

Full Season Schedule - Fall 2023

Date & Location	Outing description	Difficulty info
Fri, Sep 1 7:00 am TH 7:00 am	<p>Two-hour hike Animas City Mtn</p> <p>Join for a short walk in town. We will be done by 9:00 am. Meet at the 32nd Street trailhead. Dogs ok. RSVP Stephanie Weber, steph4100@gmail.com</p>	Moderate 4 miles 800 ft Moderate pace
Mon, Sep 4 9:00 am RC 9:00 am	<p>Monday Road Bike Ride</p> <p>This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Fairgrounds stopping at PJs and back. Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com</p>	16 miles moderate pace
Tue, Sep 5 7:00 am ACP 7:00 am	<p>Click here for additional details</p> <p>Hike Ajax Ridge</p> <p>Starting at Red Mountain Pass, we will hike the Black Bear Pass road over the pass and much of the way to Telluride. Before the really scary part for jeepers, we turn uphill and climb Ajax Mountain. Then hike east along the ridge dividing Imogene Pass from Black Bear Pass until nearing Trico Peak. The route then descends to Black Bear Pass Road, over the pass, and back to the cars. Carpool \$10, dogs ok. RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com</p>	Most challenging 14 miles 4000 ft brisk pace
Wed, Sep 6 7:30 am 7:30 am from Cattleguard parking LP Canyon.	<p>Date Change</p> <p>This is an advanced hike/climb along the ridges that circumnavigate Columbus Basin. Lewis Peak summit. Exposure, all above tree line, some route finding. Excellent views. Only a good weather window will allow this outing to happen so dates will be flexible. No dogs. Experienced hikers that do not mind some exposure only. Carpool \$5, starting from the cattleguard parking. RSVP Carolyn Wilber car123lyn@gmail.com (970)799-1426</p>	Most challenging 6 miles or so. 2000 ft Moderately brisk pace
Wed, Sep 6 7:30 am	<p>Climb Deadwood (12,285) and Silver Mountains (12,496)</p>	Most Challenging 10.1 miles

	Rescheduled	4,500 ft. Gain Moderate Pace
SRP 7:30 am	As Silver Mountain dominates the Durango skyline, it is a very satisfying mountain to climb and perch on. We will ford the La Plata River at the La Plata City campground and endure several miles of arduous, interminable switchbacks on an unmaintained jeep road, before breaking out onto a very open and scenic trail up and across Deadwood Mt. to Silver. This is a long, steep hike with significant elevation gain, wonderful views in every direction, and no scary exposure. Limit 15. Dogs OK. Carpool \$5. RSVP to Leader Harding Cure at hardingcure@gmail.com or 602-369-4273.	
	WW hike Shearer Creek Trail	
Wed, Sep 6 8:00 am	In and out moderate hike along Shearer Ck. Many stream crossings, varied terrain. Crossing private property for 2 miles. Carpool \$2. Two dogs ok but must be leashed on PP, include in RSVP. Limit 15. RSVP Lorie Hansen Lmhansen39@gmail.com	Moderate 3-3.5 miles ~600 ft Moderate pace
Fire Station off Co Rd 243 8:00am		
	About Wednesday Wanderers	
	Thursday Road Bike Ride	
Thu, Sep 7 9:00 am	This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Fairgrounds 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 9:00 am		
	Click here for additional details	
Fri, Sep 8 7:00 am	Two-hour hike Horse Gulch Join for a short walk in town. We will be done by 9:00 am. Meet at the 8th Avenue trailhead. Dogs ok. RSVP Stephanie Weber, steph4100@gmail.com	Moderate 4 miles 800 ft Moderate pace
TH 7:00 am		
	Hike Spencer Basin Verde Lakes loop	
Sat, Sep 9 7:00 am	Starting from the Highland Mary Lakes TH, the route climbs to Spencer Basin. We exit the basin and cross the tundra with great views. Nearing the overlook of Elk Creek, we will descend to Verde Lakes and then decide whether to go back via Highland Mary Lakes or the Continental Divide Trail.	Hard, 10 miles 3000 ft Moderately brisk pace
ACP 7:00 am		

