

Full Season Schedule - Winter 2023

Date & Location	Outing description	<u>Difficulty info</u>
Fri, Dec 1 9:00 am <u>RC</u> 9:00 Purg 9:30	<p data-bbox="453 359 602 422"><u>Weekly Snowshoes</u></p> <p data-bbox="453 470 1118 1226"> 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. 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> <p data-bbox="453 1241 948 1272"><u>Pass creek Trail to Coal Creek Trail</u></p>	Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft
Mon, Dec 4 8:00 am <u>RC</u> 8:00am Purg 8:30 am	<p data-bbox="453 1316 1105 1713"> From the top of Coal Bank Pass we head up to the base of Engineer Mt., then cross over the top of Coal Creek and descend on the Coal Creek Trail to waiting shuttle vehicles. Depending on conditions, this hike may require micro-spikes or snowshoes. Limit 10. 2 well-behaved dogs on approval. Carpool \$7. RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com This outing is limited to members and approved guests who are fully vaccinated and boosted. </p>	Moderate to Hard, depending on snow. 6.25 miles 1300 ft. Moderate pace.
Wed, Dec 6 9:30 am	<p data-bbox="453 1745 721 1808"><u>WW hike Animas River Trail</u></p>	Easy 5-7 miles Flat Easy Pace

[SRP](#) 9:30 am

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[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

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

Mon, Dec 11
10:00 am

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

[RC](#) 10:00 am

Wed, Dec 13
9:00 am

Come over to the home of Chris Blackshear to practice with your avalanche beacon. It will be just a little hide and seek with single and multiple beacons. Bring your manual if you do not know how to use the thing./RSVP: Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com

Easy

[TH](#) 9:00 am

[SO! Holiday Gathering \(Jingle Mingle\)](#)

New Event

Wed, Dec 13
5:00 pm

Annual Holiday Gathering from 5 – 7:30pm. The club will provide non alcoholic beverages and two drink tickets. No RSVP required. Please bring your favorite

Easy, Fun and Festive

[RC](#)

Holiday Appetizer or Dessert (singles a dish for 6 and couples a dish for 12) to share, assigned by first letter of last name as follows –
A – H and S – Z Appetizers
I – R Dessert

There will also be a CONTEST with 3 PRIZES awarded for the most festive wearable item. How will YOU decorate our hall?!

[Nordic ski meet up](#)

Thu, Dec 14
9:30 am

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.

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[Weekly Snowshoes](#)

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9:00 am

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Mon, Dec 18
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Moderate/+/- 3 miles at lower altitudes near Durango/Easy Pace

[RC](#) 10:00 am

Wed, Dec 20
9:30 am

[WW hike/Animas River Trail](#)

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Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Easy Pace

[SRP](#) 9:30 am
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[About Wednesday Wanderers](#)

[Nordic ski meet up](#)

Thu, Dec 21
9:30 am

Durango Nordic Center 9:30 am

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Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft

Fri, Dec 22
9:00 am

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

Wed, Dec 27
9:30 am

[WW hike/Animas River Trail](#)

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Easy Pace

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[Nordic ski meet up](#)

Thu, Dec 28
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

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Durango Nordic Center 9:30 am

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[Weekly Snowshoes](#)

Fri, Dec 29 9:00 am

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

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

Mon, Jan 1 10:00 am

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Wed, Jan 3
9:30 am

[WW hike/Animas River Trail](#)

[SRP](#) 9:30 am
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[Nordic ski meet up](#)

Thu, Jan 4
9:30 am

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[Weekly Snowshoes](#)

Fri, Jan 5
9:00 am

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

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[Snowshoe Castle Rock](#)

Cancelled due to lack of snow!

Mon, Jan 8
9:30 am

Cancelled due to lack of snow.

Moderate/5 miles/1600
ft/Moderate pace

Elbert Creek **[TH](#)**
9:30 am

From Elbert Creek TH snowshoe or hike depending on conditions to Castle Rock for lunch with a view. Return by same route or some modifications for fun. /Carpool \$4. Limit 12/RSVP. Tim Tischler, 512 971-4229, tbtischler46@gmail.com

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Mon, Jan 8
10:00 am

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[RC](#) 10:00 am

[SO! General Meeting](#)

Tue, Jan 9
5:50 pm

Agenda:/5:50-6:20 PM: Social half hour with refreshments./6:20-7:40 PM: Meeting and presentation./Presentation title: Whiskey is for Drinking, Water is for Fighting – Water Resource Management in SW Colorado and Beyond/Speaker: Teal Lehto//Presentation summary: In the arid expanse of the American Southwest, the lifeline that sustains communities, agriculture, and ecosystems alike is the Colorado River. This presentation delves into the intricate web of water

