the FR 329/331 intersection where we will start the hike. Hike about 2 miles on FR 329, then follow a trail down into the canyon. Cross Box Creek on a log, staying on the SE side of the W. Mancos River briefly before climbing out of the canyon. Hike through meadows and aspen forest enjoying wildflowers and views of the La

Hard  
9.4 miles  
1300 ft  
Moderate pace

[SRP](#) 9:00 am

Plata Mountains on the way.  
Dogs ok. Carpool fee: \$5. 4WD/HC preferable Limit 15  
RSVP Sandy Hoagland 970-759-7578 [swhoagy@live.com](mailto:swhoagy@live.com)  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid vaccinated and boosted.

### Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, Jun 12  
9:00 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](mailto:mudpatch22@gmail.com) 16 miles  
SO! outings are limited to members and guests who are fully Covid moderate pace  
vaccinated and boosted.

RC 9:00 am

### Hike Jackson Ridge to Rush Basin

Tue, Jun 13  
8:00 am

This is a hike from Echo Basin (10,600ft.) along the westside of the La Plata Mountains. The Jackson Ridge (12,200ft.) runs to the south of Mt. Hesperus, with excellent views of all the western La Plata peaks. Our route comes from just north of Helmet Peak, and eventually 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 1600 ft. Moderate  
the Jackson and a final ridge walk home. 5.7 miles  
Limit 12. Two well-behaved dogs on approval. Carpool \$6 High Moderate Pace  
Clearance vehicles required for 3 miles of rocky road.  
RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 or [ssalivedgo@gmail.com](mailto:ssalivedgo@gmail.com)  
SO! Outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

SRP 8:00am