

Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place	<h1>Outing Description</h1> Fall, 2005	Rating, Total Length & Elevation Gain
Tues, Aug 9 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Meeting Rec. Center	<i>Mystery Guest.</i> Something relevant to all of our lives. A surprise!!	
Wed, Aug. 10 8am Rec. Center	<i>Wednesday Wanderers hike the Colorado Trail.</i> We will hike the Colorado Trail from the 2 nd trail head to the bridge or optionally beyond. Dogs OK RSVP: Caroline/Graham Murray 375-0454	Easy 4 miles,300? Mod. 6 mi., 600?
Thurs, Aug 11 7am Animas City Park 7:30am DMR	<i>Hike Columbine Lake from Porphyry Basin.</i> A new approach to a favorite destination. This beautiful, view-filled hike is across open tundra but without a real trail. Depending on the route we follow, there may be some rock hopping & scrambling as well as crossing rock fields. Entire hike is above 12,000?and carries the usual high altitude hazards of thin air, sudden weather changes & sunburn. Option on return: follow Howard to explore for rocks and crystals. 4WD necessary. Carpool cost: \$7 Dogs OK. RSVP: John Martin, 247-2581 Howard Drake - Co-leader	Hard Hike for Mod. Hikers 6-8 miles Up to 1000?
Thurs. Aug 11 7am Santa Rita Park	<i>Bird finding hike with Beatty.</i> Drive to La Plata Canyon and bird near the campgrounds looking for nesting birds in the spruce/fir forests. Continue up the canyon stopping at various elevations to bird different habitats. If time and weather permits, drive to Kennebec Pass and look for pipits, roy-finches, ptarmigan, and migrating hummingbirds including Calliope. We'll hike to Taylor Lake for lunch, if weather permits. 4WD nec. for all continuing to Kennebec Pass. Conventional vehicles can go to within 2 mi. of top and return from there. Bring binoculars, field guides, lunch and rain gear. Limit: 8 (must be member of SO) Carpool Cost: \$6 to Kennebec Pass No dogs or cats. RSVP: Jim Beatty 385-0184	Moderate because of hiking on uneven terrain and high elevation
Sat. Aug 13 7:30am Animas City Park 8am DMR	<i>Jeep to Bear Town & hike to Continental Divide trail.</i> Drive to Silverton. Jeep over Stony Pass to Bear Town. Hike to continental divide trail. Views in all directions. Jeep ride is 15 miles each way 4WD nec. Limit: as many as jeeps can carry. Carpool cost: \$10 No dogs RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-0009 Howard Drake - Leader	Hard for Mod Hikers 4 miles 1000?
Sun, Aug 14 7am Animas City Park 7:30am DMR	<i>Hike Spencer Basin.</i> Hike is east of Silverton off Cunningham Gulch. Basin: 5 miles RT, 1,700?. Pass above Arrasta Gulch: 7 miles RT, 2100?. Hard option (exploratory) disused mining trail on steep SE face of Kendall Mountain. to Round Mountain about 10 miles RT, 3000?. 4WD Convenient. Limit: 15 Carpool Cost: \$6. Dogs OK RSVP: Dan Honig 375-9105	Hard for Mod hikers or Hard 5-10 mi 1700?-3000?
Mon, Aug 15 7am Animas City Park 7:30am DMR	<i>Hike Crater Lake Trail.</i> This is our ?adopted trail?: a favorite for unbeatable views and wildflowers. Walk as slow or as fast and as little or as far as you choose. Early turn-back optioned hike. Carpool cost: \$4 Dogs OK RSVP: Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948	Easy to Hard Your choice
Tues, Aug 16 7am Animas City Park	<i>Hike Little Blanco ? Quartz Lake.</i> Drive to Pagosa Springs; then on a dirt road 13+ miles. From a beginning elevation of 9,950? we hike through forest and then on loose dry gravel. Our goal is Quartz Lake. Beautiful views. 4WD convenient. Carpool Cost: \$9 Dogs OK RSVP: Norm Broad preferably email - nbroad@bresnan.net 259-0569	Hard 8+ miles 2000? some exposure
Wed, Aug 17 8am 1052 E 5 th Ave	<i>Wednesday Wanderers Hike.</i> Start from Carolyn?s backyard. Hike, snack, enjoy the view from the Lion?s Den. Dogs OK	Easy 3-4 miles 200?

