

Full Season Schedule - Spring 2024

Date & Location	Outing description	<u>Difficulty info</u>
Fri, Mar 1 9:00 am	<p><u>Weekly Snowshoes</u></p> <p>We plan to resume our tradition of having a weekly snowshoe outing. We will generally try to have these on Fridays; however, we may move the outing + or a day or two. 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. 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.</p>	Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft
<u>RC</u> 9:00 am/Purg 9:30 am	<u>Sand Canyon through Rock Canyon Loop</u>	
Mon, Mar 4 8:00 am	<p>Canceled</p> <p>From Canyon of the Ancients parking lot follow Sand Canyon trail to East Canyon loop. Hike past the well-formed sandstone arch to Rock Canyon loop. After Rock Canyon loop return to park lot. /Carpool \$9. Limit 10, dogs ok./RSVP Tim Tischler, 512 971-4229, tbtischler46@gmail.com</p>	Hard/10.5 miles/Moderately brisk pace
<u>SRP</u> 8:00 am	<u>Snowshoe Pass trail to Coal Creek TH</u>	
Mon, Mar 4 9:00 am	<p>Rescheduled from Feb 12</p> <p>Starting at Coal Bank Pass following the Pass trail to approximately Engineer meadows where we cross the drainage to intersect Coal Creek trail. Follow</p>	Moderate/5 miles/1100 ft ascent, 1500 ft descent/Moderate pace
<u>RC</u> 9:00 am/Needles		

Store (Elbert Creek [TH](#)) 9:30 am
trail to TH at Hwy 550 with car shuttles back to Coal Bank Pass parking. /Carpool \$6. Limit 12/RSVP
Tim Tischler, 512 971-4229,
tbtischler46@gmail.com

[Monday Easy Outings \(Snowshoeing\)](#)

Mon, Mar 4 10:00 am
[RC](#) 10:00 am
Friendly dogs and snowshoers welcome. No need for RSVP or email notification. Just show up and join us. Destination will be decided at the parking lot. We will be snowshoeing on the easier trails in the Haviland Lake, Falls Creek, or Overend Park areas. We will not be in steep enough terrain to warrant avalanche concerns. When possible, the group may return by the original 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 John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com, if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the trailhead.

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

[XC ski Cascade Creek](#)

Tue, Mar 5 9:00 am
[RC](#) 9:00 am/[TH](#) 9:30 am
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 only minor turning. /Carpool \$4, Limit 10, No dogs./RSVP to Chuck Rancatti 425-231-0930 chuck.rancatti@gmail.com

Moderate/8 miles/<1000 ft/Moderate pace

Wed, Mar 6 9:30 am
[WW hike/Animas River Trail](#)

[SRP](#) 9:30 am
Meet Eric by the Rose Garden, in the [SRP](#) parking lot immediately to the left after entering the park.
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 Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

Thu, Mar 7 9:30 am
[Nordic ski meet up](#)

Varies, we typically break into groups based on ability.

Durango Nordic Center 9:30 am Weekly casual cross-country ski for all levels of ability. We will ski for an hour or two then have social time on the sunny deck. Classic or skate technique. The Nordic Center has 20+km of trails from beginner to advanced. Never ever beginners should take a lesson or three before attending. A Nordic Center season or day pass is required. Passes, ski rental, and lessons may be booked online at DurangoNordic.org. Carpool to be arranged among participants. No RSVP required, just show up Thursdays at 9:30am. No dogs on trails, but they are welcome inside the Center.

[Weekly Snowshoes](#)

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Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft

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

RC 10:00 am

Mile./Carpool varies by destination, approx. \$3-4/Do not RSVP. Contact John Martin, mudpatch22@gmail.com, if you need more specific info or wish to meet at the trailhead.

Hike Crow Canyon, view rock art and ruins

Tue, Mar 12
8:00 am

This is a moderate hike up Crow Canyon to see some great Navajo rock art and ruins. This is an hour and 50-minute drive from Durango to the trail head./Carpool \$11, 4WD. Limit 10 and two dogs./RSVP Troy Albright 580-747-6294 talbright318@gmail.com

Moderate/6 to 7 miles/moderate pace

SRP 8:00 am

Potluck Dinner and New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation and Potluck Dinner //SO! Spring Potluck.

New Member Orientation: 5:00 pm
Potluck: 5:30 pm//Bring your own table service. Couples bring a dish for 12, singles a dish for 6, with a labeled serving utensil. A-F: Side G-M: Main N-R: Dessert S-Z: Main Please Fun and educational also bring non-perishable food donations or a check for the Manna Soup Kitchen

Tue, Mar 12
5:00 pm

Please plan to attend the March social to honor long term volunteers for their many years of consecutive service.

The following folks will be recognized:

Fun and easy

RC 5:00 pm /RC
5:30 pm

Board Members:
Clark Lagrow 9 yrs
Kevin Conroy 5 yrs
Mary Moorehead 9 yrs

Chairpersons:
Jeff Brame 7 yrs
Hugh Brown 9 yrs

Behind the Scenes:
John and Kate Martin Trip Bag Coordinators 17 yrs
Kate Martin Kitchen Manager 11 yrs
David Wright Email Coordinator 14 yrs
Webmaster Lindie Hunt 4 yrs

Special Recognition

John Montle. Special recognition for being our oldest active member. He is an inspiration to all of us as we age.