Carpool \$10, dogs ok. RSVP Chris Blackshear,
chris.blackshear@gmail.com

Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, Sep 11
9:00 am

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

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

16 miles
moderate pace

RC 9:00 am

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Hike Ajax Ridge

Tue, Sep 12
7:00 am

Starting at Red Mountain Pass, we will hike the Black
Bear Pass Road over the pass and climb up to the ridge by
Trico Peak. Then hike west along the ridge dividing
Imogene Pass from Black Bear Pass until Ajax Mountain.
The route then descends to Black Bear Pass Road, which
we will walk back to the pass and then back to the cars. If
we have good 4x4s we can drive to the pass and cut down
the walking by two hours.

Most
challenging
14 miles
4000 ft
brisk pace

Fairgrounds 7:00 am

Carpool \$11. Dogs ok.

RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com

SO! Fall Social

Tue, Sep 12
5:00 pm

Come and join your fellow members at the SO! Fall
PotLuck Social from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at Chris Park.
Attendees are asked to bring either a homemade main
dish, appetizer, side dish/salad or dessert according to
their last name. Please refer to the related email for
details. Remember to bring your own table service (plates,
utensils and glassware). SO! will have ice tea and
lemonade available but you may bring your own preferred
beverage. No RSVP needed. Sorry, no dogs allowed.

5:00 pm Chris Park

WW hike Upper Hermosa

Wed, Sep 13
8:30 am

Email address correction

This out and back hike begins behind Purg at the upper
TH of the Hermosa Trail. We will hike downhill along the
lovely Hermosa Creek to just beyond the edge of the burn
area from the 416 fire. A small SUV or higher clearance is
needed to ford a creek near the TH.

Moderate
7 miles
500 ft.
Moderately
Easy pace

RC 8:30 am
Purg 9:00 am

Well behaved dogs ok, include in RSVP. Carpool \$7.

Limit 18. RSVP Chris Wiehage cwiehage22@gmail.com

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

Thu, Sep 14
9:00 am

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28 miles
moderate pace

[RC](#) 9:00 am

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[**Thursday Easy Outings**](#)

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9:30 am

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Fairgrounds 9:30am. Parking lot between ballfields and Main Ave.

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.

These outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

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

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[**Two-hour hike Smelter Mtn**](#)

Fri, Sep 15
7:00 am

Join for a short walk in town. We will be done by 9:00 am. Meet at the trailhead off of Highway 210. A Colorado Parks and Wildlife permit is required.

[TH](#) 7:00 am

Dogs ok. RSVP Stephanie Weber, steph4100@gmail.com

Moderate
4 miles
800 ft
Moderate pace

Mon, Sep 18
7:00 am

[**Hike Ice Lake and Island Lake**](#)

Date change from Sept 11

We will hike up the Ice Lakes Trail to the stunning Ice Lake Basin. From there we will make a loop to Island Lake and return.

[RC](#) 7:00 am

[TC](#) 7:10 am

[PURG](#) 7:30 am

Carpool \$10. Limit 12. Dogs OK

RSVP Kevin Conroy 630 200 5222 57ales@gmail.com

Hard
7.5 miles
2700 ft gain
Moderate Pace

Mon, Sep 18
9:00 am

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[RC](#) 9:00 am

16 miles
moderate pace

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mudpatch22@gmail.com

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Climb Arrow BM and Peak 12,936 Feet

Wed, Sep 20
7:00 am

Follow the Whitehead Trail around gorgeous Whitehead Gulch to the remote Arrow BM destination, taking in Peak 12,936 on the return. Best view of the Grenadiers without actually climbing them.

Fairgrounds 7:00 am
[TC](#) 7:10 am

Carpool \$10. 4WD HC. Limit 10. No dogs. Hunting season wear blaze orange.
RSVP Tomas Ward tom@thward.net. Co-leader Debra Van Winegarden.