	RSVP: Carolyn Smith 259-9711	
Wed, Aug 17 7:30AM Santa Rita Park	Hike to Four-Mile Falls (north of Pagosa Springs). A highlight of this hike is viewing a spectacular 300' waterfall. A hard option is hiking an additional 8 miles past another waterfall to Four-Mile Lake; then looping back down on Anderson Trail. A final option would be to enjoy Pagosa Hot Springs and a Mexican dinner at Ramon's. Carpool Cost: \$7.50 No dogs. RSVP: Dell Manners 382-9967 Co-Leader ?Open?	Easy + 6 miles 750' Hard Opt. 14 miles
Thurs, Aug 18 8am Animas City Park 8:30 DMR	Hike McMillan Peak (12,804?) This loop hike begins above Red Mtn. Pass, continues into lovely U.S. Basin, climbs to the ridge and culminates atop McMillan Peak. Descent will be by a different, more direct route. 4WD nec. Carpool Cost: \$6 Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581	Moderate + 5.3 miles 1100'
Fri, Aug. 19 7am Animas City Park 7:30 DMR	Hike Island and Ice Lakes. This will be a loop hike to both Island & Ice Lakes. The uphill is relentless, but the lakes are worth it. Carpool Cost: \$5. Dogs OK RSVP: Norm Stern: 385-8554	Hard 6 ½ miles 2850'
Sat, Aug 20 7:30am Animas City Park 8am DMR	Jeep to Mineral Point and Hike to Mine Ruins. Drive to Silverton. Jeep to Mineral Point above Animas Forks. Then Hike to Old Lout Mine and San Juan Chief Mill. Dessert at Howard's afterward. 4WD nec. Limit: as many as jeeps can carry Carpool Cost: \$10. No dogs RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-0009 Howard Drake Leader	Hard for Mod Hikers 4 miles 1000'
Mon, Aug 22 8am Santa Rita Park 8:30am Mancos 112 Sunset, Harrys	Hike Tomahawk Mine ? Basin. Hike Tomahawk Trail to the mine and up to Tomahawk Basin if time permits and rain. Super views of La Plata Mts. from eastern side. 4WD convenient. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: \$4 Dogs OK RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757	Moderate 4-6 miles 1500-2500'
Tues. Aug 23 7am Animas City Park 7:30am DMR	Hike Bear Creek. Hike Bear Creek, just south of Ouray, is a very well known and scenic trail. The trail starts at Hwy 550 at the tunnel. Carpool Cost: \$8 Dogs OK but RSVP for them. RSVP: Norm Broad E Mail preferably nbroad@bresnan.net 259-0569	Moderate 6 miles 1800'
Wed, Aug 24 8am Rec Center	Wednesday Wanderers hike Dry Creek to Dry Fork. Hike Dry Creek to Dry Fork and return behind Rockridge. Grasses turn color along the trail. Dogs OK. RSVP: John Martin 247-2581	Easy 3 miles 400'
Thurs, Aug 25 7am Animas City Park	Hike Boulder Gulch from Storm Peak Basin (N. of Silverton). Above timberline starting at lake in Storm Peak Basin. Hike to upper Middle fork Cement Creek, over Lindsay Pass (above South Fork of the Animas River) to 13,060'. ?Peak? at top of Boulder Gulch. Hard Option: Tower Mtn. Moderate Option: Upper Middle Fork Cement Creek 1200' 4WD convenient Limit: 15 Carpool Cost: \$5 Dogs OK RSVP: Dan Honig 375-9105	Hard for Mod Hikers 4 mi. 1700' Hard 6 mi. 2200'
Fri, Aug 26 10am Animas City Park	 tubing Down the River. Rent a tube (\$5 - \$10 at SW Whitewater ? 259-8313) and carpool to the ?put-in? on E. 3 rd Ave North of 32 nd St. Bring sunscreen, hat & sunglasses firmly attached. Postponed or cancelled if rain, flood, or no sun. No dogs. RSVP: Dell Manners 382-9967	Really easy 1-2 hours
Fri, Aug 26 7:30am Animas City Park	Hike Twin Sisters. Repeat of last year's hike which was cancelled due to weather. Depart South Mineral Creek on Porcupine Creek Trail and ascend to base of peaks. Ascend North peak first and then on to South peak. Return route to be determined. 4WD conv. Carpool Cost: \$7 Dogs OK RSVP: Bob Thompson 382-9271	Most Challenging ~8 miles 3500'
Sun, Aug 28 7:30 Animas City Park 8am DMR	Hike to Silver Lake with Ice Crystal Cave Option. Drive to Mayflower Mine east of Silverton. Hike uphill to Silver Lake and mine ruins. Another climb over a ridge to Crystal Cave (1/4 mile & 500' elevation). Flashlights needed for ice cave option. 4WD nec. Limit: 15 for ice cave option Carpool Cost: \$5 No dogs RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-0009 Howard Drake ? Leader	Mod. To Hard for Mod. Hikers 3 miles 1000?-1500? for option

Mon, Aug 29 8am Animas City Park	Hike Red Creek Trail. This trail follows Red Creek up to Missionary Ridge, but we probably won't get that far because we'll be taking our time and will turn back when we feel like it. Creek crossing several times. Frequent stops/go slow 4WD conv Carpool Cost: \$1 Dogs OK RSVP: Beverly Dittmer 375-9568	Easy + at a slow pace! 3-5 miles 300-700?
Mon, Aug 29 - 31 8am Santa Rita Park	Backpacking trip into the Weminuche Wilderness. This backpacking trip into the Weminuche will be a three day trek. If Jim has llamas, or maybe horses, it will be an easier hike. Call Jim for more info and to sign up early. 4WD convenient Carpool Cost: TBD No dogs RSVP: Jim Shadid 884-4612	To Be Determined
Wed, Aug 31 8am Animas City Park	Wednesday Wanderers hike Jones Creek. Hike to Jones Creek. A shady trail for warm summer mornings. Dogs OK RSVP: Chris Wiehage 259-0882	Easy 4 miles 400?