Fun and Educational

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

resources in Southwest Colorado, offering a panoramic view of the challenges and solutions that define this regions hydrological landscape.//Speaker bio: Teal Lehto is a water rights activist located in Durango, Colorado. Teal currently runs a TikTok account dedicated to water conservation issues in the Colorado River Basin with over 60,000 followers and was featured in NPRs Morning Edition and BBCs Panorama for her advocacy work on the platform. She is widely known as the western water girl. Teal became a certified raft guide before attending college and founded the first Junior Womens raft racing team in the US. Her team won the 2017 US Rafting Championships and represented the country at the World Rafting Championships in 2017 and 2018. Teal attended Fort Lewis College where she founded a club dedicated to water resource issues in the southwest, and then graduated in 2020 with a degree in Environmental Studies and Political Science. These experiences created a deep love of rivers and whitewater for Teal, and respect for the connections they can bring across cultural barriers, which has guided her every move since.

Wed, Jan 10
9:30 am

[WW hike/Animas River Trail](#)

[SRP](#) 9:30 am
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Easy Pace

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[Nordic ski meet up](#)

Thu, Jan 11
9:30 am

Durango Nordic Center 9:30 am

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[XC Ski-Skate Ski clinics](#)

Thu, Jan 11
10:30 am

Durango Nordic
Center 10:30 am

The Durango Nordic Center located across from Purgatory Resort is offering classic cross-country and skate ski clinics to members of SO! There will be two classic classes: one for beginners and the other for intermediate skiers who wish to improve their cross-country skills. The skate ski clinic will be for those who have some experience with classic XC. NOTE: Beginners should sign up for the classic clinic. Equipment rentals are available onsite. The classes are \$15. If you need to rent equipment, it is an extra \$10 for classic and \$15 for skate equipment. Please come 20 minutes early if renting. There are picnic tables along the trails for people who want to bring a sack lunch and enjoy the beautiful trails after the clinic. The Durango Nordic Center is located across the highway and about 1/3 mi. north from Purgatory Resort. Limit: 30. Please respond ASAP so that the Nordic Center can arrange for enough instructors./RSVP: Nancy Mead at 259-5978, nancy.a.mead@gmail.com

Fun and easy

Thu, Jan 11
5:00 pm

5:00 pm at the
home of Kevin
Conroy

[SO! Board Meeting](#)

The quarterly SO! Board meeting will be held at 5 pm and include a potluck dinner./RSVP Kevin Conroy, 57ales@gmail.com

[Weekly Snowshoes](#)

Fri, Jan 12
9:00 am

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

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[Snowshoe to Baldy Mountain \(9800 ft\)](#)

Mon, Jan 15
9:00 am

[RC](#) 9:00 am/Florida/CR 234 Fire Station 9:15

Loop route leaving from trailhead above Durango Hills subdivision and gradual climb on road to top of Baldy Mountain and the radio towers. Wonderful 360-degree views of San Juans, La Platas and Wolf Creek. We will return on the Missionary Ridge trail, past Haflin Creek trail until we meet a social trail that follows a ridge and back to TH. Expect about five hours on trail./Carpool fee \$3. Limit 15. Two well-mannered dogs on approval. 4WD preferable./RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478/ssalivedgo@gmail.com

Moderate/Hard depending on conditions/6 miles/1300 ft./Moderate Pace

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Mon, Jan 15
10:00 am

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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Tue, Jan 16
9:00 am

[Snowshoe the Ridge above Cascade Creek](#)

Date Change

[RC](#) 9:00 am/[TC](#) 9:15 am

This is a moderate snowshoe. We will start at the Purgatory Flats trail then gain the ridge to the south above Cascade Creek. Great views of the Twilights

Moderate/4 miles /1000 ft/moderate pace

and Cascade Creek. /Carpool \$4. Limit 12 and two dogs. RSVP Troy Albright 580-747-6294 talbright318@gmail.com

WW hike/Animas River Trail

Wed, Jan 17
9:30 am

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About Wednesday Wanderers

XC Ski La Plata Canyon

Thu, Jan 18
9:00 am

Canceled

Moderate/6-7 miles/Mostly level/Moderate pace with breaks

[SRP](#) 09:00 am

We will ski up La Plata Canyon at least as far as La Plata City, mostly off the road and mostly level./Carpool \$3. No dogs./RSVP Travis Ward tlward@gmail.com

Nordic ski meet up

Thu, Jan 18
9:30 am

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Durango Nordic Center 9:30 am