Most Challenging
11 miles
2200 ft
Moderately Brisk Pace

WW hike

Cascade Creek Trail

Wed, Sep 20
8:30 am

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.

Fairgrounds 8:30 am

Well behaved dogs ok, include in RSVP. Limit 15.
Carpool \$5.
RSVP Tricia Bayless (970) 799-4535
tbayless@bresnan.net

Moderate
5 mi.
300 ft.
Moderately easy pace

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Nature Hike North Cascade Creek

Thu, Sep 21
8:00 am

Margaret Mayer has been a hike leader and naturalist for AMC, Wilderness Ventures, School of Field Studies, NPS and others. Bring field guides and enjoy nature hikes with gentle ups and downs.

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

We will start at a high meadow accessed by a little road off of 550 just north of Cascade Creek. It parallels the Cascade Creek road on a higher terrace, contouring through aspen groves and meadow to join the Cascade Creek road which shortly comes to the Cascade Creek trail. Round trip approx 4 miles but can be longer if the group wishes to continue along the trail to the falls (8 mile RT)

Easy
4.5 miles
Minimal gain
Easy pace

Carpool \$5. Limit 12. 2 well behaved dogs ok (Please include in RSVP).

RSVP Margaret Mayer 505 728 2057
mmayer4823@gmail.com

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9:00 am

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9:30 am

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Fairgrounds 9:30am.
Parking lot between ballfields and Main Ave.

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

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[Hike Spirit Gulch](#)

Fri, Sep 22
8:00 am

This hike starts near the Idarado mine on Red Mountain Pass. It then follows a series of old roads thru three gulches at elevations of 10,000 to 12,000 feet past several old mines. Expect great views and nice fall colors on the aspens. This is a thru hike, and hopefully we will come out to US 550 and a shuttle car about 2 miles north of where we started.

8:00 am
Purg 8:30 am

No limit. Dogs OK. Carpool \$10.
RSVP Clark Lagow, clagow@rmi.net. No RSVP required unless meeting at Purg.

Moderate
6.7 miles
1470 ft up
1970 ft down
Moderately
easy pace

[Highway Cleanup](#)

Sat, Sep 23
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.

Hermosa Gas Station
9:00 am

Easy
2 miles
Easy pace

RSVP Betsy Butler ejbutler12@gmail.com or 609-532-6948

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Sep 25
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
moderate pace

[RC](#) 9:00 am

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[Hike Castle Rock](#)

Tue, Sep 26
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.

Moderate
1650 ft gain
Moderately
Brisk Pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am

[TC](#) 8:15 am

Carpool \$5. Limit 10. 2 well behaved dogs OK. Hunting season wear blaze orange.

RSVP: Judy Mack tupelo16@gmail.com

[WW hike](#)

[Molas Trail to Elk Park Overlook](#)

Wed, Sep 27
8:30 am

This hike begins near Molas Lake and drops down to a nice viewpoint with great views of the Animas River and surrounding peaks and probably great fall colors.

Moderate
4 miles
400 ft.

Fairgrounds 8:30 am

Purg 9:00 am

Well behaved dogs ok, include in RSVP. Limit 15.

Carpool \$8. Hunting season wear blaze orange.

RSVP Chris Wiehage cwiehage22@gmail.com

Moderately
easy pace

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[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Sep 28
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

28 miles
moderate pace

[RC](#) 9:00 am

ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org

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Thu, Sep 28
9:30 am

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

Fairgrounds 9:30am.

Parking lot between ballfields and Main Ave.

challenging route for those who choose to go the Extra Mile. Carpool varies by destination, approx. \$5. 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. These outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

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[Hike and cookout to the Ward cabin](#)

Fri, Sep 29
8:00 am

[SRP](#) 8:00 am

After leaving the cars at the cabin in the aspens, we will begin the hike at Transfer Campground. The easy/moderate 4 mile hike is along various wooded trails and roads, and open meadow, with little elevation gain. The Wards will supply: Hot dogs and veggie dogs and fixings, buns, and lemonade. Anything else is potluck! Note: We can use a fire tender who is maybe unable to do the hike.