Thur, Sept 1 6am Animas City Park DMR 6:30am	Hike Grizzly Meadows. Hike to the base of Grizzly Peak to enjoy meadows, lakes, and great views. A few stretches of trail are on shale. Early turn-back optioned hike. There's a challenging option to climb to the top of Grizzly Peak: a steep climb up every kind of rock surface (shale, small rocks, large rocks, loose rocks, talus!) to fantastic and rewarding views. 4WD nec. (8 miles on Cascade Divide Rd) Carpool cost: \$8 Dogs OK to the meadow but not to the Peak. RSVP: John Montle 259-9469	Moderate 5 miles 700? Opt. Most Challenging 7 miles 2750?
Sat, Sept 3 7am Animas City Park 7:15am Missionary Ridge Rd & CR 250	Hike Mountain View Crest. Beautiful hike through woods, meadows, rock formations and finally up to a high elevation ridge (13,000?) with views guaranteed to knock your socks off. 4WD nec. Limit: 15 Carpool Cost: \$7 Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581	Hard for Mod hikers 6 miles 2000?
Tue, Sept 6 6:30am Animas City Park 7am DMR	Hike the Colorado Trail Bolam to Cascade. Hike the spectacular Colo Trail from Bolam Pass east to Cascade Creek waterfall and return same way. New hike for S.O. Early turn-back optioned hike. 4WD nec Carpool Cost: \$5 Dogs OK RSVP: John Montle 259-9469	Hard for Mod. Hikers 12 miles 1200? Opt: Mod
Wed, Sept 7 8:30am Animas City Park	Wednesday Wanderers hike the Escalante Trail. Dogs OK RSVP: Trish Pegram 382-8248	Easy 3-4 miles 200?
Wed, Sept 7 7am Santa Rita Park	Bird finding hike with Beatty. Drive to Ouray and look for black swifts at Box Canyon (admission charged). Bird the amphitheater campground and CR 17 in and around Ouray. Visit Ridgeway SP if time permits. Bring binoculars, field guides, lunch and rain gear. Limit 8 Carpool Cost: \$8 Dogs and cats are <i>verboten</i> !! RSVP: Jim Beatty 385-0184	Easy + Because of hiking on uneven terrain
Wed, Sept 7 7am Animas City Park 7:30 DMR	Hike Bridge of Heaven. A hard, but rewarding hike north of Ouray. Much of the trail is above timberline. Distant, spectacular views. 4WD nec. Limit: 15 Carpool Cost: \$8 Dogs OK but need to RSVP for them RSVP: Norm Broad Preferably Email nbroad@bresnan.net 259-0569	Hard 8.5 miles 3100?
Thurs, Sept 8 8:30am Animas City Park 9am @ Lemon Res Dam	Hike across Endlich Mesa above Lemon Reservoir. Starting high, it's an up-and-down trail with spectacular scenery and lakes including City Reservoir. It's about 12 miles and up to 1000? if you go to the reservoir. Early turn-back optioned hike. 4WD nec. Carpool Cost: \$3 Dogs OK under control RSVP: Jim Shadid 884-4612 Need co-leader in Durango	Hard for Mod Hikers Opt. Mod 2-12 miles up to 1000?

<p>Thurs, Sept 8 7am Animas City Park 9am Ridgeway Cimarron Coffee House across from City Bank</p>	<p>Hike Lower Blue Lake. N.W. of Mt Sneffels. Access from East Dallas Creek Road, the trailhead is about a 40 minute drive from Ridgeway.</p> <p>Hike through the Mt. Sneffels wilderness to the lower lake.</p> <p>4WD conv. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: \$12 No dogs</p> <p>RSVP: Carl Gutknecht (970)249-8262 Need co-leader from Durango</p>	<p>Hard for Mod Hikers ~7 miles ~1600?</p>
<p>Fri, Sept 9 ? Sun, Sept 11 8:30am Rico Hotel Parking Lot</p>	<p>Three Days in Telluride Area. Stay at the Rico Hotel (800-365-1971; 970-967-3000) Day hikers OK. Friday?s Hike: Oscar?s Pass to LaJunta Basin Overlook from Chapman Gulch. Chapman Gulch is east of Ophir, take Blixt Road to Oscar?s Pass (5 miles RT, 2800?) LaJunta Basin overlook is 3 miles RT, 1000? (up & down) from pass. Shorter alternative is pass overlooking Bear Creek (~3/4 mi. RT, 500? from Oscar?s Pass). Exploratory hike for leader. 4WD Conv. Carpool Cost: \$10, Dogs OK RSVP Dan Honig 375-9105</p>	<p>Hard 6-8 miles 3300?-3800?</p>
<p>Sat, Sept 10 8:30am Rico Hotel Parking Lot</p>	<p>Second Day in Telluride - Hike Peter?s Pass or Ajax Mtn by Black Bear Pass Road. Pandora Mine to Bridal Veil Falls (2.2 miles; 1300??poss 4WD taxi to falls), then 2.5 miles to Ajax Mtn (another 2800?) or similar distance/elevation to Peter?s Pass (just north of Trico Peak). Dogs OK RSVP: Dan Honig 375-9105 by Sept 8 no cell phone service in Rico</p>	<p>Hard 6-10 miles 2800?-4000?</p>