Weekly Snowshoes

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9:00 am

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[RC](#) 10:00 am

Wed, Jan 24
9:30 am

[WW hike/Animas River Trail](#)

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Thu, Jan 25
9:30 am

[Nordic ski meet up](#)

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Durango Nordic Center 9:30 am

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[Weekly Snowshoes](#)

Fri, Jan 26
9:00 am

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

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Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft

[Snowshoe to the Molas Creek Basin](#)

Sat, Jan 27
8:00 am

[RC](#) 9:00 am

We will start from the turn off to Little Molas Lake and pick up the snowcat tracks most of the way to the ridge line. Then cut across the flank of West Turkshead to the basin and return to the cars. Avalanche beacons, probe, and shovel will be required./Carpool \$6. Dogs OK./RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com

Hard/5 miles/1000 ft/Moderately brisk pace

Mon, Jan 29
9:00 am

[Snowshoe Spud Lake](#)

RC 9:00 am/Elbert
Creek TH 9:30 am
to organize cars for
limited parking at
Hwy 550

Off trail snowshoe to the west end of Spud Lake.
The route can have short steep sections in deep
loose snow with very little avalanche concern. No
trail and blowdown may be present./Carpool \$5.
Limit of 10, dogs ok./RSVP Tim Tischler, 512 971-
4229, tbtischler46@gmail.com

Moderate/4.5
miles/Less than 1000
ft ascent and descent

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

Mon, Jan 29
10:00 am

RC 10:00 am

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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 you wish to meet at the trailhead.

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

[Snowshoe to McMillan Peak](#)

Tue, Jan 30
8:00 am

RC 8:00 am

Snowshoe from Red Mountain Pass to McMillan
summit. This is one of the most scenic hikes in the
area. Avalanche beacons and shovels
required./Carpool \$9. Dogs OK./RSVP Chris
Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com.

Hard/6 miles/2000
ft/Moderately brisk
pace

Wed, Jan 31
9:30 am

[WW hike/Animas River Trail](#)

SRP 9:30 am
Meet Eric by the
Rose Garden, in
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immediately to the
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ehpahlke@gmail.com

Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Easy Pace

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Nordic ski meet up

Thu, Feb 1
9:30 am

Durango Nordic
Center 9:30 am

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Weekly Snowshoes

Fri, Feb 2
9:00 am

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

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Moderate to Hard 3+
miles 500-2000 ft

Mon, Feb 5
8:30 am

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

Snowshoe Andrews Lake Powerlines

From the bench above Andrews Lake we will descend along the ridges to the south, moving through the trees and emerging along the Power Lines as they approach Lime Creek. After crossing the creek, we will return on the old Lime Creek road to our shuttle cars on 550. This is a

Moderate/Hard
depending on
conditions./4
miles,/400 ft elevation
gain and 1400 ft.
descent./Moderate
Pace

backcountry winter outing. While avalanche conditions on this route are minimal, it is still recommended that hikers carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe)./Carpool \$6. Limit 12. Two well-mannered dogs on approval./RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com

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Mon, Feb 5
10:00 am

[RC](#) 10:00 am

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Moderate/+/- 3 miles
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Durango/Easy Pace

Wed, Feb 7
9:30 am

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Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Easy Pace

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[Nordic ski meet up](#)

Thu, Feb 8
9:30 am

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Center 9:30 am

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Weekly Snowshoes

Fri, Feb 9
9:00 am

RC 9:00 am/Purg
9:30 am

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Moderate to Hard 3+ miles 500-2000 ft

Monday Easy Outings (Snowshoeing)

Mon, Feb 12
10:00 am

RC 10:00 am

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

Tue, Feb 13
5:50 pm

SO! General Meeting

Agenda:

Fun and Educational

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

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

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

Presentation title: The Bisti Wilderness, the Bisti Beast, and the BLM's National Conservation Lands

Speaker: Andrew Gulliford

Presentation summary: Andrew Gulliford expands on his research to look at other examples of the Bureau of Land Management's National Conservation Lands. He will speak briefly about the NCL system. His talk for Seniors Outdoors focuses on the Bisti and De-Na-Zin Wilderness areas in New Mexico and the Bisti Beast, a unique tyrannosaurus or "thunder lizard" discovered south of Farmington. Because this rare fossil was found in federally protected wilderness, getting it out to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History was a special challenge. Gulliford will talk and show images about the Bisti. The perfect time to visit is early to late spring—but always do it on a bright, sunny day.

