

SO! Fall 2008 Outings Schedule

Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place	Outing Description FALL 2008 Participation in Seniors Outdoors! activities by non-members is limited to two outings per year. Visitors who wish to actively participate are expected to join Seniors Outdoors! Outing schedule changes and trip updates are in red.	<u>Difficulty Rating</u> Total Length & Elevation Gain
Tue Sept 2 7:00 am Animas City Pk 7:30 am DMR	Hike Grizzly Meadows. Hike to the base of Grizzly Peak to enjoy meadows, lakes and great views. A few stretches of the 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 necessary (8 miles on Cascade Divide Rd). Carpool \$8. Dogs Ok to meadow. RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net	Moderate to Most Challenging 7 miles 2750'
Wed Sept 3 8:30 am Santa Rita Park	Wednesday Wanderers – Hike Carbon Junction Trail. No RSVP. Dogs OK. Leader: Trish Bayless 375-2618	Moderate 600'
Thur. Sept 4 9:00 am Animas City Pk	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 \$5. Dogs OK Leader: Lydine Hannula 884-9052	Moderate 3-4 miles 1100'
Fri Sept 5 8:00 am Animas City Pk 8:30 am DMR	Hike to the Old 100 Boarding House. This spectacular old miner's boarding house is perched on the side of Galena Mountain above the Old 100 Mine and was recently restored as an historic landmark. The trail is loose in places but not long and affords great views. We will do it at a moderate pace. The final scramble from the trail to the boarding house is narrow with some exposure but is well worth it. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$10. No dogs. RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net. Co-leader: Dorothy Bregar	Hard 4 miles 800'
Mon Sept 8 8:00 am Animas City Pk 8:30 am DMR	Hike Niagara Peak (13,807') & Jones Mountain (13,860'). Bag two 13-8ers in one day! Spectacular views from both peaks. We will drive up Burns Gulch Rd (4WD) and take a semi-defined trail to the top of each peak. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$10. Dogs OK. RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net	Hard 4 miles 2530'
Tues Sept 9 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Potluck Rec Center	SO! General Meeting. Potluck dinner. Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Salad G-M Main Dish N-R Dessert S-Z Main Dish In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations for the Manna Soup Kitchen food drive.	
Wed Sept 10 8:30 am Rec Center	Wednesday Wanderers – HIKE CANCELLED Hike Edgemont Trail on Missionary Ridge. No RSVP. Dogs OK. Leader: Graham & Caroline Murray 259-5843	Moderate 800'
Thur Sept 11 9:00 am Animas City Pk	Hike the Pine. Hike along the Pine River Trail for about 2.5 miles out to a sandy spot on the shore for lunch. Carpool \$5. Dogs OK. Leader: Lydine Hannula	Moderate 5 miles minimal
Sat Sept 13 8:30 am Santa Rita Pk 9:00 am Harry's Place	Bike Cannonball Mesa and Visit Anasazi Ruin. Drive to parking lot off McElmo Canyon Road, and bike or walk about a mile up to the mesa. Then ride 3 miles on jeep road to ruin. Return by same route. Total time to bike and visit ruin is 3 to 4 hours. If desired, we could extend the time and view Yellow Jacket Canyon. Limit: 12. No dogs. Carpool \$12 RSVP Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net Co-Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 8 miles
Sun Sept 14 7:00 am Animas City Pk	Rolling Mountain Hike. Mostly rock hopping starting at 10,000' to ridge with an easy scramble to the summit. Dogs OK. Leader: Bob Thompson 382-9271	Hard 3000'

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<p>Mon Sept 15 9:00 am Animas City Pk 9:30 am DMR</p>	<p>Hike Grey Rock Ridge. A lovely hike following old logging roads north of DMR with views of Engineer Mountain, the Needles, The La Platas, Cascade & Hermosa Creek drainages. 4WD convenient. Carpool \$7. Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 john@martintelephone.com.</p>	<p>Moderate 4-5 miles 1000'</p>
<p>Wed Sept 17 8:30 am Santa Rita Park</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers – Hike Sale Barn Trail. No RSVP. Dogs OK. Leader: Margie Padgett 385-7575</p>	<p>Moderate 800'</p>