<p>Sun, Sept 11 8:30 Rico Hotel Parking Lot</p>	<p>Third Day in Telluride ? Hike Wasatch Trail (Bear Creek) ? Gold Hill. Hike from St. Sophia Gondola Station to Gold Hill (3.4 miles, 1700?), take Wasatch connection to Wasatch trail & down Bear Creek to Gondola in Telluride (~5 miles, 3500? descent) Dogs OK RSVP: Dan Honig 375-9105 by Sept 8 no cell phone service in Rico</p>	<p>Hard 9 miles +1700? -3500?</p>
<p>Mon, Sept 12 9am Animas City Park</p>	<p>Educational hike with Lori Swisher, San Juan National Forest staff, in managed (selectively logged) and spruce/fir old growth forest. Limit: 15 Carpool Cost: TBD Dogs OK RSVP: Dave Rich 247-8044 Lori Swisher ? SJNF</p>	<p>Easy to Mod Miles TBD Gain TBD</p>
<p>Tue, Sept 13 7:30am Animas City Park 8am DMR</p>	<p>Hike Bear Mountain (12,987?). Start at Little Molas Lake and proceed west about 3 miles. We then turn north on Bear Creek trail, go by some lakes to bottom of Bear Mtn, proceed west again and ascend a steep meadow to a ridge, at which point we turn north to Bear Peak. This will involve some rock scrambling to reach the peak. Some steep climbs and bushwhacking involved. Limit: 10 Carpool Cost: \$4 No dogs RSVP: Jim O?Brien 375-1693 Bob Thompson ? Co-leader</p>	<p>Most Challenging 10-11 miles approx. 2500?</p>
<p>Tues, Sept 13 6:30 Social 7PM Pot luck Rec Center</p>	<p>SO Pot Luck. Celebrate the coming of Autumn with your favorite Fall Foods. Bring a dish for 8, serving utensils, and your own table service. A ? F G ? M N ? R S ? Z Main Dish Dessert Main Dish Salad</p>	
<p>Wed, Sept 14 6:45am Santa Rita Pk 7:30am Cortez Visitors Ctr</p>	<p>Bird Walk in McElmo Canyon. Looking for fall migratory birds from 8-11am. Bring Binoculars, water, bird books. Lunch at Judy Lane?s picnic table after the hike. Limit: 8 Carpool Cost: \$7 No Dogs RSVP: Liz Brown 564-9759 Judy Lane 564-9086</p>	<p>Easy Up to 3 miles No elev. gain</p>
<p>Wed, Sept 14 9am 8th St & 3rd Ave Jean Pierre Bakery</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers hike Telegraph Hill. Hike starts up Horse Gulch. Meadow loop to saddle (850?). Another 250? to Paulsky Pt. Treats at the top. Dogs OK. RSVP: Dale Suran 382 9600</p>	<p>Easy/Mod 4 ? 6 miles 850?+</p>

Thurs, Sept 15 6:30am Animas City Park 7am DMR	Hike Brown Mtn to Mt. Abrams. Beautiful <u>high altitude</u> ridge hike north of Silverton, parallels 550. Great views include all of San Juans 14ers! All the elevation gain is between 12,600? and 13,000?. New hike for S.O! 4WD nec. Carpool Cost: \$8 (about 30 min beyond Silverton via Gladstone) Dogs OK RSVP: John Montle 259-9469	Hard 7 miles 3000?
Sun, Sept 18 8am Animas City Park 8:30 DMR	Climb Sultan Peak 13,368? with option to Grand Turk 13,148?. A demanding but very rewarding hike beginning at Little Molas Lake, climbing north mostly above treeline (one fairly narrow ridge, and loose rock in places). Dynamite views. From Sultan look down on Silverton, 4000? below. Carpool Cost: \$4 Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581	Hard 8 miles 3000?
Mon, Sept 19 Santa Rita Park 8:30am Mancos 9am Echo Basin Rd @ CR 160	Hike Owen Basin. Cross East branch of West Mancos River and hike about 3-4 miles (7-8miles round trip) up Owen Basin. View the color in canyons up to Owen Basin, about 1200? elevation change. 4WD conv. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: \$4 Dogs OK RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757	Moderate 8 miles 1200?
Mon, Sept 19 7:45 Animas City Park 8:30am Andrews Lake Lower Park. Lot	Fun day of Trail Work with Friends from SO on our adopted Crater Lake Trail. Hike to the trail to begin work at 9:am. We will work until approx. 2pm with a lunch break. We need help maintaining this high use trail. We'll be cleaning water bars, constructing new water bars, trimming brush, removing rocks in trail and general trail maintenance. Moderate work. Tools provided. Need Gloves, sturdy boots/shoes, long pants, long sleeve shirt, eye protection (sun glasses ok) and hat. Shorts, flip flops or sandals are NOT OK. Need lunch, snacks, lots of H2O, sunscreen. Limit: 20 but need at least 10. Carpool Cost: \$4 No Dogs. RSVP: Ted Keller 382-0556 Kathe Hayes (SJMA) 385-1310	
Tues, Sept 20 8am Animas City Park 8:30 Falls Creek Ranch	Hike Falls Creek Canyon. Hike up Dykes Canyon then down Falls Creek canyon with lots of habitat variety and vistas. Carpool Cost: \$1 No Dogs RSVP: Ken Marshall 247-2716	Hard for Mod Hikers 7 miles 2200?
