

Day, Date, Departure Place & Departure Time	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Outing Description</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Fall 2012</h3> <p><a href="#">Printer-friendly version</a></p> <p><a href="#">Logistics, rules, meeting places, and difficulty ratings</a></p> <p>E-mail schedule changes and updates to: <a href="#">Lyle Hancock</a>.</p> <p><b>Schedule changes and trip updates are in red</b></p> <p>If you have received this schedule by mail, please keep in mind that additions and changes are continually being made. Please ask someone with internet access to inform you when these updates occur or go to a friends computer or the library to view the updates at <a href="http://www.seniorsoutdoors.org">www.seniorsoutdoors.org</a>.</p> <p>Participation in Seniors Outdoors! activities by non-members are limited to two outings per year. Visitors who wish to actively participate are expected to join Seniors Outdoors!</p> <p>Participants (new &amp; old) as we start the fall season please review the <b>Guidelines for Participants</b> found on the SO! Web Site (located in the upper left hand column on the Home Page) It contains important information about our requirements and general alpine safety.</p> <p><b>If you would like to become an Outings Leader or have an idea for a hike, please contact Rich Butler, the Outings Committee Chairperson. The Committee is eager to welcome new Leaders, especially those willing to lead Easy and Moderate hikes.</b></p> <p>Meeting Place Abbreviations: ACP: Animas City Park; TC: Trimble Crossing; Tam: Tamarron; DMR: Durango Mountain Resort; SRP: Santa Rita Park; RC: Rec Center</p>	<a href="#">Difficulty Rating,</a>  Rating, Total Length & Elevation Gain
	<p><b>MOUNTAIN EXPLORATION</b> - Hikes under the Mountain Exploration label will generally be hard hikes, but at a moderate pace, and with a limited number of participants. There will be stops for breathing, photography, looking at flowers and scenery, eating, etc., but the group stays with the leader. Expect an exploratory hike with some or all off trail, and sometimes with exposure and scrambling. Hikes will usually be in the range of 1,000 to 3,000 feet vertical, and 6 to 10 miles distance. Due to the exploratory nature of the hikes, when the outing is listed on the schedule only a general location will be given and without the customary details. The route for the day will be up to the trip leader. Return to vehicle times will be unpredictable.</p>	
Wed Sept 12 Big Canyon TH 8:30 am	<p><b>WW hike: Big Canyon to Skull Rock.</b> Big Canyon trailhead parking is next to New Country Toyota (across highway from Wal-Mart). Hike up/back Big Canyon, plus several loop trails including Skull Rock, Sidewinder, Carbon Junction, and South Rim. No Dogs.</p> <p><b>Leader: Dale Suran and Dee Rodman 382-9600 RSVP non-members only.</b></p>	Moderate 5 miles 800 gain
<p><b>Thurs Sept 13</b>            ACP 9:00 am            TC 9:10 am            DMR 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>Cascade Village to the Flume: Re-scheduled from Saturday, September 15.</b> This hike starts from the water tank at Cascade Village and goes up the south side of Cascade Creek for about five miles through a dense forest to a spectacular waterfall. We will ford the creek and return along the north side. Bring water shoes and hiking poles to ford the creek. Short car shuttle will be needed. Carpool \$4, Dogs OK. <b>Wear Orange muzzleloader hunting season</b> <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	Moderate 10 miles 900