Carpool \$8. Carpooling is encouraged because of the shuttle. Limit 15. Dogs: One OK (RSVP). Leader: La Donna Ward, Co-leader: Travis Ward. Hunting season wear blaze orange. RSVP to La Donna at: tlward@gmail.com

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Oct 2
10:00 am

[RC](#) 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

[Click here for additional details](#)

[WW hike](#)
[Grassy Creek](#)

Wed, Oct 4
8:30 am

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

We will start where the gravel ends on the Relay Creek Road, (FS 580) hiking from there up an abandoned logging road that climbs through the upper Grassy Creek drainage. When the road tops out on a ridge coming down from Graysill Ridge, we will scramble up the ridge a short distance and stop with views of the upper Hermosa drainage, Hermosa Peak, and Blackhawk Mtn. HC desirable, approximately 15 miles of FS gravel roads. Carpool \$8. No dogs. Limit 12. Hunting season wear blaze orange.

RSVP Bob Kuhnert (970) 799-0692
rkuhnert55@gmail.com

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Thu, Oct 5
9:30 am

Fairgrounds 9:30am.
Parking lot between
ballfields and Main
Ave.

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Easy Pace

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28 miles
moderate pace

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[Hike Spencer Basin to Highland Mary Lakes](#)

Fri, Oct 6
7:00 am

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

Date changed from Oct 2

From the Cunningham Gulch parking area we will hike into Spencer Basin. From there we will attain the ridge to the Southeast and ascend to the Sugarloaf summit. Excellent views from Sugarloaf. We will then make our way off trail down to the Highland Mary Lakes and complete the loop back to our cars. Carpool \$11. 4WD/HC. Limit 15. Dogs OK with leader approval. Hunting season wear blaze orange. RSVP Kevin Conroy 630-200-5222 57ales@gmail.com

Hard due to elevation gain and some off trail
7.7 miles
2470 ft gain
Moderate Pace

[Hike Stevens Creek](#)

Fri, Oct 6
8:00 am

This is a fall color hike and should be beautiful aspen and an abundance of orange gambel oak. A short shuttle hike starting at Wallace Lk on Missionary Ridge. We will

Moderate
About 4.5 miles
500 ft. gain
Moderate pace

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

follow an old Forest Service road to Stevens Ck trail then descend to the Missionary Ridge connector and back to MR road.

Carpool \$5. Limit 10. Two well behaved dogs OK.
RSVP to Chuck Rancatti chuck.rancatti@gmail.com

[Hike Purgatory Flats to Animas River](#)

Mon, Oct 9
8:00 am

We will descend from the trailhead across from Purgatory to the flats along Cascade Creek. The trail continues up and down along Cascade Canyon until the final descent to the Animas. We will have lunch along the river and if we time it right, we can wave at the train as it passes. Return the same route and ascend back to the trailhead.

Moderate
8.8 miles
1500 ft gain
Moderate Pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am
[TC](#) 8:15 am
[TH](#) 8:30 am

Carpool \$5. Limit 15. Dogs OK with leader approval.
Hunting season – wear blaze orange.
RSVP Kevin Conroy 630-200-5222 57ales@gmail.com

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Oct 9
10:00 am

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16 miles
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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

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[SO Monthly Meeting](#)

Agenda:

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

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

Presentation title: Great communities build great trails;
Great trails build great communities.

Speaker: Mary Monroe with Durango Trails

Tue, Oct 10
5:50 pm

Presentation summary: On the hikes, runs or mountain bike rides you enjoyed this year, did you notice the hundreds of downed trees that were removed from trails ranging from the Colorado Trail to Dry Fork, Hoffheins to Engineer Mountain and Pass Trail, and many others in the area?