<p>Sat.. Sept 20 8AM Animas City Pk 8:30 AM DMR</p>	<p>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 tree line (one fairly narrow ridge, and loose rock in places). Dynamite views. From Sultan look down on Silverton, 4000' below. Carpool \$7. Dogs OK Orange optional. 4WD convenient RSVP: John Bregar 385-1814 jbregar@durango.net</p>	<p>Hard 8 miles 3000'</p>
<p>Sun Sept 21 8:30 am Animas City Pk 9:00 am DMR</p>	<p>Hike Cascade Village to the Flume. The beginning of this hike starts from the water tower at Cascade Village up the south side of Cascade Creek for about 5 miles. We'll ford the creek and hike back along the north side of the creek. Bring water shoes and hiking polls to ford the creek. Carpool \$4. Leader: Susan Beck Brown 375-0948 rdb835@frontier.net</p>	<p>Moderate 500' 9 miles</p>
<p>Mon. Sept. 22 7:00 AM Santa Rita Park</p>	<p>Climb Gibbs (12,286'), Star (11,761') and Madden (11,972') Peaks. Climb Gibbs from the Bedrock Creek Rd., then follow the ridgeline south over Star and Madden. Descend the saddle between Madden and Parrot Peaks and wind back down to La Plata Canyon Rd. Great ridgeline hike with views in every direction. Some modest scrambling, but nothing scary. Hike length can be longer or shorter depending upon the group and how we want to do the car shuttle. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK. Leader: Lynn Coburn 247-0914 harrisoncoburn@gmail.com Co-Leader: Debra Van Winegarden 375-1413 debra@frontier.net</p>	<p>Most Challenging Approx. 8 miles 4500' total</p>
<p>Tues. Sept. 23 9:00AM Animas City Park 9:30AM Trailhead</p>	<p>Hike Red Creek Trail. The trail follows the stream most of the way at the bottom of a narrow canyon through the forest. It climbs gradually for the first 2.7 miles, and then steeply the last half mile. We'll be out approx. 5 hrs. Access road is potholed, so 4WD preferred. Carpool \$1. Dogs OK. Leader: Anne Rendon 884-2729 TRTRendon@mydurango.net</p>	<p>Moderate 6.5 miles 1,780'</p>
<p>Wed Sept 24 8:45 am Re Center</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers – Hike Jacob's Cliffs. No RSVP. Dogs OK. Leader: Dell Manners 259-7721</p>	<p>Moderate 500'</p>
<p>Wed Sept 24 8:30 am Animas City Pk 9:00 am DMR</p>	<p>Purgatory Flats Hike - We'll start at trailhead across from DMR and hike down to the Flats. Will then hike along Cascade Creek toward the Animas River Canyon. Dogs OK. Carpool \$4 RSVP: Lyle Hancock 764-4531 lylehancock@bresnan.net</p>	<p>Moderate ~ 8 miles 1,000'</p>
<p>Thur Sept 25 8:00 am Santa Rita Pk</p>	<p>Hike and Cook-out to Ward's Cabin. This is an easy one-way hike from Transfer Campground via various trails to Ward's cabin at 9,000' in the Aspen. We'll have a cook-out for lunch. We'll supply the hot dogs (also veggie) and fixins, beans and lemonade. Other dishes welcome. Limits: people 12, dogs 2. Carpool \$7. Leader: LaDonna Ward 247-1310 Co-leader: Travis Ward</p>	<p>Easy 400' 4 miles</p>
<p>Fri Sept 26 8:30 am Santa Rita Pk Harry's-Mancos 9:00am</p>	<p>Hike Chicken Creek. This is a loop trail with little elevation change. The trail goes along a small mesa and then into Chicken Creek. The aspen trees should be colorful this time of year. Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757</p>	<p>Easy Minimal 7-8 miles</p>
<p>Tues. Sept. 30 7:30 AM Animas City Park 8:15 AM Trailhead</p>	<p>Hike Vallecito Creek Trail to Third Bridge. Follow the creek through a beautiful canyon on an easily marked trail. There are four water crossings and different views from each section of the trail. It will take approximately 8 hrs. including lunch. Nothing difficult, just long. Turn backs OK. Carpool \$5. Dogs must be leashed through the campground. Leader: Anne Rendon 884-2729 TRTRendon@mydurango.net</p>	<p>Rated Hard due to length 13.25 miles 800'</p>

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<p>Tues Sept 30 8:30 am Animas City Pk 9:00 am DMR</p>	<p>Hike the ridge from Mt Snowden to above Crater Lake. We will start at Andrews Lake, hike toward Snowden then head towards the ridge south of the mountain. Views into Animas Canyon and beyond. Return by Crater Lake Trail. About half of this hike is off trail. Carpool \$7. Leader: Travis Ward 247-1310</p>	<p>Hard 2,700' 11 miles</p>
<p>Wed Oct 1 9:00 am Trail Head</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers. Telegraph Hill to Patusky Point. Meet at Horse Gulch Trailhead, 3rd Street and 8th Ave. Leader: Dale Suran 382-9600</p>	<p>Moderate 1000' 6 miles</p>