Wed, Mar 13
9:30 am

[WW hike/Animas River Trail](#)

[SRP](#) 9:30 am
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Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy
Pace

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[Nordic ski meet up](#)

Thu, Mar 14
9:30 am

Durango Nordic
Center 9:30 am

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[Weekly Snowshoes](#)

Fri, Mar 15
9:00 am

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

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[Sand Canyon through Rock Canyon Loop](#)

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9:00 am

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Hard
10.5 miles
Moderately brisk pace

[RC](#) 9:00 am

Carpool \$9. Limit 10, dogs ok.
RSVP Tim Tischler, 512 971-4229,
tbtischler46@gmail.com

[WW hike](#)

[Animas River Trail](#)

Wed, Mar 20
9:30 am

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Easy Flat
5-7 miles
Easy Pace

[SRP](#) 9:30 am

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[Hike Vallecito Creek](#)

Mon, Mar 25
8:00 am

From the campground behind Vallecito Lake we will go along the Vallecito Trail at least as far as the first bridge, 3 miles each way. If conditions allow, a group may go further to see the creek running through part of the next gorge, another 1.6 miles each way.

Moderate
6 miles,
700 ft.
Moderate pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am

Carpool \$5 Limit 12. Two well-behaved dogs on approval.
RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 or
ssalivedgo@gmail.com

[Largo Canyon Navajo Pueblito Exploration](#)

Tue, Mar 26
8:00 am

[SRP](#) 8:00 am

This is a moderate exploratory hike in Largo Canyon, NM to explore Largo School, Hooded Fireplace, Tapacito, and Split Rock Ruins. We will drive down NM CR 4450 and then hike on two track roads, trails and off trail routes to 4 Navajo defensive sites dating from the 1680s. It is a 1.5 hour drive to the parking area. If time permits on the return we will stop at Crow Canyon to view the 44 Panel.

Hard
10 Miles, 800 ft
Moderate pace

Carpool \$12. Limit 12. Well controlled dogs OK (on leash @ lunch & at the sites 3 dog limit). 4WD High clearance.

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

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

Wed, Mar 27
9:30 am

[SRP](#) 9:30 am

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Easy Flat
5-7 miles
Easy Pace

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[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Apr 1
10:00 am

[RC](#) Pavilion
10:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion using CR203 stopping at PJs (Trimble crossing) and back on CR250 usually.

16 miles
moderate pace

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

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Snowshoe above Little Molas Lake](#)

Tue, Apr 2
8:00 am

[ACP](#) 8:00 am

Our destination will be the basin below West Turk, above Little Molas Lake. There may be some short steep sections, but mostly moderate terrain. Expect to spend about four hours on the trail. The pace will

Moderate
4 miles
1000 ft gain
Moderate Pace

be moderate.
Carpool \$6. 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy. Limit 10.
No dogs.
RSVP: Charles Berglund 247-9747
chasberglund@msn.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.

[Tuesday Easy Outings](#)

Tue, Apr 2
9:30 am
[RC](#) 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.
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.

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

[Hike in De-Na-Zin wilderness in New Mexico](#)

Wed, Apr 3
7:30 am
[SRP](#) 7:30 am

After about a 90-minute drive, we will spend the day wandering around an area in De-Na-Zin wilderness enjoying the vistas, rocks, hoodoos, small arches, petrified trees and live trees. Much of the terrain is pretty flat, and often sandy, but some scrambling is required. Moderate pace when we are not gawking.
Carpool \$11. Limit 9 (per BLM). One dog (with RSVP).
RSVP Travis Ward tlgward@gmail.com

Moderate
About 8 miles
600 ft
Moderate pace

[WW hike](#) [Spur Line Trail](#)

Wed, Apr 3
9:00 am
Spur Line [TH](#)
9:00 am

This trail system is in the Three Springs area. Take 3 Springs Blvd. to the 2nd roundabout, keep going straight on a gravel road for about ¼ mi. to TH. The hike is in the open and fairly level and will be good for the early season.
Dogs ok on leash only. Limit 10.
RSVP Ray Walker (970) 382-7662
raynsue@bresnan.net.

Easy
4.25 miles
100 ft gain
Easy pace

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Thursday Road Bike Ride

Thu, Apr 4
10:00 am

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

28 miles
Moderate pace

[RC Pavilion](#)
10:00 am

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

[Click here for additional details](#)

Escalante Slickrock

Mon, Apr 8 -
Sat, Apr 13

4/8 Drive to Escalante
4/9 Slickrock block between Zebra & Bighorn, then Pt 5579. Option lower Bighorn West & Main slots.
4/10 west of Red Breaks: Pt 5600+ to Harris Wash
4/11 Pt 5615 (NW of Fence Canyon & NE of 5132T-5855T rib) from Egypt Road (4WD/HC)
4/12 Cruising slickrock above Phipps Wash easy to hard options
4/13 back to Durango.

Hard
8-14 miles each day
1000-2000 ft. vertical
Relaxed pace

[TH](#) 8:00 am

Primarily off-trail, some exploratory. Motel and 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

Monday Road Bike Ride

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10:00 am

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16 miles
moderate pace

[RC Pavilion](#)
10:00 am

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

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Tuesday Easy Outings

Tue, Apr 9
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.

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

[RC](#) 9:30 am

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.

[SO! General Meeting](#)

Agenda:

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

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

Presentation title: Climbing Mt. Everest 1983 before the crowds

Speaker: Peter Jamieson

Presentation summary: The presentation is an account of an ascent of Mount Everest in 1983 where I became the 14th American to reach the summit. The expedition was part of an attempt to climb the Seven Summits, by Dick Bass and Frank Wells where they tried to reach the highest point on each continent in one year. In 1983 the Nepali Government only issued one permit to climb the mountain each season. As a result, our team of 13 were the only climbers on the mountain. Today there can be several hundred climbers at any time trying to reach the top.