Wed, Sept 21 9am Animas City Park	Wednesday Wanderers hike Lower Hermosa Trail. The Oaks and Aspens will be colorful. Easy Trail. Carpool Cost: \$1 Dogs OK RSVP: Dale Suran 382-9600	Easy 4 miles 200?
Thur, Sept 22 9am Animas City Park 9:30 DMR	Hike Grey Rock Ridge. This lovely hike follows old logging roads north of DMR featuring views of the Needles, Engineer, Cascade Creek and Hermosa Creek drainages. 4WD conv. Carpool Cost: \$4 Dogs OK RSVP: John Montle 259-9469	Moderate 4.5 miles 1000?
Fri, Sept 23 8am Animas City Park 8:15am Animas Fire #5 (240/234)	Hike Missionary Ridge. Shuttle hike from FS 071 above Durango Hills along ridge and down first fork to CR 246. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: \$1 No dogs RSVP: Brooks Taylor 382-0165 (8am ? 8pm)	Moderate 8 miles 1300?
Sat, Sept 24 8am Animas City Park 8:30am DMR	Jeep Color Tour. A repeat of the popular tour through Silverton & Ouray, over Dallas Divide & Lost Dollar Rd., around Mt Sneffels (hopefully with no problems this year!) to Telluride and return via Bolam Pass. If the aspen turn golden on schedule, this will be spectacular! An all-day outing of approximately 189 miles so bring lunch, water, snacks. If you don't have off-road vehicle, call John to see if he can find you space in one. 4WD nec. Carpool Cost: \$20 Dogs OK RSVP: John Montle 259-9469	?Easy chair? with some fun bumps. 180 miles
Mon, Sept 26 7:30am Animas City Park 8am DMR	Hike Purgatory Trail to Needleton via Animas River. Hike through beautiful Cascade Canyon to the Animas & then head north. Should be lots of color. Remember the last mile is a 900? climb. Early turn-back optioned hike. Limit: 15 Carpool Cost: \$4 Dogs OK	Moderate to Hard 1 ? 20 miles 1100?

	RSVP: Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948	
Tues, Sept 27 8am Santa Rita Park	Hike and Cook-out at Transfer Park. This is an easy hike from Transfer Campground to Ward's Cabin (about 9000' elevation in the aspens). Travis & LaDonna will have a wiener roast for lunch, with hot dogs & fixin's, beans & lemonade. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: \$4 Dogs OK RSVP: Travis Ward 247-1310 LaDonna Ward 247-1310	Easy 4 miles 300?
Wed, Sept 28 8:30am Animas City Park 9am DMR	Cascade Creek Meditative Hike. New for S.O.! A meditative hike done in silence. For all of you who want to breathe in the silence and beauty of autumn, join Julia for this lovely hike up cascade creek. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: \$1 No dogs RSVP: Julia Dodd 382-0285	Moderate ~ 8 miles ~700?
Wed, Sept 28 9am Hermosa Conoco Gas Station	Wednesday Wanderers do Highway Cleanup. Help beautify our 2 adopted sections of Hwy. 550. Exciting finds ranging from cell phones to a jar of honey. Bring work gloves. SO provides orange vests & bags. Carpool Cost: \$1 No dogs RSVP: Marv Dworkin 259-9434	Very Easy 2 miles
Thurs, Sept 29 8am Animas City Park	Hike Coon Creek to Horse Thief Park. Park on Missionary Ridge Road (FS 682) 2 miles past the Wallace Lake turnoff. Hike old logging road to ridge top overlooking Lemon Res. Loop back by going north on FS 76 and then bushwhack back to cars. Carpool Cost: \$2 Dogs OK RSVP: Ted Keller 382-0556	Moderate 5 miles 1000?
Fri, Sept 30 8am Animas City Park	Hike Lower Engineer from Coal Bank Pass. Starting at 10?600?, the trail from Coal Bank Pass is a bit of a climb, but we'll take it very slowly and enjoy the fall air and colors. Turn-backs ok. Short stops often. Carpool Costs: \$4 Dogs OK RSVP: Beverly Dittmer 375-9568	Easy & at a slow pace! 3-5 miles 400?-900?
Sat, Oct 1 8:30am Animas City Park 9am DMR	Hike Ridge SE of Snowden. Start at Andrews Lake, hike toward Mt. Snowden & then climb through a saddle to ascend the ridge to the south. Fantastic views down into Animas River valley & fall colors. We bushwhack down to the Crater Lake Trail & return via the trail. Limit: 15 Carpool Cost: \$4 Dogs OK RSVP: Travis Ward 247-1310	Hard 11 miles 2700?
