

Day Date Departure Time & Departure Place	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Outing Descriptions</h2> <p style="margin: 0;"> Click here to read Outing rules, logistics, meeting places, and hike difficulty ratings. Click here for a printer-friendly Outings Schedule. Please e-mail schedule changes to Lyle at lylehancock@bresnan.net Schedule changes and trip updates in this schedule are in red. </p> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Fall 2007</h3>	Rating Total Length & Elevation Gain
Mon. Sept 10 8:00 AM Animas City Park 8:30 AM DMR	Hike Niagara Peak (13,807) and Jones Mountain (13,860) Bag two thirteeners in one day! Spectacular views from both peaks. We will drive up Burns Gulch Road (4WD) and take a semi-defined trail to the top of each peak. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$9. Dogs OK Leader: Clark Lagow 259-9337 clagow@rmi.net Co-leader: Elena Berman	Hard 4 miles 2530'
Tues. Sept 11 6:30 PM Social 7 PM Pot Luck Rec Center	SO! General Meeting & Pot Luck Bring your own table service and a dish for 8 with a serving utensil. A-F Main Dish G-M Desserts N-R Main Dish S-Z Salads	
Wed. Sept 12 8:30 AM Rec Center	Wednesday Wanderers Hike Edgemont No RSVP Leader: Ed Osterman 259-8741	Moderate 4 miles
Thur. Sept 13 8:00 AM Santa Rita Park 8:30 AM Kennebec Caf	Hike Tomahawk Mine Basin in the La Plata's. We'll take the Tomahawk trail to the mine and then on up to the Basin if time/weather permits. Super views of La Plata's from the eastern side. 4WD convenient. Limit 12. Carpool \$2. Dogs OK Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757	Moderate 4-6 miles 1500' - 2500'
Sat. Sept 15 8AM Animas City Park 8:30 AM DMR	Climb Sulton 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 Sulton look down on Silverton, 4000' below. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK Orange optional. RSVP: John Martin 247-2581. 4WD convenient.	Hard 8 miles 3000'
Tues. Sept 18 9AM Animas City Park 9:30AM DMR	Hike off the Purgatory/Elbert Creek Road: This will be any easy+ hike. We'll drive above and then 7 miles south from DMR on a dirt road to our parking area. We will hike up through a meadow to intersect the Dutch Creek/Pinkerton-Flagstaff trail, and from there, hike to another meadow with beautiful views of both the LaPlatas and the San Juans, and then through the woods on the Dutch Creek trail back to the road we came in on. This trip is rated easy+ due to one short not too difficult up. 4WD convenient. Carpool \$4. NO Dogs Leader: Warren Levingston 769-1437	Easy+ 2.5 miles 500'
Wed. Sept 19 8:30 AM Santa Rita Park	Wednesday Wanderers Hike Sale Barn No RSVP Leader: Margie Padgett 385-7575	Easy+ 4 miles
Sat. Sept 22 9:00 AM Animas City Park 9:30 AM DMR	Hike Grey Rock Ridge A lovely hike following old logging roads north of DMR, with view of Engineer Mountain, the Needles, the La Platas, Cascade & Hermosa Creek drainages. 4WD convenient. Carpool \$5. Dogs OK Leader: John Montle 259-9469 mntnlvr@frontier.net	Moderate 4-5 miles 1000'
Sun. Sept 23 8:30 AM Animas City Park	Hike the ridge from Mt. Snowden to Crater Lake. 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. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK.	Hard 11 miles 2700'