Speaker bio: Peter Jamieson came to Durango in 1974 to attend Fort Lewis College. There he met other climbers and began his climbing career. After working as the first employee of Pine Needle Mountaineering, an Outward Bound instructor and a ski patrolman, Peter became a Physician Assistant and worked at both the Animas Surgical Hospital and Mercy until retiring in 2018. He still lives in Durango with his better half, Gwenda, and climbs, skis and explores the canyon country when he can.

[WW hike](#)
[Hidden Valley](#)

Tue, Apr 9
5:50 pm

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

Fun and Educational

Wed, Apr 10
8:30 am

[RC](#) 8:30 am

We will hike through the meadow at about the mid-point turning north and up the ridge to the old burn area then continue in a loop back to the meadow. Carpool \$2. Two well-mannered dogs ok, include in RSVP. Limit 15.
RSVP Lorie Hansen (828) 243-2194
lmhansen39@gmail.com

Moderate
5 miles
400 ft. gain
Moderate pace

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[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Apr 11
10:00 am

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

28 miles
Moderate pace

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

[RC](#) Pavilion
10:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Looping around Falls Creek](#)

Mon, Apr 15
8:30 am

We will hike 3 loops at Falls Ck ontrails. There will be 3 steep climbs but most of the terrain is easy to moderate. There is exposure on the south loop. Carpool \$2. Two well behaved dogs, leashed on the south loop.

Moderate
6-7 miles
600 feet
Moderate Pace

RSVP email, Lorie Hansen
lmhansen39@gmail.com. If meeting at TH please inform leader.

[RC](#) 8:30 am
[TH](#) 8:45 am

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Apr 15
10:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion using CR203 stopping at PJs (Trimble crossing) and back on CR250 usually.

16 miles
moderate pace

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

[RC](#) Pavilion
10:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Car camp Comb Ridge North end](#)

A 3 or 4 day outing to the north end of Comb Ridge, day hiking from a car/tent camp at a scenic overlook near the Comb Ridge Dugway. Unhurried mornings in camp, long sunsets looking past Bears Ears.

Tue, Apr 16 -
Fri, Apr 19

Our first day is a half-day drive to get there, with a short hike to stretch our legs. The second day we hike along the rim of the Comb, looking down 750 ft on the north end of Comb Wash, opposite numerous side canyons. The third day we hike a 200 ft. knob on the rim overlooking Arch Canyon, then traverse into the north end of Butler Wash looking for pools, ending at a hidden Anasazi ruin near camp. Depart if you wish after this full days hike. The fourth day we will explore near where Highway 95 cuts through the Comb, heading home mid-afternoon.

Moderate,
approx. 5 miles each
day
400 ft.
Moderate pace

[SRP](#) 11:00 am

Carpool \$12 Limit 10. Two well-behaved dogs on approval.

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

[Tuesday Easy Outings](#)

Tue, Apr 16
9:30 am

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

RC 9:30 am

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.

[WW hike Rim Trail](#)

Wed, Apr 17
9:30 am

We will hike up to the college, loop around past the golf course and then go over to Lions Den. We will return on the dirt trail towards the chapel then go down the 600 steps or the switchbacks to 6th Ave and 10th St then back to the cars.

Moderate
5 miles
400 ft. gain
Moderately Easy pace

TH corner of E
8th St. & E 8th
Ave. 9:30am

Dogs on leash only, include in RSVP. Limit 18.
RSVP Tricia Bayless (970) 799-4535
tbayless@bresnan.net

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[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Apr 18
10:00 am

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

28 miles
Moderate pace

RC Pavilion
10:00 am

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

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Hike Sand Canyon](#)

Fri, Apr 19
8:00 am

This hike is the westerly most loop hike, Rock Canyon, with granary sites high up in the cliffs. Trail is well used. Ups and downs, with little elevation gain or loss.

Moderate
8 miles
Minimal gain or loss
Moderate Pace

SRP 8:00 am

Carpool \$9. Limit 14. No Dogs.
RSVP stevekrest@gmail.com (970) 903-4332

Highway Cleanup

Sat, Apr 20
9:00 am

Hermosa
Speedway gas
station 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. Bring work gloves and orange vest if you have one. If you do not have a vest, we have several. No dogs. RSVP to Leader Betsey Butler ejbutler12@gmail.com or 609-532-6948.

Easy
2 miles

Island in the Sky Exploration

Mon, Apr 22 -
Fri, Apr 26

RC 8:00 am

We will drive 3.5 hours to locate a primitive camping site north of Moab off of Utah 313. Then will hike several trails in Canyon Lands Island in the Sky National Park. Probable hikes include Syncline Loop (11 miles). Murphy Hogback (11.5 miles), Fort Bottom or Gooseberry, but will depend on conditions. Bring sufficient water for 5 days, firewood, and other gear for a 4-night primitive campsite.

Carpool TBD. Limit 10. No dogs. COVID vaccinated please. 4WD high clearance.
RSVP Rich Butler 609-532-6949
rbbutler54@gmail.com

Most Challenging to
Hard. Some scrambling,
slickrock and route
finding. Hikes will be
long: 10 to 12.5 miles,
1400 ft of elevation gain
at Moderate Pace.