<p>Fri Oct 3 8:30 am Animas City Park</p>	<p>Perins Peak Hike - We'll start at DOW trailhead in Rockridge subdivision and hike to the peak on an un-maintained trail through the Perins Peak State Wildlife Area (Habitat Stamps required). No dogs. RSVP: Lyle Hancock 764-4531 lylehancock@bresnan.net</p>	<p>Moderate 7 miles 1,400'</p>
<p>Sat. Oct. 4 1:00 PM ACP 1:30 PM at TH S. of Needles Store on 550</p>	<p>Hike Castle Rock. An annual favorite for fall colors and commanding views at the top. However, this year, we will do this as an afternoon picnic. Bring a snack and your Favorite beverage. We will return to the trailhead just before sunset (6:49 PM) Carpool \$3. Dogs OK. RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 john@martintelephone.com</p>	<p>Moderate 4 miles 1500'</p>
<p>Sun. Oct. 5 8:00 AM Santa Rita Park 9:00 AM Hwy 160, at Beaver Meadow Rd.</p>	<p>Off Trail Navigation: Learn how to navigate using map, compass, and GPS, and learn survival essentials for being lost in the backcountry. Bring maps, compass and GPS if you have them. We'll get completely lost in the Piedra Roadless Area and find our way out. Carpool \$7. No Dogs. Limit 12. Leader: Jim Shadid 884-4612 shadid@wildblue.net</p>	<p>Moderate Up to 8 miles 800'-1000'</p>
<p>Mon Oct 6 8:00 am Animas City Pk 8:30 am DMR</p>	<p>Hike to No Name Peak. Located NW of Snowden Peak. We start at Andrews Lake, hike thru meadows and then move up to the ridge. Option to explore area or climb Snowden. Treats after. Limit 10. Carpool \$7. Dogs OK Leader: Nancy Federico 259-194</p>	<p>Hard 1900' 5 miles</p>
<p>Tues - Thur Oct. 7 – 9 Departure TBD</p>	<p>Hike and Overnight in Cedar Mesa, UT. We'll camp out 2 nights and do 2 ½ days of hiking in beautiful canyons with lots of great ruins. We'll see Moonhouse Ruin in McCloyd Canyon (5.5 mile hike), the Citadel and other ruins in Road Canyon (up to 8 miles) and explore another TBD canyon (possibly up to 13 miles). Rated hard due to lots of scrambling with some exposure possible. 4WD convenient. Limit 12. NO dogs. Leader: Sue Agranoff 946-9946 sagranoff@alum.mit.edu</p>	<p>Hard</p>
<p>Wed Oct 8th</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers. No hike scheduled.</p>	
<p>Fri. Oct. 10 7:30 AM Santa Rita Pk</p>	<p>Mountain Bike Transfer Park to Windy Gap. Ride 2 and 4WD Forest Service roads from Transfer Park above Mancos up to Windy Gap. Then return to the start via closed roads and some ATV tracks. If we're lucky, there will be good fall color. The ride is not technically difficult, but there is quite a bit of high elevation and steep climbing. Probably too long for dogs. Carpool \$7 Leader: Lynn Coburn 247-0914 harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard 25 miles 2,200'</p>
<p>Sat. Oct.11 9:00AM Animas City Pk 9:30AM DMR</p>	<p>Geology Hike to Snowden Meadows and saddle above. We'll hike from Andrews Lake through alternating layers of the Hermosa formation up to the sinkholes at Snowden Meadows, then cross the fault into Precambrian rocks. At the saddle north of Snowden, we will look at the beautiful, almost blackboard quality slates and the quartzites that make Snowden Peak what it is. We'll also look across at an angular unconformity and tell the story of "the unroofing of the San Juans" and look at the other regional geology that can be seen from that vantage point. Carpool \$6 Dogs OK. WEAR ORANGE! Leader John Bregar 385-1814 jbregar@durango.net</p>	<p>Moderate 4.5 miles 1600'</p>

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Wed Oct 15 9:00am Rec Center	Wednesday Wanderers. Animas City Mountain. WEAR ORANGE! Leaders: Graham and Caroline Murray 259-5843	Moderate 1000' 4-5 miles
Wed Oct 15 9:00am HermosaConoco	Highway 550 Cleanup Leaders: Marv Dwarkin 259-9434 mpdworkin@gobrainstorm.net	
Thurs. Oct. 16 9:00 AM Animas City Park 9:30 AM Trailhead	Hike Shearer Creek Trail. Hike through the forest following the creek to a lunch spot along the water. Numerous, but easy water crossings. Hiking poles are helpful. 5 hrs. Carpool \$1. Dogs OK but must be leashed through private property at start of trail. Leader: Anne Rendon 884-2729 TRTRendon@mydurango.net	Moderate 8 miles 1000"
Sat – Mon Oct 18 – 20 Santa Rita Pk	Cedar Mesa Trip. Date change: Oct 18 – 20 Camp at trailhead. Next day hike in Slickhorn Canyon for about 9 miles, camp that night in the same spot then go to Natural Bridges for a 6 mile moderate canyon hike. Return home after hike. Leader: Bill Cagle 385-2678 cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate
Tues.Oct.21st 8:30 am Santa Rita Park 9:00 am Harry's place	Hike Transfer to West Mancos. 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 Mancos West Mancos Valley. WEAR ORANGE! Limit 12. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK. RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net	Easy 5 miles 600' Moderate 7 miles 1200'
Wed Oct 22 9:00am 8 th St & 8 th Ave	Wednesday Wanderers. Ft. Lewis College Loop Leader: Bruce Harris 259-5881	Easy 500' 4 miles
Wed Oct 22 5:30 pm	SO! Board Meeting	
Tues Oct 28 9:00 am Animas City Pk	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 2900' 7.6 miles
Wed Oct 29 9:00am Trail Head	Wednesday Wanderers. Horse Gulch Trail. Meet at trail head at 3 rd St & 8th Ave Leaders: Gayle Vandermast 764-4089	Easy 400-500'
Thurs Oct 30 8:00 am Santa Rita Park 8:30 am Harry's 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 Santa Rita Park 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 Minimal 7 miles
Sat. Nov. 1 9:00AM Animas City Pk 9:15AM Trailhead	Hike Animas City Mountain (8,161'). This hike provides great views of Durango and the Animas River Valley. WEAR ORANGE! Leader: Wayne Bedor 259-4759 waynebedor@yahoo.com	Moderate 5.5 miles 1,461'
Tues Nov 4 8:00am Santa Rita Park 8:30 am Harry's Mancos	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. Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 Co-Leader: Howard Drake	Hard for moderate 1000' 9 miles
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Thurs. Nov. 6 10:00 AM Santa Rita Pk	<i>Biking for Beginners.</i> This will be a bike ride for Beginning bikers. The group will shuttle to another location for the actual ride.. RSVP: Walt Abel 382-8120 or waltabel@fone.net	Easy
Sat. Nov. 8 9:00 Santa Rita Park	<i>Hike Smelter Mountain</i> up to the first highpoint for another great view of downtown Durango. Leader: Wayne Bedor 259-4759 waynebedor@yahoo.com	Moderate 2 miles 1000'
Tues Nov 11 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Meet Rec Center	<i>SO! General Meeting.</i> Speakers are Loren and Lisa Skyhorse, coordinators of the Mongolian Leather Project. They fulfilled a dream to travel to Mongolia last year and fell in love with the people and their centuries-old horse culture. They were inspired to return to Mongolia in Sept 2008, to set up two leatherworking co-ops, in partnership with Badmaa, their Mongolian guide. This presentation will be the first public address on the success of establishing the co-ops.	
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Thurs. Nov. 13 10:00 AM Santa Rita Pk	<i>Biking for Beginners.</i> This will be a bike ride for Beginning bikers. The group will shuttle to another location for the actual ride.. RSVP: Walt Abel 382-8120 or waltabel@fone.net	Easy
Tues Nov 18	<i>SO! Outings Committee Meeting</i>	
Wed Nov 19	<i>Wednesday Wanderers.</i>	
Sat Nov 22 9:00 am Animas City Pk	<i>Hike Above Little Molas Lake.</i> Start at the lake and climb up and across the steppes until we reach the cliff bands, then traverse below the cliffs returning to the lake. No trails. Partly above timberline with great views. Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate 1000' 4 miles
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Mon Dec 1 9:30 am DMR Bottom of Lift 1	<i>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort.</i> Join the group every Monday and Friday through the ski season (snow permitting). 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.	
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Sat. Dec 13 9AM Animas City Park 9:30 AM DMR	<i>Snowshoe Snowden Meadows</i> 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 john@martintelephone.com	Moderate 5-7 miles 700'
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	<p>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 SO! E-mail coordinator at mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org 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.</p>	
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The outings Committee members who put together this Outing Schedule are: Jan Collins, Olin Kane, Clark Lagow, Sherry Suenram, Lani Graham and Dorothy Bregar. 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.