



Rec Center	<b>Leader: Dell Manners 382-9967</b>	
Wed. Sept. 27 7AM Animas City Pk 7:30AM Purg. Trail TH	<i>Hike the Purgatory Trail to Needleton.</i> Early turn-backs OK. Remember the 900' climb the last mile. Carpool \$3. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP: Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948</b>	Moderate to Hard 1-20 miles 900'
Fri. Sept. 29 8AM Santa Rita Park 8:30AM Mancos 112 Sunset, Harry's	<i>Hike Transfer to West Mancos.</i> Hike down Transfer Trail to West Mancos River, along West Mancos and up to Rim Trail, then back to trail head. This is a lovely 5 mile loop with an option for additional 2 miles to Coyote Park. Wonderful views of the West Mancos Valley. Limit 12. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757</b>	Easy or Moderate 5 miles 600' 7 miles 1200'
Sat. Sept 30 8AM Animas city Park 8:30AM DMR	<i>Jeep Color Tour.</i> 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 & return via Bolam Pass. If the aspen turn golden on schedule, this will be spectacular! An all-day outing of approximately 180 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 necessary. Carpool cost: TBD. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP: John Montle 259-9469</b>	"Easy chair" with some fun bumps 180 miles
Mon. Oct. 2 8:30AM Animas City Park 9AM DMR	<i>Hike the ridge from Mt Snowden to Crater Lake.</i> We will start at Andrews Lake, hike toward Mt. Snowden, then head toward the ridge south of the mountain. Great views! Return by Crater Lake trail. Limit 15 Carpool \$6. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP: Travis Ward 247-1310</b>	Hard 11 Miles 2700'
Tues. Oct. 3 through Thur. Oct 5	<i>Canyonlands.</i> Hike the scenic Salt Creek Canyon in the Needles District of Canyonlands. Kirk's cabin is 7 miles. The "4-faces" pictograph is an 18 mile R.T. Go as far as you like, but remember the 1000' climb at the end. The Canyon has two creeks with mini-waterfalls & pools, a marsh area, arches, cliff dwellings, rock art, etc!! Car camp with Bill on BLM land at the Cathedral Butt T.H., get a motel in Monticello (1 hr away), or back pack (requires permit from Canyon lands). <b>RSVP: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com</b>	Moderate to hard 1-18 miles 1000'
Wed. Oct. 4 9AM 8th Ave. & 3rd St. By Jean-Pierre Bakery	<i>Wednesday Wanderers Hike Horse Gulch.</i> There are many options in this famous area. We'll go 3 miles unless some want to go farther. No need to RSVP, but you can call Bruce for info. Dogs OK <b>Leader: Bruce Harris 259-5881</b>	Easy 3+ miles Elevation minimal
Sat. Oct. 7 9AM Animas City Pk 9:30 AM at TH just S. of Needles Store on 550N	<i>Hike Castle Rock.</i> An annual favorite for fall colors and commanding views at the top (lunch stop). Steep in places but very rewarding. <u>Option on return:</u> loop around ridge past the memorial Carpool \$3. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP: John Montle mntnivr@frontier.net</b>	Moderate 4 miles 1500'
Mon. Oct. 9 9AM Animas City Park	<i>Hike Haflin Creek Trail.</i> We will ascend Haflin to the top (9700') where it intersects with the Missionary Ridge Trail. Then take the MR trail south to top of Durango Hills (FS71) where cars will be spotted. Downhill only about 1 1/2 miles. Limit 10. Carpool \$1. Dogs OK (Max 2). <b>RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375-1693</b>	Hard 5 miles 3080'
Tue. Oct. 10 6:30PM - Social 7PM - Meeting	<b>SO! General Meeting</b>  <i>Sporting goods Trade Show.</i> This is a "show and tell" program of what (and how) to choose items for all your outdoor activities. There'll be tables of sporting goods from Back Country Experience, Gardenswartz, and Pine Needle for you to checkout &	