9AM DMR	RSVP: John Martin 247-2581.	
Tues. Sept 25 7:00 AM Animas City Park 7:30 AM DMR	Hike to Engineer Pass via Bear Creek/South Fork trails. Beautiful climb through varied scenery along creek, past mines, through forest and meadows and finally above tree line to the pass. Difficulty depends on how far you go. 4WD necessary for those going to the top. Carpool \$12. Dogs OK Leader: Betsy Peterson 259-5417 Co-leader: Clark Lagow	Moderate to Most Challenging 7 one way 4400'
Wed. Sept 26	Wednesday Wanderers Hike Jacob's Cliffs No RSVP. Meet at rec center at 8:45 AM or 9 AM at Birket Drive Trail Head Leader: Dell Manners 382-9967	Easy
Sat. Sept 29 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. Note: This may be delayed to Saturday, October 6th, if fall colors are late. 4WD nec. Carpool: TBD. Dogs OK RSVP: John Montle 259-9469	"Easy chair" with some fun bumps. 180 miles
Sat. Sept 29 8AM Santa Rita Park 8:30AM Harry's in Mancos	Mocking Mesa bike ride Start from Howard's trailer in Pleasant View, drive out Rd. 12 to gated entrance. Park cars there and ride bikes down good road to end of the mesa - about a 1 1/2-hour ride. We'll stop and explore Indian ruins on the ride back. The mesa overlooks the confluence of Woods & Sandstone canyons. Limit 15 Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 Co-leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 7 miles no elevation
Tues. Oct 2 8AM Animas City Park 8:30AM Trailhead	Hike Shearer Creek Now that it's cooler we can enjoy this lower elevation hike. Starting from Florida Rd we hike over the hill to join Shearer Creek, hiking through the lovely forest to a beautiful lunch spot on rocks along the water. Hiking poles may be helpful for the possibly numerous but easy water crossings. Dogs Ok, but must be leashed through private property at the beginning and end of the hike. Carpool \$2 Trailhead is 11.9 miles from E. 3rd Ave & 15th Street on Florida Rd (CR 240). Leader: Anne Rendon 884-2729 TRTRendon@mydurango.net	Moderate 8 miles 1000'
Wed. Oct 3 End of Leyden St. in Crestview. 9AM	Wednesday Wanters hike Durango Mountain Park to the Tech Center and back. Leaders: Graham & Caroline Murray 259-5843	East+ to Moderate your choice
Thur. Oct 4 through Sun. Oct 7	San Juan River Raft Trip SO! Is now confirmed for a three day raft trip on the San Juan River from Bluff to Mexican Hat. We will launch on Friday Oct. 5 at 8:30 AM and get off the river at approximately 2:30 PM on Sunday Oct. 7. We will be back in Bluff by 5 PM. We need to meet for orientation at 7 PM on Thur. Oct 4 at the Wild Rivers office. Rafters can stay at the Recapture Lodge or camp at Sand Island river access. The cost with the group discount is \$586 per person. SO! must commit to 15 participants for the trip to go; a deposit of \$176 should be paid directly to the outfitter, Wild Rivers. The maximum number of participants if 24. If you are interest, please contact Andy Gulliford ASAP at 375-9417 or gulliford_a@fortlewis.edu . Dogs OK.	
Fri. Oct 5 8AM Santa Rita Park 8:30AM	Hike Cross Canyon From Pleasant View, drive 15 miles on paved road, turn onto rough dirt road and drive about 3 miles to trail head. Hike down to "round towers" then back up and over ridge into Cross Canyon to views there. Probably won't see where they found the dead man's remains.	Hard for Moderate 9 miles 1,000'