Hike Falls Creek Ridge

Mon, Apr 22
9:00 am

RC 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

Moderate
4.4 miles
890 ft
Moderate Pace

Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, Apr 22
10:00 am

RC Pavilion
10:00 am

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16 miles
moderate pace

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Tuesday Easy Outings

Tue, Apr 23
9:30 am

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

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Tue, Apr 23
5:00 pm

SO! Board Meeting

5:00 pm Home of Magali Salomon

The quarterly SO! Board meeting will be held at 5:00 pm, and include a potluck dinner.
RSVP: magalisalomon77@gmail.com

Easy

WW hike Hoffheins Connection Trail

Wed, Apr 24
8:30 am

Twin Buttes [TH](#)
behind
Speedway on
160 West 8:30
am

This is an in and out hike with mostly gradual elevation gain as the trail heads north towards the Colorado Trail and Gudys Rest, with views of Perrins Peak, Barnroof Point and the La Platas.
Carpool \$2. Well-mannered dogs ok, include in RSVP. Limit 15.
RSVP Robbin Clark (419) 230-7796
clark.robbin@gmail.com.

Moderate
4.5 mi.
700 ft. gain
Moderately easy pace

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Thursday Road Bike Ride

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10:00 am

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Moderate pace

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Hike Raider Ridge

Fri, Apr 26
8:30 am

This is a moderate hike starting at the Skyline Trailhead to the extended ridge trail and returning

Moderate
4 miles
895 ft.
Moderate Pace

Skyraider trail to Powerline.
Skyline [TH](#) 8:30 am
Limit 10. Two dogs ok.
RSVP Troy Albright 580-747-6294
talbright318@gmail.com.

[Hike Bisti Badlands and optional car camp](#)

Sat, Apr 27 - Sun, Apr 28
[RC](#) 7:30 am
Bisti Badlands are 90 miles south of Durango. We will spend the first day exploring the formations there, including Cracked Eggs, Big Petrified Log, Hidden City, and Stone Wings. Either return to Durango then or camp by the trailhead where there is a vault toilet, picnic tables, and a ramada. The next day we will drive further south to Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah for more badlands. If time allows, we will first hike to the Alien Throne and then drive to the east for more hoodoos and petrified wood. Moderate 6-10 miles Flat Moderately brisk pace
Carpool \$11-\$15. Limit 16 for Bisti, Limit 10 for camping. Dogs OK.
RSVP Chris Blackshear,
chris.blackshear@gmail.com

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Apr 29
10:00 am
This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion using CR203 stopping at PJs (Trimble crossing) and back on CR250 usually. 16 miles moderate pace
Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com

[RC](#) Pavilion
10:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Tuesday Easy Outings](#)

Tue, Apr 30
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. Moderate +/- 3 miles at lower altitudes near Durango Easy Pace

[RC](#) 9:30 am
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.

Wed, May 1
8:30 am

[WW hike](#)

[Lower Hermosa Trail](#)

[RC](#) 8:30 am

From the trailhead, the well-defined trail remains at approximately the same elevation with some ups and Moderate 5 mi. 500 ft gain Easy pace

downs and crosses several side streams that are typically dry or flowing slightly. This is an in-and-out trail.

Well-mannered dogs ok, include in RSVP. Carpool \$2. Limit 15.

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

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, May 2
10:00 am

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

28 miles
Moderate pace

[RC](#) Pavilion
10:00 am

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

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Hike Cave Basin](#)

Mon, May 6
7:30 am

From the Middle Mountain Road trailhead, we hike through numerous meadows and ponds, aiming for a 13,000 ft ridge with views of the Needles to the west, other peaks to the north, and Dollar and Emerald Lakes below.

Hard,
12 miles,
2,250 ft,
Moderate pace

[RC](#) 7:30 am

Carpool \$6. Limit 10. 2 well-behaved dogs on approval.

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

[Nature Hike LaPlata Creek Trails](#)

Mon, May 6
8:45 am

Wander La Plata creek trails to observe wildflowers, birds, and geology.

Moderate
4 miles

[SRP](#) 8:45 am
LaPlata prkg
area 9:00 am

Carpool \$2. Limit 15. One leashed well-behaved dog (include in RSVP)

Minimal Gain
Easy Pace

RSVP Margaret Mayer 505 728 2057
mmayer4823@gmail.com

Mon, May 6
10:00 am

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion using CR203 stopping at PJs (Trimble crossing) and back on CR250 usually.

16 miles
moderate pace

[RC](#) Pavilion
10:00 am

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

[Click here for additional details](#)

Tuesday Easy Outings

Tue, May 7
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.

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

RC 9:30 am

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.

WW hike

Twin Buttes Trail and Cliff Rock Loop

Wed, May 8
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 6.5 miles 900 ft. gain Moderately easy pace

Twin Buttes **TH** behind
Speedway on
160 West 8:30 am

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

About Wednesday Wanderers

Thursday Road Bike Ride

Thu, May 9
10:00 am

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

28 miles
Moderate pace

RC Pavilion
10:00 am

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

[Click here for additional details](#)

Hike Prater Ridge

Fri, May 10
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

Moderate
7.3 miles
890 ft
Moderate Pace

SRP 8:00 am

interesting area that was hit by a wildfire about 20 years ago. On a clear day, the views stretch up to 100 miles.

Carpool \$7. No dogs due to National Park rules.

RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net

[Leaders Dinner](#)

Fri, May 10
5:00 pm

Trip leaders and aspiring leaders are invited to the Rec Center for a pizza dinner. This is SO! saying thank you to all those who make this club great by leading outings. The meeting will include food, awards, and a presentation on first aid. RSVP required to Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com

Fun and educational

RC 5:00 pm

[Hike Cascade Creek](#)

Sat, May 11
8:00 am

Hiking in the deep wooded canyon with potential creek crossings, so bring creek crossing footwear. Spring runoff could affect our route. Three- and one-half miles up and the same back.