Rec Center	compare. The SJMA Book Store will also have a table of items.	
Wed. Oct 11 9AM Animas City Park	<i>Wednesday Wanderers Hike Animas City Mt.</i> Dogs OK  <b>Leader: Dale Suran and D. Rodman 382-9600</b>	Easy to Moderate 3-6 miles 500' to 1500'
Thur. Oct. 12 8:30AM Santa Rita Park 8:45AM Hesperus	<i>Hike Owen Basin in the LaPlatas.</i> Bring camera in hopes that aspen grove is in full color & water shoes if fork of West Mancos River is running high. This is a gorgeous fall hike through aspen & to scree basin below 13'ers. Don't miss it - call early. 4WD convenient. Limit 12. Carpool \$6. NO Dogs. <b>RSVP: Jan Goldman 385-4724. Co-leader: Harry Hance</b>	Moderate 7 miles 1200'
Fri. Oct. 13 9AM Animas City Park 9:30AM DMR overflow	<i>Hike off the Purgatory/Elbert Creek Road.</i> This will be an easy+ hike. Warren will let you know exactly which trail/trails you'll be lucky enough to amble: Upper Elbert or Dutch Creek or Castle Rock. It's about a 9 mile gravel road drive above & south of Purgu. <u>WEAR ORANGE</u> . NO Dogs. <b>RSVP: Warren Levingston 769-1437</b>	Easy+ 3-5 miles 500' max
Tues. Oct. 17 9AM Animas City Park	<i>Hike Lower Hermosa Creek Trail.</i> Always a favorite, this is an out & back lovely hike that allows early turn-backs (with a friend & radio.) Go as far as you want and enjoy the late fall scenery. <u>WEAR ORANGE</u> . Carpool \$2. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP: Carol Milliet 259-0496</b>	Easy to Moderate 1-8 miles 0-500'
Wed. Oct. 18 9AM End of Leyden St. in Crestview	<i>Wednesday Wanderers Hike Durango Mt. Park.</i> There are great views on these trails that meander below Perins Peak. We may go on to the Tech Center. No RSVP required. Dogs OK. <b>Leaders: Carolyn &amp; Graham Murray 375-0454</b>	Easy to Moderate 3+ to TBD Elevation TBD
Sun. Oct. 22 to Wed. Oct 25	<i>Hike capitol Ref National Park, Utah &amp; camp at park or stay in motels near park.</i> Day 1: drive on your own to Capitol Ref National Park, about 6 hours. Short hikes. Day 2: 8 1/2 miles, 1200' elevation, 5-6 hr. hike from Grand Wash (mostly level along narrow wash with sheer canyon walls), climb to Cassidy Arch (slick rock area) continue on Frying Pan trail to Cohab Canyon and back to camp site. Day 3: 1 to 2 hr. hikes and return home or stay over for a morning hike on day 4. For easy strollers: Capital Reef offers miles of roads, paved and unpaved, through the Waterpocket Fold country, easy level walks to Fremont petroglyphs, Mormon pioneer sites, along the Fremont River and in Grand Wash and Capitol Gorge. Camping: Fruita campground, tables, restrooms & water. Fee charged. Motels: Between Park & Torrey. Get info when signing up. NO Dogs. Need person to organize strolls if these are desired. <b>RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 or betsyp@frontier.net RSVP by Oct 20</b>	Easy to Moderate+ Distance Elevation Your choice
Wed. Oct. 25 9AM  Santa Rita Park	<i>Wednesday Wanderers Hike Carbon Junction.</i> From the TH just south of town, we will go up a few hundred feet and then hike around. No RSVP required. Dogs OK.  <b>Leader: Ed Osterman 259-8741</b>	Easy to Moderate 3+/TBD Elevation TBD
Fri. Oct. 27 8:30AM Santa Rita 9AM Harry's house in Mancos	<i>Hike McClean/Cross canyon.</i> This is an exciting "new" hike near Hovenweep and Ruin Canyon. We'll explore the canyons and visit the round tower ruins. Carpool \$12. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757 Co-leader: Howard Drake</b>	Moderate 6-7 miles 300' to 400'
Tues.. Oct. 31 9AM Santa Rita Park	<i>Hike Smelter Mt.</i> From Bodo Park we'll climb to the Radio Towers on Smelter. It's short and a bit steep, but I'm taking an easy pace and will stop for views of Durango. <b>RSVP: Sharron Chambers 259-9271</b> Dogs OK	Moderate 4 miles 1200'