Sun, Oct 2 8am Animas City Park 8:30am DMR	Hike to Old 100 Boarding House. The trail to the boarding house starts from Stony Pass NE of Silverton, and though not long, it is steep and loose in places. The boarding house is perched on the side of Galena Mtn and was recently restored as an historic landmark. The last part of the hike (a scramble down to the boarding house) is a narrow trail with exposure (vertigo sufferers beware), but worth it for the adventurous. 4WD nec. Carpool Cost: \$7 No dogs RSVP: John Martin 247-2581	Moderate 4 miles 800? Hard Opt-scrambling, see description
Mon, Oct 3 8am Animas City Park 8:30am DMR	Hike St. Martin's Snowshoe Trail (Spud Lake). Try to trace this wintertime trail from Hwy 550 to Spud Lake! GPS helpful; minimal bushwhacking. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: \$3 No dogs RSVP: Brooks Taylor 382-0165 (8am ? 8pm)	Moderate + ~ 5 miles 600? (but down,up)
Wed, Oct 5 9am Animas City Park	Wednesday Wanderers hike Spud Lake. Enjoy this walk thru aspens & past beaver ponds. Bring lunch. Carpool Cost: \$3 Dogs OK RSVP: Margie Padgett 385-7575	Easy & Slow 2-3 miles 440?
Thur, Oct 6 9am Animas City Park	Hike Castle Rock. An annual favorite for fall colors and commanding views at the top where we'll have lunch. It's steep in places but <u>very</u> rewarding. Early turn-back optioned hike. But if you turn back early you'll miss the glorious view. Carpool Cost: \$2 Dogs OK RSVP: John Montle 259-9469	Moderate 4 miles 1500?

9:30am TH just S. of Needles Store on 550		
Fri, Oct 7 8am Santa Rita Park	<i>Bird Finding hike with Beatty.</i> Drive to Navajo Reservoir and Watchable Wildlife area on Piedra River. Look for waterfowl, gulls, and migrating landbirds. Continue onto Fossett Gulch Road birding frequently in the different life zones as this road winds through riparian, ponderosa and then spruce/fir forests. If time permits, stop at Lower Piedra Campground. Bring Binoculars, field guides, lunch and rain gear. Limit: 8 Must be member of SO. Carpool Cost: TBD Dogs and cats are <i>verboten</i> RSVP: Jim Beatty 385-0184	Easy + because of hiking uneven terrain
Sun, Oct 9 8:30am Animas City Park 8:45am Hermosa Conoco 9am Goulding Cr. Trailhead	<i>Hike Goulding Creek to Jones Creek (through hike)</i> We'll hike the switchbacks up Goulding Creek (this is most of the elevation gain!), then follow the ridge south on Pinkerton Flagstaff Trail with lovely views, and descend the Jones Creek Trail into Hermosa Creek drainage. Fall colors should still be abundant. Some cars will be left at trail's end. Carpool Cost: \$2 Dogs OK RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417	Hard 10 miles 2200?
Mon, Oct 10 9am Santa Rita Park	<i>Amble in the Cretaceous (Horse Gulch).</i> To walk, look and talk. Topics could include how and why the rocks formed, coal, methane, selenium and environmental hazards, local geology and what forces may have caused what we see. How far we walk may depend upon what we find to discuss. Limit: 15 No dogs RSVP: Doug Smith 259-0558 Harry Hance 533-9757	Easy Distance unknown Minimal gain
Tues, Oct 11 6:30pm Social 7pm Meeting Rec Center	<i>SO! Meeting ? The Colorado Trail: Brief history; then a slide show of the adventures of 2 Cortez grandmothers backpacking the 500 mile length in 7 weeks. Presented by Joyce Stevenson and Ernie Norris.</i>	
Wed, Oct 12 9am Santa Rita Park	<i>Wednesday Wanderers hike Sale Barn Trail.</i> Hike to So. Rim and Big Canyon with a small climb plus a pleasant walk thru a meadow. Dogs OK RSVP: Ray Walker 382-7662	Easy 4 miles Under 400?
Thur, Oct 13 9am Animas City Park	<i>Through Hike: Haflin Creek-First Fork Trail.</i> Take Haflin Creek Trail to its end then head N past Baldy Mountain to meet the 1 st Fork Trail, which descends to CR 244, where cars will be spotted. Views of the Animas Valley and Florida Rd area will be impressive. Some 4 WD or high clearance vehicles necessary to spot at end of hike. 4WD conv. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: \$1 Dogs OK but RSVP RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375-1693	Hard 10 miles 3080?
Fri, Oct 14 9am Animas City Park	<i>Hike Trails 2000 Edgemont to Durango Hills.</i> Hike 2.2 miles to the gravel road of Durango Hills. Adventure on a new Trails 2000 trail. Carpool Cost: \$1 Dogs OK but RSVP RSVP: Dell Manners 382-9967	Easy 2.4 miles 450?