Moderate
7 miles
700 ft gain
Moderate Pace

RC 8:00 am

Carpool \$4. Limit 12. No Dogs. RSVP Steve Krest stevekrest@gmail.com (970) 903-4332

Mon, May 13
8:30 am

[Nature Hike Haviland Trails](#)

Wander Haviland Trails to observe wildflowers, birds, and geology.

Moderate
4 miles
Minimal Gain
Easy Pace

RC 8:30 am

TC 8:45 am

Haviland Pkg by
campgrd 9:00
am

Carpool \$4. Limit 15. One leashed well-behaved dog (include in RSVP)
RSVP Margaret Mayer 505 728 2057
mmayer4823@gmail.com

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, May 13
9:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion using CR203 stopping at PJs (Trimble crossing) and back on CR250 usually.

16 miles
moderate pace

RC Pavilion
10:00 am

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

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Tuesday Easy Outings](#)

Tue, May 14
9:30 am

Friendly dogs and hikers welcome. Destination will be announced at the parking lot. Whenever possible,

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

[RC](#) 9:30 am 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.

[La Plata Airport Gravel Ramble \(counter clockwise\)](#)

Tue, May 14
10:00 am

Carpool Lot at
NE corner of
Hwy 160 and
CR 225A 10:00
am

Welcome to the lovely gravel roads that circumnavigate the La Plata County Airport. This 26-mile counterclockwise loop is about 80% on quiet gravel roads and explores the beautiful rolling terrain southeast of Durango. All ability levels encouraged the only requirements are that you have a bike that you are comfortable with on relatively smooth dirt roads and that you want to have FUN. Gravel, mountain and e-mountain bikes are all good! No RSVP just show and go. Send questions to Tom Fiorillo 720-235-2245 tomfiorillo1@gmail.com

Moderate
26 miles
1,250 ft.
Moderate pace with
sweep

[SO! General Meeting](#)

Agenda:

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

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

Presentation title: The Big Threat to Bighorns on Public Lands in SW Colorado

Speaker: Dan Parkinson

Presentation summary: Dan will share information about the disease threat that domestic sheep pose for bighorns on public land, the current status of bighorns in SW CO, and how interested members of Seniors Outdoors! can help by recording

Fun and Educational

Tue, May 14
5:50 pm

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

observations of bighorns they see while in the backcountry. Dan will be joined by Jewell Coleman, Environmental Education Program Manager for MSI, to discuss the program and how to make verifiable observations.

Speaker bio: Dan Parkinson is a retired small animal veterinarian who has lived in Durango since 1982.

Dan earned his BS in Wildlife Biology, MS in Physiology working with neonatal mortality of mule deer fawns in captivity and his DVM from Colorado State University. Dan is a life member of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA), Trout

Unlimited and the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society. He is also a member of Great Old Broads for Wilderness.

Dan became involved in efforts to better protect and promote bighorn sheep in Colorado by commenting on the Weminuche Wilderness Grazing Analysis in 2016. In 2017, serving as a volunteer representative for BHA in sheep working groups, and at the request of Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Forest Service, Dan founded a citizen science effort to record observations of bighorn sheep in and near domestic sheep allotments in the Weminuche. In 2018 Mountain Studies Institute (MSI) coordinated volunteers from BHA, RMBS and Great Old Broads for Wilderness to form the Colorado Bighorn Monitoring Program which is now a state-wide program.

[WW hike](#)

[Colorado Trail to Gudys Rest](#)

Wed, May 15 8:30 am	<p>From the upper trailhead, the hike begins with a gradual but steady uphill and follows along the creek from above through the canyon. The trail then descends slightly arriving at a bridge after 1.5 miles. Once at the bridge, there are a series of switchbacks for 1.5 miles to Gudys Rest. Return is along the same route.</p>	Moderate 6 mi. 700 ft gain Moderately easy pace
<u>RC</u> 8:30 am	<p>Carpool \$2. Two well behaved dogs, include in RSVP. Limit 12. RSVP Lynn Johnson lynnjsn@icloud.com</p>	

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Hike East Rock Creek Loop in CANM](#)

Thu, May 16 7:30 am	<p>This is a popular 5.1-mile loop hike in Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. One hour and 15-minute drive to trailhead.</p>	Moderate 5.1 miles 760 ft gain Moderate Pace
<u>RC</u> 7:30 am	<p>Carpool \$9. Limit 12. No dogs. RSVP Lyle Hancock lylehancock54@gmail.com. 970-764-4531</p>	

Thu, May 16 9:00 am	<h4><u>Thursday Road Bike Ride</u></h4>	
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<u>RC</u> Pavilion 10:00 am	<p>This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread. Contact Ride Leaders: John Martin, Pat Lyon,</p>	28 miles Moderate pace
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Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at
ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Hike to Tacoma Power plant](#)

Fri, May 17
9:00 am

Starting at the Haviland Lake parking area, we go east and cross Elbert Creek. We then go down an 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 ft
Moderate Pace

[RC](#) 9:00 am
[TH](#) 9:20 am

Carpool \$4. Dogs OK.

RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net

[Nature Hike Upper Cascade](#)

Mon, May 20
8:30 am

Upper Cascade: walk gentle path through meadows and aspens on upper terrace paralleling Cascade Road to intersect the end of the Road and walk a short way to the creek and open meadow with views. Return same way. Will drive a short distance to the trail head. We will observe wildflowers, birds, and geology.

Moderate
4 miles
Minimal Gain
Easy Pace

[RC](#) 8:30 am
[TC](#) 8:45 am
Purg 9:00 am

Carpool \$6. Limit 15. One leashed well-behaved dog (include in RSVP)

RSVP Margaret Mayer 505 728 2057
mmayer4823@gmail.com

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, May 20
9:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion using CR203 stopping at PJs (Trimble crossing) and back on CR250 usually.