Wed. Nov. 1 9AM Albertson's Lot NW Corner	<i>Wednesday Wanderers do the Animas River Walk.</i> Every Wednesday beginning Nov 1 & continuing throughout the winter, join Joan to walk the River Trail from Albertson's to Durango Mall & back. Enjoy wildlife, river views & friendly companions. No RSVP. <b>Leader: Joan Huntley 385-7723</b> Dogs OK.	Easy Flat
Fri. Nov. 3 9AM Albertson's Lot	<i>Hike Perins Peak.</i> Accessing Perins via Twin Buttes, we'll climb to the 8,346' peak overlooking Durango and the Animas River Valley. Bring camera for shots of your friends on rock ledge with great expansive view beyond. Bring snack or lunch. <b>RSVP: Dell Manners 382-9967</b> Dogs OK.	Moderate 6 miles 1800'
Mon. Nov. 6 9AM Santa Rita Park	<i>Hike the Horse Gulch Area.</i> There will be some bushwhacking so it's rated a Hard hike for Moderate hikers. Dogs are OK. <u>WEAR ORANGE.</u> <b>rsvp: Dan Honig 375-9105</b>	Hard for Mod about 8 miles about 2000'
Tues. Nov. 7 9AM Santa Rita Pk 9:30AM Harry's house Mancos	<i>Hike Sand Canyon west of Cortez.</i> Harry knows this place like the back of his hand, so he's sure to lead a fascinating hike on the myriad of canyon trails with stops to view ruins. Carpool \$9. Limit 12. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757</b>	Moderate 7-9 miles 300' to 400'
Wed Nov. 8 9AM Albertson's Lot	<i>Wednesday Wanderers do the Animas River Walk.</i> See Wed. Nov. 1 for details. Dogs OK. <b>Leader: Joan Huntley 385-7723</b>	Easy Flat
Thur. Nov. 9 8AM Animas City Park	<i>Birding with Beatty.</i> We'll drive to Vallecito Reservoir & look for migrating waterfowl, late migrant land birds & possible vagrant gulls. Continue to Pastorius Reservoir & Zink's Pond for late migrants & early winter arrivals. Bring binoculars, field guides, lunch & rain gear. <u>WEAR ORANGE</u> just in case. Limit 8 must be SO! members. No Dogs. <b>RSVP: Jim Beatty 385-0184</b>	Easy+ Uneven terrain
Tue. Nov. 14 6:30PM - social 7PM- meeting Rec Center	<b>SO! General meeting</b>  Mike Reid, the District Wildlife Manager from Pagosa Springs will talk about the Colorado Lynx Reintroduction. This is a "Don't miss" program.	
Wed Nov. 15 9AM Albertson's Lot	<i>Wednesday Wanderers do the Animas River Walk.</i> See Wed. Nov. 1 for details. Dogs OK. <b>Leader: Joan Huntley 385-7723</b>	Easy Flat
Thur. Nov. 16 9:30AM TH off 32nd St.	<i>Hike Animas City Mt. Loop.</i> This late season loop will be the "Swan-song hike" before Turkey Day and winter outings begin. Join Missy (weather permitting) for this favorite. <b>RSVP: Missy Rodey 375-9442</b> Dogs OK.	Moderate
Wed Nov. 22 9AM Albertson's Lot	<i>Wednesday Wanderers do the Animas River Walk.</i> See Wed. Nov. 1 for details. Dogs OK. <b>Leader: Joan Huntley 385-7723</b>	Easy Flat
Fri. Nov. 24 9:30 AM Base of "6 Pack" Lift DMR	<i>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort.</i> Join the group every Monday and Friday through the ski season. All abilities welcome. Find a compatible skier. Check newspaper or DMR to verify opening date. No RSVP needed - just show up at base of "6 Pack."	
Fri. Nov. 24 9:30AM Animas City Park	<i>Walk off the Turkey Hike.</i> Bill will lead an easy to moderate hike on a "close-to-town" trail TBD by weather and trail conditions. It will be about 6 or 7 miles with early turn-backs (with a friend) allowed. If you're not on the slopes, this is a great way to work off those Thanksgiving calories. Dogs OK <b>RSVP: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com</b>	Easy to Moderate 6-7 miles
Mon. Nov. 27 9:30 AM	<i>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort.</i> Every Monday and Friday during ski season. Refer to Fri. Nov. 24.	