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Sat. Oct 6 8AM Animas City Park 8:20 Trailhead	Hike Guiding Creek Trail From Trailhead just north of Tamarron, the trail goes up a series of steep switchbacks to a meadow and then to the top of the ridge above the Hermosa Cliffs. Carpool cost TBD. Leader: Sherry Suenram 259-5259	Hard for Moderate 7 miles 2190'
Mon. Oct 8 8AM Animas City Park 8:30 DMR	Hike to No Name Peak Located N. W. of Snowden Peak. We start at Andrews La thru meadow and then move up to the ridge. Option to explore area or climb Snowden Peak. Limit 10. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK Leader: Nancy Federico 259-1949	Hard for Moderate 5 miles 900'
Tues. Oct 9 6:30 p.m. Social 7:00 Meeting Rec. Center	SO! General Meeting Cina Kaltenback, cert. massage therapist; Joe Shuksteris, physical therapist As we age it is more important than ever to keep our bodies tuned up. Simple things such as stretching, breathing, and drinking water are often overlooked in body maintenance. Creaking and loss of range of motion don't have to consume you or slow you down! Our speakers will share ideas on ways to better connect to our bodies, and, through awareness and action, achieve balance.	
Wed. Oct 10 9AM 8th St. & 8th Ave	Wednesday Wanderers Hike the Fort Lewis Loop Enjoy the view of Durango from the campus rim. Leader: Ed Osterman 259-8741	Easy 3-4 miles
Thur. Oct 11 9AM Animas City Park	Hike Haflin Creek Trail. 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). RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375-1693	Hard for Moderate 7.6 miles 2880'
ATTENTION	<i>Rifle Season October 13-17 and October 20-28</i> WEAR ORANGE WHEN HIKING PUBLIC LANDS.	
Sat. Oct 13 9AM Animas City Park 9:30 DMR	Geology hike on Engineer Mountain. Back by popular demand, Dr. Rob Blair, geologist and Professor Emeritus at FLC will lead an interpretive geology hike from Coalbank Pass to Engineer Plateau. A rock glacier, fossil field, cave and rock out-croppings will be examined. Lucky us! We live in geology heaven! Take a flashlight if you want to enter the cave. Carpool \$5. NO dogs. ORANGE MANDATORY Leader: Rob Blair. RSVP: Betsy Peterson 259-5417 betsy@frontier.net	Moderate 6 miles 1200'
Mon. Oct 15 9AM Animas City Park	Hike to Lake Eileen Nice trail. We'll have to hop across Lost Creek but shouldn't be hard this time of year. (Hiking poles helpful.) Limit 12. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK Leader: Olin Kane 375-0060 kanes@frontier.net	Moderate 3-4 miles 1100'
Wed. Oct 17 9AM Rec Center	Wednesday Wanderers hike Animas Mountain Leaders: Graham & Caroline Murray 259-5843	Your choice 4-6 miles 500 - 1500'
Thurs. Oct 18 to Sat. Oct 20 Oct 18 1PM Santa Rita Park	Car Camp trip to Cedar Mesa. Camp at trailhead. Next day, we will hike Slickhorn Canyon, about 9 miles round trip. Camp that night in the same spot, then go to Natural Bridges for a 6 mile moderate canyon hike. Return home Friday after the hike. Slickhorn Canyon is a moderate plus canyoneering trip. 4WD convenient. Carpool TBD. Leader: Bill Cagle 385-2618 cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate 9 miles Thur 6 miles Fri
	De-Na-Zin Wilderness Hike. Hike along a faint old road through the badlands to an abandoned trading post. We'll search for petrified trees and other interesting rocks on	

<p>Friday Nov. 9 7AM Santa Rita Park</p>	<p>the way back. The group will need to stay together through the moonscape terrain due little or no trails in places. This hike is rated moderate due to distance, some off trail hiking, and no early turn-back option. Carpool \$12. Dogs OK. Limit 10. Leader: Jade Halterman 505-632-0329 spinfly1@earthlink.net RSVP: Dorothy Bregar: 385-1814 jbregar@durango.net</p>	<p>Moderate aprx. 8 mi 500' +/-</p>
<p>Tues. Oct 23 9AM Animas City Park</p>	<p>Hike Vallecito Creek Trail in the Fall. Starting at the Vallecito camp grounds, we'll hike along beautiful Vallecito Creek into the Wemimuche Wilderness up to the first bridge. Early turnbacks are possible. ORANGE MANDATORY Carpool \$4. Dogs OK but must be leashed through the campground. Leader: Anne Rendon 884-2729 TRTRendon@mydurango.net</p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 500'</p>
<p>Wed. Oct 24 Hike cancelled Albertson's at 9AM</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers hike the Power Line Trail from the trailhead in Skyridge to Horse Gulch - Hike cancelled Leader: Joan Huntley 385-7723</p>	<p>Easy 3 miles</p>
<p>Wed. Oct. 24 9 a.m. Hermosa Conoco</p>	<p>Highway 550 cleanup project Join other SO! volunteers to help cleanup our two sections of Highway 550. RSVP Marv Dworkin at 259-9434 mpdworkin@gobrainstorm.com</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Thur. Oct 25 8:30 AM Santa Rita Park</p>	<p>Tour Ute Mountain Tribal Park This is a full day car/hiking tour of ancient ruins and rock art, returning late afternoon. The tour will be led by a Ute guide - the only way to visit these unspoiled cliff dwellings. There will be ladder climbs to access the ruins. Bring lunch, plenty of water, and a sun hat, and wear walking or hiking shoes. Tour cost \$24 cash, paid directly to the guide. (Tips are at individual's discretion.) E-mail Trish ASAP to reserve a spot. We need a minimum of 20 people to keep the cost dow (With fewer than 20 people, the cost is \$44 per person although we are checking to se if we can reduce this.) For additional information, see the Ute Mt. Ute Tribal Park web site at www.utemountainute.com/tribalpark. We will meet our guide at the east entrance to the Tribal Park at the end of LaPlata County Rd 100; there will be no need to drive to the Park Headquarters in Towaoc. Carpool \$7. 4WD convenient. Limit 20. No Dogs. RSVP Trish Pegram trishpegram@bresnan.net (preferred) or call 382-8248</p>	<p>Easy 3 miles Ladder Climbing</p>
<p>Wed. Oct 31 9AM Santa Rita Park</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers hike Escacantetraic Leader: Ed Osterman 259-8741</p>	<p>Easy 3 miles</p>
<p>Fri. Nov 2 7:30 AM Animas City Park 8AM Harry's house</p>	<p>Sand Canyon Through Hike Sand Canyon contains many impressive Ancestral Puebloan archaeological sites. The Sand Canyon Trail is 6.5 miles (one-way) from the lower trailhead in McElmo Canyon to the Sand Canyon Pueblo at the north end. The weather for hiking at this time of the year is perfect. To avoid time-consuming shuttling of vehicles, we will approach the hike from both ends, meet in the middle for lunch, exchange keys, then meet back at Harry's house. Carpool TBD. Dogs OK Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net</p>	<p>Moderate 6.5 miles 800'</p>
<p>ATTENTION</p>	<p><i>Rifle Season: November 3-9 and November 14-18</i> WEAR ORANGE WHEN HIKING PUBLIC LANDS!!</p>	
<p>Wed. Nov 7 SW Corner of Albertson's 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers hike the Animas River Trail Join Joan every Wednesday through the late fall and winter to walk the river trail from Albertson's to the Durango Mall. No RSVP required. Dogs OK Joan Huntley 385-7723</p>	<p>Easy 5 miles</p>
	<p>SO! General Meeting</p>	