[RC](#) 5:50 pm [RC](#)
6:20pm

Did you appreciate the trail work done in Horse Gulch, Overend, Dalla, Twin Buttes, The Colorado Trail, Engineer Mountain, and Missionary Ridge? Did you enjoy the new trails built on Animas Mountain?

Maybe new trail signage helped you find your way, or you learned something new through the stewardship and educational campaigns, social media messages, newsletter stories, and other information that makes our community

aware of what is going on in our nearby trail networks. Durango Trails tackled these and many other projects during the 2022 season, as it has every season for the last 30 years. We cannot do this work alone; it takes great communities to build great trails!

Speaker bio: Mary Monroe brings a wealth of knowledge in strategic planning and marketing plus a love of trails to the Durango Trails organization. Mary and her family all participate faithfully in trail work, and enjoy nordic skiing, hiking 14ers, trail running and mountain biking. Marys favorite trails are looped networks where every memory of trail work speaks to her.

Please note:

Our September 12th picnic was pretty much a washout. The few hearty souls who showed up contributed \$60 and a few items to our charity partner the **Volunteers of America, Durango Community Shelter and Safehouse**. We would like to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to contribute, so we are asking that you bring your donations to the October meeting. The shelter could use men's or women's shoes in various sizes, or twin-size comforters. The safehouse could use ear buds (headphones), water bottles, pocket size note pads, baby carriers, art supplies (water colors, paper, colored pencils), or disposable Tupperware. If you wish to make a check donation, make the check to Volunteers of America Colorado and note on the check Durango shelter or safehouse. Hope to see you on the 10th. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Tim Rose
312-953-8004

[WW hike Freeman Park and Endlich Mesa Trail](#)

Wed, Oct 11
8:00 am

Fairgrounds 8:00 am
Vallecito
Community Center
8:45 am

Our hike begins at the Vallecito Community Center up the little-known start of the Endlich Mesa Trail. The trail climbs steeply for a short distance then moderates with switchbacks through new growth Aspen. The colors should be lovely during October. Although the Endlich Mesa Trail goes on forever, we will plan to hike 5 to 6 miles total with a stop at Freeman Park, a pleasant meadow, for lunch or snacks before returning. There is a \$5/car parking fee at the Vallecito Community Center. Carpool \$5 plus a share of the parking fee. Two well behaved leashed dogs okay. Please note when RSVP.

Moderate
5-6 miles
1000 ft.
Moderately
easy pace

Limit 15.
RSVP Pam Cissik – pamcissik@gmail.com. Co-leader
Larry Mills

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9:30 am

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am. Parking lot
between ballfields
and Main Ave.

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Thu, Oct 12
5:00 pm

5:00 pm Home of
Clark Lagow

[SO! Board Meeting](#)

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

Easy

[Car Camp Butler Wash](#)

Fri, Oct 13 -
Sun, Oct 15

[RC](#) 7:30 am

Drive to Butler Wash via Bluff and set up camp. We will climb Comb Ridge, and visit various canyons to see petroglyphs, pictographs, and ruins. On 10/14 we will witness the solar eclipse from the top of Comb Ridge. Make sure you bring eclipse glasses. Exit at the north end on UT-95. Butler Wash has a \$5/pp daily fee. There are some portajohns there, which we will try to camp near. Dogs need to be kept out of the ruins.

Moderate
distance and
moderate pace,
varies by day

Carpool \$TBD. Dogs OK. 4WD helpful.
RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com

Loop hike of lower Junction Creek

Fri, Oct 13
9:00 am

Starting at the upper CT TH, we will hike a trail that parallels the N rim of Junction Ck. Then we will descend to the bottom of Junction Ck near the bridge and hike up to Gudys Rest. From GR we will hike a short distance on the Hoffheims Trail, then hike an abandoned mtn bike trail that parallels the S rim of Junction Ck. At the end of that trail, we descend into Junction Ck again, cross the creek, and hike a short distance to our cars.

Moderate
Approx 6
miles
1500 ft gain
Moderate Pace

[RC](#) 9:00 am

Carpool \$2. No limit. Dogs OK. Hunting season – wear blaze orange.