16 miles
moderate pace

[RC](#) Pavilion
9:00 am

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

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Tuesday Easy Outings](#)

Tue, May 21
12:00 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](#) 9:30 am

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.

Tue, May 21
8:30 am

[Hike Red Creek/First Fork Loop](#)

RC 8:30 am
Fire Station at
CR234 &
Florida Rd 8:40
am

We will hike up Red Creek trail. Follow Missionary Ridge trail west to the intersection with First Fork which returns to the TH. Nice views from Missionary Ridge.
Carpool \$2. Limit 12. Two well behaved dogs
RSVP Judy Mack tupelo16@gmail.com

Hard
10 miles
2,000 ft gain
Moderate to Moderately brisk pace

[Marvel-Ous Gravel Loop \(clockwise\)](#)

Tue, May 21
10:00 am

CR 136 just
south of CR 141
Intersection
10:00 am

We will explore the fine gravel roads southwest of Durango near the town of Marvel. This clockwise loop is 23.5 miles and 90% on quiet gravel roads. Parking/ride start will be just off of CR 141 on CR 136 and could be tight so carpooling is encouraged. Gravel, mountain and e-mountain bikes are all good!
No RSVP just show and go. Send questions to Tom Fiorillo 720-235-2245 tomfiorillo1@gmail.com

Moderate
23.5 miles
1,200 ft.
Moderate pace with sweep

**[WW hike
Carbon Junction](#)**

Wed, May 22
8:30 am

SRP 8:30 am

The trail starts with a series of switchbacks to the top of the mesa then to a junction with the South Rim trail. We will continue on our trail until the intersection with Crites Connect and Sidewinder, where we will return by the same trail.
Carpool \$2. Two well behaved dogs, include in RSVP. Limit 15.
RSVP Lisa Riddle (802) 922-1860
lsriddlevt@yahoo.com

Moderate
6 miles
1,000 ft. gain
Moderately easy pace

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Hike Haflin Creek](#)

Thu, May 23
8:30 am

RC 8:30 am
TH 8:45 am

This is a hard out and back hike up the Haflin creek trail.
Carpool \$2. Limit 10. Two dogs OK.
RSVP Troy Albright 580-747-6294
talbright318@gmail.com

Hard
7.6 miles
2888 ft.
Moderate pace

[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, May 23
9:00 am

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

28 miles
Moderate pace

[RC Pavilion](#)
10:00 am

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

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Hike Purgatory Trail to the Animas](#)

Fri, May 24
9:00 am

Hike downhill to Purgatory flats, then up and down through Cascade Creek Canyon before arriving at the Animas River for lunch.

Moderate to Hard
9.6 miles
1500 ft

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

Carpool \$4. Limit 15. Well behaved dogs ok.
RSVP Sandy Hoagland 970-759-7578
swhoagy@live.com

[Hike Sauls Creek Loop](#)

Sat, May 25
8:30 am

This is a lovely, mostly wooded loop hike starting at Sauls Creek east of Bayfield. It includes a couple of steep but short climbs. An optional lunch is planned after the hike at Baked.

Moderate 5.4 miles
629 ft.
Moderate pace

[SRP](#) 8:30 am
[TH](#) 9:00 am

Carpool 4. Limit 12. Two dogs OK with approval but need to stay in car or on patio if going for lunch.
RSVP Nancy Mead, 259-5978,
nancy.a.mead@gmail.com.

[Nature Hike Castle Rock from the top](#)

Mon, May 27
8:30 am

Drive 8 miles on a dirt road up behind Purgatory to Elbert Creek Rd, follow to TH (May be additional carpool fees depending on road conditions). Wander through Spruce forests to fantastic views while observing wildflowers, birds & geology. Bring lunch.

Moderate
4 miles
Minimal Gain
Easy Pace

[RC](#) 8:30 am
[TC](#) 8:45 am
Purg 9:00 am

Carpool \$6. 4WD. Limit 15. One leashed well-behaved dog (include in RSVP)
RSVP Margaret Mayer 505 728 2057
mmayer4823@gmail.com

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, May 27
9:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion using CR203 stopping at PJs (Trimble crossing) and back on CR250 usually.

16 miles
moderate pace

RC Pavilion 9:00 am	Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com	Moderate +/- 3 miles at lower altitudes near Durango Easy Pace
	Click here for additional details Tuesday Easy Outings	
Tue, May 28 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. 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.	
RC 9:30 am		
	WW hike Skyline Trail and Smokejumper Trail	
Wed, May 29 8:30 am	We will hike up Skyline Trail on well graded switchbacks to the top of Raider Ridge. We will then follow the ridge north on Smokejumper Trail to a great viewpoint then back down the same way. Carpool \$1. No dogs. Limit 15. RSVP Cindy Werland cewerland@gmail.com	Moderate 5 miles 900 ft. gain Moderately easy pace
RC 8:30 am		
	About Wednesday Wanderers Mtn bike Spur Line trail	
Wed, May 29 9:00 am	We are targeting beginner or relatively new mountain bike riders for this ride. This is an easy Mountain bike ride on green trails. We'll do 2 connected separate loops; Switcher loop and Rail Spike loop. Limit 12 RSVP Jackie Zirkelbach 303-748-4569 jazirkelbach@gmail.com Co-leader Don Zirkelbach 303-551-2637 Donzirk@gmail.com	Moderate 5.5 miles 345 ft climb Moderate Pace
Spur Line TH 9:00 am		
Thu, May 30 9:00 am	Thursday Road Bike Ride	
RC Pavilion 10:00 am	This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread. Contact Ride Leaders: John Martin, Pat Lyon,	28 miles Moderate pace

Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at
ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org

[Click here for additional details](#)

Hike Boyce Lake loop

Fri, May 31
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
4.4 miles
500 ft
Moderate Pace
Carpool \$4. Dogs OK.
RSVP: Clark Lagow clagow@rmi.net

[RC](#) 9:00 am
[TH](#) 9:30 am

Climb Madden and Parrot Peaks

Sun, Jun 2
7:30 am

From Madden Peak Road, we will follow the trail up to Madden Peak. We will then scramble over talus to Parrott via the saddle. The return route is similar. Hard
6 miles
2800 ft gain
Moderate Pace
Carpool \$6. 4WD. Limit 12. Dogs OK with approval of the leader.
RSVP Kevin Conroy 57ales@gmail.com

[SRP](#) 7:30 am

Monday Road Bike Ride

Mon, Jun 3
9:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion using CR203 stopping at PJs (Trimble crossing) and back on CR250 usually. 16 miles
moderate pace
Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com

[RC](#) Pavilion
9:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

Nature Hike Upper Elbert Creek

Tue, Jun 4
8:30 am

Lovely hike along the creek, gradually going up meadows to mountain views of the La Platas and back toward the Twilights. We will observe wildflowers, birds & geology. Bring lunch and bug repellent. Moderate
5 miles
Minimal Gain
Easy Pace

[RC](#) 8:30 am
[TC](#) 8:45 am
Purg 9:00 am

Carpool \$6. Limit 15. One leashed well-behaved dog (include in RSVP)
RSVP Margaret Mayer 505 728 2057
mmayer4823@gmail.com

Tue, Jun 4
9:30 am

Tuesday Easy Outings

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

[RC](#) 9:30 am

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.

[La Plata Airport Gravel Ramble \(clockwise\)](#)

Tue, Jun 4
10:00 am

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Moderate
26 miles
1,250 ft.
Moderate pace with sweep

Carpool lot at NE corner of Hwy 160 and CR 225A 10:00 am

Gravel, mountain and e-mountain bikes are all good! No RSVP- just show and go. Send questions to Tom Fiorillo 720-235-2245 tomfiorillo1@gmail.com

[Overnight Camping Mtn bike ride at Boggy Draw](#)

Wed, Jun 5 -
Thu, Jun 6

Treat it as a day trip or camp and ride 2 days. A 1-hour drive from Durango to dispersed camping (no facilities) in Dolores CO at Boggy Draw. Dispersed camping areas large enough to get one site for whole group. We will divide into groups, based on ability, and decide what trails to attack. They have everything from beginner to advanced.

Moderate mileage and elevation will vary

[TH](#) 10:00 am

Limit 12

RSVP Jackie Zirkelbach 303-748-4569

Jazirkelbach@gmail.com Co-leader Don Zirkelbach 303-551-2637 Donzirk@gmail.com

[WW hike](#)

[Easy way to Castle Rock](#)

Wed, Jun 5
8:30 am

We will drive behind Purg to access the trailhead to the Castle Rock Overlook, hiking over easy rolling terrain to see the beautiful views.

Moderate
4 miles 500 ft. gain
Moderately easy pace

[RC](#) 8:30 am

Carpool \$5. Dogs ok, include in RSVP. Limit: 18. RSVP Janice Prendergast (480) 390-6659 janice@prekin.com Co-leader Jim Prendergast

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Jun 6
9:00 am

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

28 miles
Moderate pace

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

[RC Pavilion](#)
10:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Hike Sawmill Canyon to Animas River](#)

Fri, Jun 7
8:30 am

We will hike Forebay Lake Trail to Sawmill Canyon Trail. Descend Sawmill Canyon to the Animas River, then hike to the power plant. Possible side trip up Canyon Creek. (Additional .8 miles.) We will return the same way.

Moderate
5.4 miles
1100 ft.
Moderate pace

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

Carpool \$4. Limit 10. Two dogs OK.
RSVP Troy Albright 580-747-6294
talbright318@gmail.com

[Climb Diorite Peak](#)

Mon, Jun 10
7:30 am

From La Plata Canyon Rd we will hike into Tomahawk Basin on a 4wd road. The last part of the climb is off trail with scrambling. Return by the same route.

Hard
7 miles
2830 ft gain
Moderate Pace

[SRP](#) 7:30 am

Carpool \$6. 4WD. Limit 12. Dogs OK with approval of the leader.
RSVP Kevin Conroy 57ales@gmail.com

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Jun 10
9:00 am

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16 miles
moderate pace

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

[RC Pavilion](#)
9:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Tuesday Easy Outings](#)

Tue, Jun 11
9:30 am

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

[RC](#) 9:30 am

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[Marvel-Ous Gravel Loop \(counter clockwise\)](#)

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10:00 am

CR 136 just
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Intersection
10:00 am

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No RSVP- just show and go. Send questions to Tom Fiorillo 720-235-2245 tomfiorillo1@gmail.com

Moderate
23.5 miles
1,200 ft.
Moderate pace with sweep

[Climb Parrott Peak \(11,857 ft.\), Madden Peak \(11,972 ft.\), and Star \(11,761 ft.\)](#)

Wed, Jun 12
7:00 am

[SRP](#) 7:00 am

We will hike to Parrott Peak via the Snowslide Gulch trail, climbing 3100 feet in 2.4 miles. Then after a rocky descent to the saddle, we will hike up to Madden Peak and then another drop and climb to Star. We will return the same way.
Carpool \$4. Two well behaved dogs OK.
RSVP Pam Smith 970-946-8754
pkmaureen@hotmail.com