Tues. Nov 13 6:30 p.m. Social 7:00 Meeting Rec. Center	Jenny Wrenn and Andy Kayner, SO! members Andy and Jenny will present a slideshow of their two-week (unassisted) backpacking trip in the Cordillera Huayhuash around Siulla Grande Peak in Northern Peru. This trek is usually done with pack burros (over a total of 20,000 feet of elevation gain with 90% of the trip above 13,500 feet). The scenery is spectacular, and you will be amazed at the rugged beauty of the peaks and hanging glaciers, and touched by the charm of the indigenous people they met along the way.	
Wed. Nov14 SW Corner of Albertson's 9:30 AM	Wednesday Wanderers hike the Animas River Trail Join Joan every Wednesday through the late fall and winter to walk the river trail from Albertson's to the Durango Mall. No RSVP required. Dogs OK Joan Huntley 385-7723	Easy 5 miles
Wed. Nov 14	Outings Committee meeting	
Wed. Nov 21 SW Corner of Albertson's 9:30 AM	Wednesday Wanderers hike the Animas River Trail Join Joan every Wednesday through the late fall and winter to walk the river trail from Albertson's to the Durango Mall. No RSVP required. Dogs OK Joan Huntley 385-7723	Easy 5 miles
Wed. Nov 28 SW Corner of Albertson's 9:30 AM	Wednesday Wanderers hike the Animas River Trail Join Joan every Wednesday through the late fall and winter to walk the river trail from Albertson's to the Durango Mall. No RSVP required. Dogs OK Joan Huntley 385-7723	Easy 5 miles
Mon. Dec 3 9:30AM Bottom of Lift 1	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.	Your choice
Wed. Dec 5 SW Corner of Albertson's 9:30 AM	Wednesday Wanderers hike the Animas River Trail Join Joan every Wednesday through the late fall and winter to walk the river trail from Albertson's to the Durango Mall. No RSVP required. Dogs OK Joan Huntley 385-7723	Easy 5 miles
Fri. Dec 7 9:30 AM DMR Bottom of Lift 1	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. No RSVP needed - just show up	Your choice
Sat. Dec 8 9AM Animas City Park 9:30 AM 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 \$4. Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581	Moderate 5-7 miles 700'
Mon. Dec. 10 9:30 AM DMR Bottom of Lift 1	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. No RSVP needed - just show up	Your choice
Tues. Dec 11 6:30 p.m. Social 7:00 Dinner Rec. Center	SO! General Meeting and Holiday Pot Luck Bring your own table service and a dish for 8 with a serving utensil. A-F Salads G-M Main Dish N-R Desserts S-Z Main Dish	

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 Coordinator, Wally Schmidt 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: Graham Murray, Ed Osterman, Jan Collins, Olin Kane, Clark Lagow, Sherry Suenram, Dorothy Bregar, and Russ Szelag.

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. The outing schedule was formatted and typed by Sharon Kinton.