RSVP Will Rietveld willjanet@bresnan.net

Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, Oct 16
10:00 am

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

16 miles
moderate pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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Hike Red Creek- First Fork Loop

Tue, Oct 17
8:30 am

We will hike up Red Creek trail, follow Missionary Ridge Trail west to its intersection with First Fork, which returns to the trailhead. Nice views from Missionary Ridge. The intent is to catch Fall colors at their peak, but with the dry summer my expectations are not high! The pace will be moderate.

Hard
10 miles
2000 ft gain
Moderate Pace

[RC](#) 8:15 am
Fire Station @
CR234 and Florida
Rd 8:30 am

Carpool \$2. Limit 12. No dogs. Hunting season – wear blaze orange.

RSVP Charlie Berglund 247 9747
chasberglund@msn.com

Wed, Oct 18
8:30 am

**WW hike
Hoffheims Connection**

Twin Buttes [TH](#) 8:30
am Twin Buttes [TH](#)
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.
Well mannered dogs ok, include in RSVP. Limit 15.
Carpool \$2.

Moderate
4.5 miles
700 ft.
Moderately
easy pace

RSVP Lindie Ivie (505) 690-4903 iviedgo@gmail.com.
Co-leader Joe Ivie.

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9:30 am

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moderate pace

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[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Oct 23
10:00 am

[RC](#) 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

[Click here for additional details](#)

[WW hike](#)

[Chimney Rock](#)

Wed, Oct 25
8:00 am

[SRP](#) 8:00 am

Starting from the parking area on HWY 151, we will hike up the closed road to explore a Great Kiva, a multi-family dwelling and a Chacoan style Great House Pueblo, continuing to the Chimney Rock lookout area. The hike will be guided by Hunter McCleary, former docent at Chimney Rock NM.

No dogs. Carpool \$11. Limit 14.

Moderate
6.5 miles
1300 ft.
Moderate pace

RSVP Lorraine McCleary (703) 403-9073
lorrainemccleary@gmail.com

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[Thursday Easy Outings](#)

Thu, Oct 26 9:30 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. \$5.	Moderate +/- 3 miles at lower altitudes near Durango Easy Pace
Fairgrounds 9:30am. Parking lot between ballfields and Main Ave.	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. These outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.	

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Oct 26 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
<u>RC</u> 10:00 am		

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Oct 30 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
<u>RC</u> 10:00 am		

[Click here for additional details](#)

[West Turkshead Pk \(12,865 ft.\)](#)

Tue, Oct 31 8:00 am	Starting at the turn-off to Little Molas Lake, we climb up to the high valley at the top of Molas Creek. Exiting out the back of the valley we emerge onto high tundra, with a final 350 ft on grassy slopes to the top. Depending on conditions, this hike may require micro-spikes or even snowshoes. Limit 10. 2 well-behaved dogs on approval. Carpool \$8. Hunting season wear blaze orange.	Hard 5.5 miles 2100 ft. Moderate Pace
<u>RC</u> 8:00 am Purg 8:30am		

RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 or
ssalivedgo@gmail.com

This outing is limited to members and approved guests
who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

[Hike to Ice Lake](#)

Wed, Nov 1
8:00 am

Date changed due to weather

This is an annual hike/snowshoe to Ice Lake around
Halloween. With luck, it will be unfrozen but surrounded
by snow. We will try for Island Lake if conditions allow.
Have snowshoes or traction devices.

Hard
7 miles
2700 feet,
Moderately
brisk pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am

Carpool \$10. Dogs OK. Hunting season wear blaze
orange.

RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com

[WW hike](#)

[Animas River Trail](#)

Wed, Nov 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

Easy
5-7 miles
Flat
Easy Pace

[SRP](#) 9:30 am

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[Thursday Easy Outings](#)

Thu, Nov 2
9:30 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. \$5.

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

Fairgrounds 9:30am.
Parking lot between
ballfields and Main
Ave.