ATTENTION	<i>Rifle Season October 15 ? 19 and October 22 ? 30. WEAR ORANGE WHEN HIKING PUBLIC LANDS.</i>	
Mon. ? Thurs Oct. 17-20 Mon, 10/17 Drive on your own (or arrange car pool) to Bryce Canyon Return 10/20	<i>Hike & Overnight in Bryce Canyon Nat'l Park, Utah</i> Three days of hiking among the ?Hoodoos? ?Bryce?s trademark rock formations. We can choose among hikes: Easy along the rim, or a short loop with views of Bristlecone Pines, or into the canyon; or harder, longer loops in the canyon among the Hoodoos. Stay at a motel near Park entrance or camp within or outside the park. Make your own arrangements early as motels fill quickly. Bring your Golden Age Pass. Carpool cost: \$30 (600 miles R.T.) No Dogs RSVP by October 10. RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375-1693 Co-Leader Betsy Petersen	Easy or Moderate or Hard for Moderate Hikers Up to 8 miles Minimal to 1000? each day
Wed, Oct 19 Albertsons Parking Lot, SW	<i>Wednesday Wanderers hike the Power Line Trail to Raider?s Ridge.</i> Dogs OK RSVP: Joan Huntley 385-7723	Easy 3-4 miles 300?-400?

Wed, Oct 19 8am Santa Rita Park 9am Cortez Visitors Ctr	Hike Graveyard Canyon ? a finger of McElmo Canyon. We will access Canyons of the Ancients Nat'l Monument via private lands to Graveyard Canyon. We'll visit a turn-of-the-century cemetery. Climb 300' on a slick rock trail & visit 4 Anasazi sites including 1 kiva. We continue the loop down a steep trail at the head of Graveyard Canyon. Limit: 10 Carpool Cost: \$7 No dogs RSVP: Judy Lane 564-2086 Need Durango Co-leader	Moderate 4+ miles 300'+
Fri, Oct 21 8am Animas City Park 8:30am DMR	Hike Cascade Village to the flume. Have you seen the wooden flume built in the early 1900's that still provides water to Electra Lake & Tacoma power plant. Cascade Creek is another lovely waterway to hike along. Water crossing @ mile 5. Bring water shoes & poles. Hike will involve car shuttle, also. Early turn-back optioned hike. Carpool Cost: \$4 Dogs OK RSVP: Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948	Easy-Mod 1-10 miles 500'?
Mon, Oct 24 ? Wed, Oct 26 TBD	Hike and Overnight in Grand Gulch, Utah. Hike down Todie Canyon to Grand Gulch then out to Kane Gulch Ranger Station. Beautiful canyons with several ruins and even a small arch. Steep scrambles down and occasional rock-hopping. Probably some shorter hike for afternoon of 1 st day. Probably camping 2 nights with a possible short hike on 3 rd day. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: \$16 No Dogs RSVP: Sue Agranoff 382-7080	Hard 9.3 miles loss 750? gain 650'?
Wed, Oct 26 9am Animas City Park	Wednesday Wanderers hike Animas Mountain. Enjoy hiking Animas Mtn before the snow. This will be the last hike before the winter Animas River path hikes. Dogs OK RSVP: Caroline and Graham Murray 375-0454	Easy/Mod 4-6 miles 500?-1500? your choice
Fri, Oct 28 9am Santa Rita Park 9:30am Mancos 112 Sunset, Harrys	Hike in Sand Canyon off-the-beaten-trail. Hike Sand Canyon Trail about 4 miles, cross the canyon and view ruins on east side of canyon. Then climb down to bottom of Sand Canyon and hike the bottom. Climb out of Canyon on BLM Land and back to Castle Rock Trail Head. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: \$7 Dogs OK RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757	Moderate 8-9 miles gain/loss 300?-400'
Wed, Nov 2 9am Animas City park or 9:30am Alberston's parking lot, SW corner	Wednesday Wanderers walk the Animas River Trail. On November 2 & thereafter the hikes are the same. Walk the Animas River Trail to the Mall and return. You choose! Long walk meets at Animas City Park at 9am with Susan Beck-Brown ? 375-0948 or Short walk meets at Albertson's Parking Lot at 9:30am with Joan Huntley ? 385-7723. Dogs OK RSVP: Susan Beck Brown 375-0948 or Joan Huntley 385-7723	Easy Either 10.5 miles or 5 miles round trip Flat
Thurs, Nov 3 8am North Animas City Park	Bird Finding Hike with Beatty. Drive to Vallecito Reservoir and look for migrating waterfowl, late migrant landbirds, and possible vagrant gulls. Continue to Pastorius Reservoir and Zink's Pond for late migrants and early winter arrivals. Bring binoculars, field guides, lunch and rain gear. Limit: 8 must be member of SO. Carpool Cost: \$2 Dogs and cats are <i>verboden</i> RSVP: Jim Beatty 385-0184	Easy + Because of hiking on uneven terrain
ATTENTION	Rifle Season: November 5 ? 11 and November 16 ?20 WEAR ORANGE WHEN HIKING PUBLIC LANDS!!	
Sat, Nov 5 ? Sun, Nov 6 8am Santa Rita Park 9am Cortez Visitors Center	Hike Butler Wash, Bluff, Utah. Go in and out of the fingers of Butler Wash & visit ruins. Overnight in Bluff, Utah for those who want (1.5 hours from Cortez) and hike Sunday. We'll access from Bluff End. There are petroglyph sites & ruins. Camping or stay in Bluff. You can hike 1 day or 2 days. Limit: 10 Carpool Cost: \$15 No dogs RSVP: Judy Lane 564-2086 Need Durango co-leader	Hard for Mod. Hikers ~8 miles each day 500?-1000'?