<p>Fri Sept 14 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p><b>Hayden Mountain North Climb (13,139):</b> We drive over Red Mountain pass to the Ironton parking lot. The hike starts up Full Moon Gulch, then we traverse over to Half Moon Basin and up to the summit. Class 2, off trail across alpine terrain. Moderately fast pace. Carpool \$12, Limit 12, No Dogs. <b>RSVP John Bregar 385-1814 <a href="mailto:jdbregar@optimum.net">jdbregar@optimum.net</a></b></p>	<p>Most Challenging 6 miles 3,400</p>
<p><b>Sat Sept 15</b> ACP 8:00 am TC 8:15 am DMR 8:30 am</p>	<p><b>Climb Hermosa Peak (12,579) from Bolam Pass. Re-scheduled from September 6<sup>th</sup>.</b> Turn west off US 550 at DMR and drive on FR 578 west and then north, ford Hermosa Creek and continue past the Graysill Mine and Bolam Lake to Bolam Pass. If the road is passable, drive 0.8 miles south on FR 149. Park and hike south on the road and then turn east and climb a grassy slope to a saddle. At the saddle turn NE and climb to the summit. The route is steep in places, there is a small cliff to climb, and there is some exposure. There are excellent views in all directions. 4WDHC necessary. Limit 15. Dogs OK. Carpool \$10. <b>Wear Orange muzzleloader hunting season &amp; high country rifle (deer).</b> <b>RSVP Leader Nancy Frederico at <a href="mailto:fortfed@gmail.com">fortfed@gmail.com</a> or 259-1949.</b></p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 3.6 miles 1,060</p>
<p><b>Sun Sept 16</b> ACP 6:30 am TC 6:40 am DMR 7:00 am</p>	<p><b>Climb San Miguel Peak (13,752) from South Mineral Creek. Rescheduled from Sunday September 2.</b> Park at Bandora Mine, ascend Hope Pass, skirt Lake Hope, and climb on stable slabs of stone up SE ridge to summit. We will go at a moderate pace if the weather permits. Limit 10. Dogs ok. 4WD. Carpool \$9. <b>Wear Orange muzzleloader hunting season &amp; high country rifle (deer).</b> <b>RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 970-769-7269, <a href="mailto:debra@vanwinegarden.com">debra@vanwinegarden.com</a> Co-Leader Tom Ward, 970-459-4312.</b></p>	<p>Most Challenging 10 miles 4,600</p>
<p>Mon Sept 17 SRP 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>Hike on Colorado Trail Highline Trail &amp; Indian Trail Ridge:</b> Drive 12+ miles up La Plata Canyon (part of road is rough) to parking where CT crosses Kennebec saddle (11,620). Hike follows a well defined trail. First mile, to Taylor Lake, is fairly level, then it climbs steeply for mile to the ridge. Trail follows the ridge up and down, all above 12,000, passing over or just below several ridge points. Return by same route. <u>Fabulous views all the way.</u> Early turn back with partner or wait along ridge for group to return is OK. Moderate pace. Carpool \$6 4WD/HC needed, well behaved dogs OK if comfortable on narrow ridge (limit of 2 dogs). <b>RSVP Betsy Petersen <a href="mailto:betsyp@bresnan.net">betsyp@bresnan.net</a> or 259-5417</b></p>	<p>Moderate Up to 8 miles 1,000</p>
<p>Wed Sept 19 RC 8:30</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Perrins Peak from Rockridge Subdivision</b> The un-maintained trail is a steady ascent to the peak with a steep portion as it nears the saddle before the final stretch to the peak. Great views of Durango from the peak. We will travel at a moderate pace with stops along the way. Pack plenty of water and a substantial snack or lunch. Poles are helpful. Early turn backs with a partner okay. No dogs, please. Members only. No RSVP required. <b>Leader: Barb Hancock 970-764-4531 or <a href="mailto:barbhancock@bresnan.net">barbhancock@bresnan.net</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 1,400</p>
<p>Wed Sept 19 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am</p>	<p><b>Bell Cave Hike:</b> Exploratory hike. Explore Bell Cave by Shalona curve near Rockwood. Easy, but with possible poor (uneven) footing, wet and slippery. I hear it is 300 400 to the rear of the cave. A couple of headlamps/flashlights are required. Carpool \$2. <b>RSVP Jim Shadell 247-5597 <a href="mailto:shadjk@durango.net">shadjk@durango.net</a></b></p>	<p>Easy (Uneven or wet terrain) 300to 400 Minimal Elevation</p>