Most Challenging
7 miles
4500 ft.
Moderately Brisk Pace

**[WW hike
East Creek Trail](#)**

Wed, Jun 12
8:00 am

[RC](#) 8:00 am
East Creek **[TH](#)**
9:00 am

The East Creek Trail is a lightly used trail that starts on the east side of Vallecito Reservoir. We will follow the trail until we reach a large meadow area where we will stop for lunch or snack. On our return, we will pick up an unmarked trail which will loop back into the East Creek Trail making a lollipop loop.
Carpool \$5. Two leashed dogs ok, include in RSVP. Limit: 20.
RSVP Pam Cissik pamcissik@gmail.com. Co-leader Larry Mill

Moderate
6 miles
900 feet
Moderately easy pace

[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

Thu, Jun 13
9:00 am

[Hike Box Canyon \(from Coyote Park\)](#)

Hard
9.4 miles

[SRP](#) 9:00 am This 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 Plata Mountains on the way. 1300 ft
Moderate pace
Carpool \$5. Dogs ok. 4WD/HC preferable. Limit 15.
RSVP Sandy Hoagland 970-759-7578
swhoagy@live.com

[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Jun 13 This is a 28-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion to Bakers Bridge and back, stopping at Bread. 28 miles
9:00 am Moderate pace
Contact Ride Leaders: John Martin, Pat Lyon, Daniel Saum, and Rodger Steeper at
ThursdayBikers@seniorsoutdoors.org

[RC](#) Pavilion
10:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

Fri, Jun 14 **[Climb Spud Mountain](#)**
8:30 am Off trail hike with low exposure and some class 3 scramble on summit ridge. Moderate
Expect loose rock and talus walking on this hike. 4 miles
Four to five hours hiking. 1700 ft
Carpool \$9. Limit 10, No dogs. Moderate pace
RSVP Tim Tischler, 512 971-4229, tb Tischler46@gmail.com

[RC](#) 8:30am
Needles Store
9:00 am
Hwy 550 mile
55 at 9:15.

[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Jun 17 This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion using CR203 stopping at PJs (Trimble crossing) and back on CR250 usually. 16 miles
9:00 am moderate pace
Contact Ride Leader: John Martin at mudpatch22@gmail.com

[RC](#) Pavilion
9:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

Tue, Jun 18 **[Climb Peak V7 \(13,042 ft.\)](#)**
7:00 am Hard
12.5 miles

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

This hike will start on the CT at Little Molas Lake. After hiking about 4 miles southbound on the CT, we veer off to the right. After hiking up through a notch, we continue hiking up a grassy slope to the summit.

2700 ft.
Moderately Brisk Pace

Carpool \$6. Two well behaved dogs OK.
RSVP Pam Smith 970-946-8754
pkmaureen@hotmail.com

[Hike Jackson Ridge to Rush Basin](#)

Thu, Jun 20
8:00 am

This is a hike from Echo Basin (10,600ft.) along the west side 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 the Jackson and a final ridge walk home.

Moderate
5.7 miles
1800 ft.
Moderate Pace

[RC](#) 8:00 am

Carpool \$6 Limit 12. Two well-behaved dogs on approval. High Clearance vehicles required for 3 miles of rocky road.
RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 or
ssalivedgo@gmail.com

[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Jun 20
9:00 am

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

28 miles
Moderate pace

[RC](#) Pavilion
10:00 am

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

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[Monday Road Bike Ride](#)

Mon, Jun 24
9:00 am

This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion using CR203 stopping at PJs (Trimble crossing) and back on CR250 usually.

16 miles
moderate pace

[RC](#) Pavilion
9:00 am

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

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Nature Hike Molas Lake Trails and waterfall](#)

Tue, Jun 25
8:30 am

Starting at the CT TH from Molas Lake CT parking lot, hike 1 mile down (short rocky ledge) to a lovely waterfall. Return up CT trail to trail north in back of Molas Lake and do a loop return. We will be observing wildflowers, birds & geology along the way. Bring lunch.

Moderate
4 miles
Minimal Gain
Easy Pace

[RC](#) 8:30 am
[TC](#) 8:45 am
Purg 9:00 am

Carpool \$6. Limit 15. One leashed well-behaved dog (include in RSVP)
RSVP Margaret Mayer 505 728 2057
mmayer4823@gmail.com

[Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

Thu, Jun 27
9:00 am

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

28 miles
Moderate pace

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

[RC](#) Pavilion
10:00 am

[Click here for additional details](#)

Outings will meet and depart from the following locations:

- **ACP:** Animas City Park for outings to the north or out Florida Rd. The park (a narrow grassy area) is located on E. 2nd Ave. immediately north of 32nd (just north and east of North City Market). Note that it is on the WEST side of the river, so coming from Main Ave., you do NOT cross the bridge! Meeting area is on 2nd Ave just after turning north off 32nd St.
- **PURG:** Purgatory Resort – at entrance, unless otherwise specified
- **RC:** Durango Community Recreation Center for overnight trips and some other outings. The Rec. Center is located at 2700 Main Ave. Please park in the lot closest to Main.
- **SRP:** Santa Rita Park (Durango Visitor Center) for outings to the south or either way on Hwy. 160. The park is located at the intersection of Hwy 160-550 & Santa Rita Drive, 1 mile South of the Doubletree Hotel. We gather behind the Santa Rita Park Sign.
- **TAM:** Tamarron – parking lot at Tamarron Resort
- **TC:** Trimble Crossing – west side of parking lot at Trimble Crossing in front of the hardware store
- **TH:** At the trailhead or other location for some outings