Tues, Nov 8 6:30pm social 7pm meeting Rec Center	SO! Meeting ? Winter sports conditioning and how to reduce injuries. Physicians and Physical Therapists (TBA) and Mercy Medical Center	

Wed, Nov 9	Wednesday Wanderers: See November 2 nd for details.	
Thurs, Nov 10 8:30am Santa Rita Park 9am Mancos 112 Sunset, Harrys	Hike Ruin Canyon. We will hike 5-6 miles and visit some ruins rarely seen with plenty of artifacts. There are up to 3 ruins we will visit. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: \$8 Dogs OK RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757 Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 5-6 miles 400?
Mon, Nov 14 9am Santa Rita Park	Hike Durango Ridge. Wind through Division of Wildlife land via a gravel road to Durango Ridge for views of the La Platas & the valley. Lunch option at Kennebec Caf��. Limit: 15 Carpool Cost: \$1 Dogs OK RSVP: Pat Hayes 259-1491	Moderate Miles TBD Gain TBD
Wed, Nov. 16	Wednesday Wanderers. See November 2 for details.	
Fri, Nov 18 9am Animas City Park	Hike Animas City Mtn. A great place to get wonderful views and a workout right close to town. (always a chance of snow) Option to have lunch afterwards at a restaurant (instead of sitting on cold rocks!). Limit: 12 Dogs OK on leash, but not to lunch RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375 1693	Moderate 6 miles 1500?
Wed, Nov 23	Wednesday Wanderers. See Nov. 2 for details.	
Fri, Nov. 25 9:30am Base of ?6 pack? lift	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. Join the group every Monday and Friday through the ski season. All abilities?find a compatible skier. The group usually meets at noon for lunch at Dante?s on the mountain (when open). Check newspaper or DMR to verify opening date. No RSVP needed ? just show up.	Elevation Gain You Choose!!
Mon, Nov 28	Downhill skiing at DMR. Refer to Fri. Nov 25 th EVERY Monday and Friday during ski season.	
Mon, Nov 28 2pm	Outing Committee Meeting. Snow shoe-ers & X-country skiers?we need fresh snow and fresh ideas for our winter outings. Easy, Moderate, or Hard--Lead what you want to do.	
Wed, Nov 30	Wednesday Wanderers. See Nov. 2 for details	
Thurs, Dec 1 9am Animas City Park	Introduction to Snowshoeing 101. Outing location to be determined by snow. Dell will have different brands of snowshoes to try at some snowy location. For first-timers or those with limited experience, it?s an easy way to practice without a set destination. 4WD conv. Poles optional; but bring water and a snack. Rent snowshoes from Pine Needle Mountaineering at a SO! Discount. Carpool cost: TBD. Dogs OK if controlled, but RSVP for them. RSVP: Dell Manners 382-9967	Easy 2-3 miles 50?
Sat, Dec 3 9am Animas City Park 9:30am DMR	Snowshoe Molas Lake Area. Early season snow shoe in the wide open Molas Lake area. Go as far and as long as the group wants on this ?Early-Bird Special.? 4WD conv. Limit:12 Dogs OK RSVP: Trish Pegram 382-8248	Easy ? Moderate Miles-whatever you want
Tues, Dec 6 8:30am Santa Rita Park 9am Mancos 112 Sunset-Harrys	XC-SKI Chicken Creek (if snow) or Hike Rock Canyon as an alternative. Ski a 3 mile loop or 8 miles. If no snow we will hike Rock Canyon 5 miles or 8 miles. Limit: 12 Carpool Cost: TBD No Dogs RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757	Easy ? Moderate 3 ? 8 miles 300?
Wed, Dec 7	Wednesday Wanderers. See Nov 2 for details.	
Sat. Dec 10 9am Animas City Park 9:30am DMR	Snowshoe Snowden Meadows. Join John?s annual snowshoe jaunt from Andrews Lake area up to the meadows at the foot of Snowden Peak, with a lovely short scenic canyon along the way. Beautiful, rewarding hike, and John always provides surprises and adventures! 4WD conv. Limit: 15 Carpool Cost: \$4 Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581	Moderate 5-7 miles 700?

Tues, Dec 13 6:30pm Social 7pm Meeting & Pot Luck Recreation Ctr	SO! Holiday Pot Luck. Festivities begin at 6:30 as we share the bounty of friendship, food and holiday cheer. Bring a dish for 8 and serving utensils plus your own place setting. A - F G - M N - R S ? Z Salad Main Dish Dessert Main Dish	
Wed, Dec 14	Wednesday Wanderers. See Nov. 2 for details.	
Thurs, Dec 15 6PM Animas City Park 6:30 DMR	Moonlight Snowshoe and XC Ski in the Molas Area. Watch the full moon rise over the Grenadiers while taking a lovely snowshoe or ski hike! Bring a snack and warm clothes. Cancelled if cloudy. 4WD conv. Carpool Cost: \$4 Dogs OK RSVP: Bill Millener 259-8384	Easy, slow pace Up to 3 mi. Minimal
Wed. Dec 21	Wednesday Wanderers. See Nov. 2 for details.	
Wed. Dec 28	Wednesday Wanderers. See Nov. 2 for details.	

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