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.

These outings are limited to members and approved guests
who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

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[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Nov 2
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	<p>Contact Ride Leaders: Rick Boebel, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org</p>	
	<p>Click here for additional details</p>	
	<p>Hike Sand Canyon</p>	
<p>Fri, Nov 3 8:30 am</p>	<p>Sand Canyon is always nice in the spring or fall. We will do a loop and go by several ruins. There will be an option to meet an hour earlier and have breakfast at ABC before doing the hike.</p>	<p>Moderate 5.2 miles 500 ft Moderately easy pace</p>
<p>SRP 8:30 am</p>	<p>Limit 15 per group. No dogs. Carpool \$10. RSVP to Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net</p>	
	<p>Monday Road Bike Ride</p>	
<p>Mon, Nov 6 10:00 am</p>	<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>	<p>16 miles moderate pace</p>
<p>RC 10:00 am</p>		
	<p>Click here for additional details</p>	
	<p>WW hike Animas River Trail</p>	
<p>Wed, Nov 8 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 ehpahlke@gmail.com</p>	<p>Easy 5-7 miles Flat Easy Pace</p>
<p>SRP 9:30 am</p>		
	<p>About Wednesday Wanderers</p>	
	<p>Thursday Easy Outings</p>	
<p>Thu, Nov 9 9:30 am</p>	<p>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. \$5. 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.</p>	<p>Moderate +/- 3 miles at lower altitudes near Durango Easy Pace</p>
<p>Fairgrounds 9:30am. Parking lot between ballfields and Main Ave.</p>		

These outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

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[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Nov 9
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

[Click here for additional details](#)

[SO Monthly Meeting](#)

Agenda:

5:50-6:10 PM: Social half hour with refreshments.

6:10-6:20 Tribute to Dell Manners

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

Notice: Honoring a Founding Member of Seniors Outdoors

Please come a few minutes early to the next SO meeting on Nov 14th to honor Dell Manners. Starting at 6:10 pm, we will have a tribute to show our appreciation for her more than **20** years of service and her efforts in establishing the club. Come help us celebrate this special person.

Tue, Nov 14
5:50 pm

Presentation title: Rail travel in Colombia and no scheduled passenger trains??!

[RC](#) 5:50 pm [RC](#) 6:20 pm **Speaker:** Steve Cossey

Presentation summary: Over the past ten years I have discovered that rail travel in Colombia is possible, even without any scheduled passenger trains in the entire country. It is possible using a system of informal rail travel called loosely “moto-rodillos”. I have travelled over 500 km (311 miles) through beautiful countryside, towns and villages and seen areas where no “normal” tourist goes. At one time, the Colombian rail system was about 3500 km (2175 miles) long. I met one guy from Medellin (Carlos Mario Lopez) who has actually hiked all 3500 km of the railway right-of-way in Colombia! All types of rail transport exist, ranging from buses converted to rail travel to simple wooden platforms pushed by a pole (think gondola in Venice) and all types of home-made

transportation in-between. These abandoned railways are used to transport people and goods, such as cheese, milk, seafood etc. One may travel as a single passenger or may rent the entire moto-rodillo for your group of up to 8 people. Top speed is about 25 mph and you are in contact with nature and wildlife throughout the journey. Everyone you meet on the journey is friendly and engaging, and there is always somewhere to grab a drink or some food. The presentation shows you some of the scenery, architecture, culture and people we met along the way on these numerous trips in Colombia from the Magdalena River to the savanna near Bogota. Lodging is taken in small towns can be obtained for less than \$15 a night and meals are around \$3 each, so what's to stop you going?