Base of "6 pack"		
Tues. Nov. 28 6:30PM	<i>Outings committee Meeting.</i> Winter outings will be scheduled & all members are encouraged to lead a snowshoe, or x-country ski trip whether it's an easy trek in your back yard, a difficult 10 miler, or anything in-between.	
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Tues. Dec. 5 9AM Animas City Park	<i>Easy, Early Season "Get Your Feet Wet" Snowshoe.</i> If you've never snow shoed before, or if you want to ease into the season, come along. We'll clomp through the snow up north someplace where the snow is fresh and soft and maybe stop for hot chocolate after. Carpool cost TBD, Dogs OK.  <b>RSVP: Sharron Chambers 259-9271</b>	Easy > 3 miles Minimal
Wed Dec. 6 9AM Albertson's Lot	<i>Wednesday Wanderers do the Animas River Walk.</i> See Wed. Nov. 1 for details. Dogs OK. <b>Leader: Joan Huntley 385-7723</b>	Easy Flat
Sat. Dec. 9 9AM Animas City Pk 9:30 AM DMR overflow	<i>Snowshoe Snowden Meadows.</i> From Andrews Lake up to the meadows at the foot of Snowden Peak, this is a beautiful place to welcome winter and the snow shoe season. 4WD necessary if 550 is snowy. Limit 15. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP: John Martin 247-2581</b>	Moderate+ 5-7 miles 700'
Tue. Dec. 12 6:30PM - social 7PM - Pot Luck Rec Center	<b>SO! General Meeting &amp; Holiday Pot Luck</b> Begin the holiday season with your SO! friends. Put bells on your toes & hike to the Rec Center with your favorite holiday dish. Make enough for 8 & also bring your own table service. <b>A-F - Salad G-M - Main Dish N-R - Dessert S-Z - Main Dish</b>	Easy to Hard depending on what you make.
Wed Dec. 13 9AM Albertson's Lot	<i>Wednesday Wanderers do the Animas River Walk.</i> See Wed. Nov. 1 for details. Dogs OK. <b>Leader: Joan Huntley 385-7723</b>	Easy Flat
Wed Dec 20 9AM Albertson's Lot	<i>Wednesday Wanderers do the Animas River Walk.</i> See Wed. Nov. 1 for details. Dogs OK. <b>Leader: Joan Huntley 385-7723</b>	Easy Flat
Wed Dec 27 9AM Albertson's Lot	<i>Wednesday Wanderers do the Animas River Walk.</i> See Wed. Nov. 1 for details. Dogs OK. <b>Leader: Joan Huntley 385-7723</b>	Easy Flat
	<b>LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER AND JANUARY Christmas Bird Counts</b> Members interested in participating in the Christmas bird counts in Durango and/or Silverton in late December or early January, contact <b>Jim Beatty 385-0184</b> for dates and details.	

**CHECK YOUR E-MAIL FOR E-OUTINGS**

"Last Minute Outings" may be added to complement our printed schedule via e-mail, so check them out. Leaders will follow the same guidelines and safety precautions (radios, first-aid kits, etc.) as regularly scheduled outings. If you know members who

do not have e-mail, please pass along the info about the outings to them. And if you'd like to lead an outing but didn't get it into the schedule in time for printing, contact the Outings chair, Sharron Chambers 259-9271, lightenerload@earthlink.net, or E-mail Coordinator, Wally Schmidt 385-1804 nojunkmail@durango.net with all the information, and then arrange (with the preceding and following trip leaders on the schedule) to pick up and drop off the trip bag. For those of you who have hectic schedules and cannot commit to lead a few months in advance, or for a fill-in outing when others must be cancelled, it's not too late to lead at the last minute.

The outings Committee members who put together this Outing Schedule are: Sharron Chambers, Betsy Petersen, Connie Webbe, Dan Honig, Graham Murray, Ed Osterman and Jan Collins. They appreciate your suggestions, ideas, willingness to help with and lead outings, enthusiasm while on outings, and natural leadership skills that show up when needed.