Speaker bio: Andrew Gulliford is a professor of history and Environmental Studies at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. He teaches popular courses on wilderness, national parks, Western history, and environmental history. He is the author of many books including *America's Country Schools*, *Sacred Objects and Sacred Places: Preserving Tribal Traditions*, and *Boomtown Blues: Colorado Oil Shale*, which won the Colorado Book Award. His book *The Woolly West: Colorado's Hidden History of Sheepscapes*, published in 2018, was chosen the Outstanding Nonfiction winner for the 2019 Western Heritage Awards sponsored by the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. *The Woolly West* also won the Colorado Book Award for History in 2019.

Gulliford's latest book *Bears Ears: Landscape of Refuge and Resistance* (University of Utah Press) recently won the Utah Historical Society's History Award for the best book published in 2022.

Wed, Feb 14
9:30 am

[WW hike/Animas River Trail](#)

[SRP](#) 9:30 am
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Easy Pace

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[Nordic ski meet up](#)

Thu, Feb 15
9:30 am

Durango Nordic
Center 9:30 am

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[Memorial Thursday Road Bike Ride](#)

New Event

Thu, Feb 15
1:00 pm

[RC](#) 1:00 pm

To honor Rick Boebel, who passed away skiing at Purgatory on 2/13, we will do a bike ride to PJ's for coffee. This is a 16-mile bike ride from the Rec Center Pavilion, stopping at PJs and back. Contact Ride Leader: Donna Henthorn at Donnahenthorn@gmail.com

16 miles, moderate
pace

[Click here for additional details](#)

[Weekly Snowshoes](#)

Fri, Feb 16
9:00 am

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

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Monday Easy Outings (Snowshoeing)

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10:00 am</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>Moderate/+/- 3 miles at lower altitudes near Durango/Easy Pace</p> |
| <p>RC 10:00 am</p> | | |
| <p>Tue, Feb 20
9:00 am</p> | <p><u>X-C Ski Chicken Creek</u></p> | |
| | <p>Date change from Jan 22</p> | <p>Moderate/Approx 5 miles/750 ft/Moderate pace</p> |
| <p>Twin Buttes TH
(behind Speedway on 160 W) 9:00 am</p> | <p>X-C ski on easy to moderate groomed, wooded trails at Chicken Creek Nordic Center, with a break for lunch. /Carpool \$6. Limit 12. No Dogs./RSVP Sandy Hoagland 970-759-7578 swhoagy@live.com</p> | |
| <p>Wed, Feb 21
9:30 am</p> | <p><u>WW hike/Animas River Trail</u></p> | |
| | <p>Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita Park to Home Depot and back. Participants may turn back earlier or go further, if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views</p> | <p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles Easy Pace</p> |

[SRP](#) 9:30 am 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 immediately to the left after entering the park.

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[Nordic ski meet up](#)

Thu, Feb 22 9:30 am
Durango Nordic Center 9:30 am

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[Moonlight Snowshoe in Falls Creek – Hidden Valley](#)

Rescheduled from Jan 23 to Feb 22

Thu, Feb 22 7:00 pm
The home of Steve Schnarch 7:00 pm

Weather and open skies permitting, we will boot hike or snowshoe through the Hidden Valley and its beautiful sandstone cliffs. The Valley is especially scenic under snow in the moonlight. We will have lots of ridge time, as we look down on the Animas Valley and across to Missionary Ridge. On a clear night you can see Mountain View Crest and the West Needles. Bring an extra warm layer of clothes, and a thermos of something hot to drink, so we can stay out for a while on the ridge top. Extra credit if you bring cookies to share. Meet at the home of Steve Schnarch, 83 Falls Creek Circle. We will car shuttle about a half mile to the trail. /Limit 15. Two well-mannered dogs on approval./RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com

Moderate/3 miles round trip out and back, 3 short, steep hills,/250 ft./Moderate Pace

Fri, Feb 23 9:00 am

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[Snowshoe Snowden Meadows to Crater Lake Trail](#)

Mon, Feb 26
8:30 am

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

This is a loop route extending the usual snowshoe from Andrews Lake to the back of Snowden Meadows. From there we will go due west up one small creek bed and down another, descending to the Crater Lake Trail and returning on that to our cars. Great views of Snowden, Engineer Mtn and all the peaks above Molas. Expect about five hours on the trail. This is a backcountry winter outing. While avalanche conditions on this route are minimal, it is still recommended that hikers carry appropriate gear (avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe). /Carpool fee \$6. Limit 15. Two well-mannered dogs on approval./RSVP Steve Schnarch 970 749-4478 ssalivedgo@gmail.com

Moderate/Hard depending on conditions/4.5 miles/600 ft. elevation gain./Moderate Pace

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Wed, Feb 28
9:30 am

[WW hike/Animas River Trail](#)

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