Speaker bio: Steve Cossey is a consulting geologist and chief geoscientist at Cossey and Associates Inc. geoconsulting based in Durango. He moved here in October 2003 and shared office space with Jeff Brame for 14 years in downtown Durango. He still does some consulting projects with companies in Houston and Uruguay and other “fun” geology projects in Mexico. Until he was 21 years old, Steve lived in England where his school was right next to the London-Edinburgh railway line which was still operated by steam locomotives before August 1968. Many breaks and lunchtimes were spent leaning on the fence watching the fastest steam trains in the world speed their way to Scotland. Thus began his love of trains and the main reason for moving to Durango. Steve began taking steam train trips around the world in 2006 and regrets not starting sooner! He has restored a steam engine in Colombia and enjoys hiking, easy bike rides and exploring, especially off the beaten-track places.

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

Wed, Nov 15
9:30 am

[SRP](#) 9:30 am

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Easy
5-7 miles
Flat
Easy Pace

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Thursday Easy Outings

Thu, Nov 16
9:30 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. \$5.

Fairgrounds 9:30am. 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.

Parking lot between ballfields and Main Ave. These outings are limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

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

About Wednesday Wanderers

Hike Overend Park and the Hogsback

Fri, Nov 17
9:00 am

We will explore our own in-town Overend Park trail system. Our route will include going up and over the Hogsback. This is a loop route and we will finish with a stop at the Conroys for a tasty treat.

Ella Vita Cul de sac
9:00 am

Limit 12. Dogs OK with Leader approval.
RSVP Kevin Conroy 630-200-5222 57ales@gmail.com

Moderate
7 miles
1600 ft.
Moderate Pace

Hike Bisti Badlands

Wed, Nov 22
7:30 am

Date change due to weather

Get an early start for the 2-hour drive to Bisti. We will hike around the incredible formations of Bisti. Bisti has a group limit of eight so if more are coming, we will be in two groups.

RC 7:30 am

Carpool \$14. Limit 16. Dogs OK.
RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com

Moderate
6-8 miles
Flat
Moderate pace

WW hike

Animas River Trail

Wed, Nov 22
9:30 am

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SRP 9:30 am

Easy
5-7 miles
Flat
Easy Pace

About Wednesday Wanderers

Fri, Nov 24
9:00 am

[Hike to Pautsky Point](#)

Walk Off The Turkey. The moderately brisk group will hike up Big Canyon trail until we are above Horse Gulch, then up to Pautsky Point. Return via South Rim Trail for a nice loop hike. John Montle will lead the moderately easy group and will start at the Carbon Junction trailhead and follow that trail to Pautsky Point and back. If the stars align, both groups should arrive at Pautsky Pt at about the same time and enjoy the view and lunch together. No limits. Two well behaved dogs OK. RSVP to Chuck Rancatti chuck.rancatti@gmail.com

Big Canyon Parking lot next to Kia dealership 9:00 am for Moderately brisk group. Carbon Junction Trailhead for the Moderately easy group

Moderate
8 miles
1300 ft. gain
Moderately brisk pace
or
Moderate
6-7 miles
About 900 ft. gain
Moderately easy pace

[WW hike](#)

[Animas River Trail](#)

Wed, Nov 29
9:30 am

[SRP](#) 9:30 am

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Easy
5-7 miles
Flat
Easy Pace

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[WW hike](#)

[Animas River Trail](#)

Wed, Dec 13
9:30 am

[SRP](#) 9:30 am

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Easy
5-7 miles
Flat
Easy Pace

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[Weekly](#)

[Snowshoes](#)

Fri, Dec 15
9:00 am

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

We plan to resume our tradition of having a weekly snowshoe outing. However, this year the outing will be on any day of the week. We will consider weather, avalanche danger, and parking issues to select what we think will be the best day to do the outing. An email will be sent to members of this subgroup each week 2-3 days in advance.

Moderate to
Hard
3+ miles
500-2000 ft

This email will announce what snowshoe we will be doing that week and Specific details (leader, destination, description, 4WD, etc.). We will split up into several groups depending on the desired pace of the participants. Carpool \$5-\$10, depending on destination. Dogs OK if well behaved. 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 subgroup, send an email to Snowshoeing@seniorsoutdoors.org. **IF YOU WERE ON THE EMAIL LIST LAST YEAR, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN UP AGAIN.**