<p>Thur - Sun Sep 20-23 9:00 a.m. Rec Center</p>	<p><b>Salida Area Mountain Bike -</b> We will ride on easy dirt roads and some single track. The area around Salida has many bike trails and roads that are perfect for people who arent hard-core but still like to ride off pavement. Primitive camping or motels. Carpool \$ TBD <b>RSVP Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 or <a href="mailto:cagle81301@yahoo.com">cagle81301@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<p>Easy to Moderate</p>
<p>Fri Sept 21 ACP 7:30 am TC 7:40 am DMR 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>Engineer Pass to Blackwall Mtn viewpoint.</b> Mostly easy, high elevation walking on tundra and green slope. Moderate pace. Dogs OK. Limit 15. 4WD/HC required. Carpool \$11. <b>RSVP Travis Ward 247 -1310 <a href="mailto:tlward@frontier.net">tlward@frontier.net</a></b></p>	<p>Hard (Moderate pace) 9 mi</p>

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Sat Sept 22 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	<b>Grouse Gulch Ridge Hike.</b> This will be a loop hike along the ridge tops surrounding Grouse Gulch. We plan to end up on Cinnamon Mtn and then drop down to the road and return to the cars. 4WD. Dogs OK. Carpool \$9. <b>RSVP Bob Thompson 382-9271.</b>	Most Challenging 9 miles 3,000+
Sun Sept 23 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	<b>Swamp Pass through hike:</b> Key-swap hike starting from either the short-cut trailhead to Ice Lake/Island Lake or off the far side of Ophir Pass. We will hike up to Swamp Pass (13,200'), traversing through two spectacular high basins on both sides. For extra credit, we can include a climb of peak V 2 (13,309') with very little extra climbing. The summit of V 2 has incredible views of ALL the many beautiful lakes in the area so it is worth the short ridge-walk detour. The top part of Swamp Pass is quite steep and loose on both sides; otherwise it is mostly a pretty good trail all the way. The key-swap will allow us to do a great through hike without having to deal with a long, tedious car shuttle. 4WD needed. Max 15 people. No dogs. Carpool \$8. <b>Leaders: Lynn Coburn, 247-0914, <a href="mailto:harrisoncoburn@gmail.com">harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</a> Debra VanWinegarden, 769-7269, <a href="mailto:debra@vanwinegarden.com">debra@vanwinegarden.com</a></b>	Most Challenging 12 miles or 13 with V2 3,000 or 3,100 with V2
Mon Sept 24 ACP 7:30 am	<b>Hike Haflin Creek</b> The trail is narrow in some places so dogs racing up and down the trail bumping into hikers is not acceptable. Limit 15 people. Dogs on leash okay. Carpool \$2. <b>Leader: Wayne Bedor, 764-4089, <a href="mailto:waynebedor@yahoo.com">waynebedor@yahoo.com</a></b>	Hard 7 miles 3,000 Moderate pace
Tue Sept 25 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	<b>Red Mtn #3 to #1 Ridge Hike:</b> Primarily off-trail. Exploratory from Pt 12,596 to Red Mtn #1. Carpool \$9, 4WD Lo/HC, Limit 10, Dogs OK. <b>RSVP Dan Honig <a href="mailto:dhonig@animas.net">dhonig@animas.net</a></b>	Hard ~10 miles ~3,000
Wed Sept 26 RC 8:30 am TC 8:45am DMR 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Purgatory Flats</b> We will hike from the trailhead down to the river. Get to the trailhead by turning right into the development directly across from the DMR entrance. Go about one-fourth of a mile to the parking lot. We will cross a stream on the way down which <b>should</b> be boot passable at this time of year. We may hike about mile in the flats to the convergence of Cascade Creek with Lime Creek. Then slowly hike the 1200 ft back up to the parking lot. No Dogs. RSVP non-members only. Carpool \$4 <b>Leader: Tom and Lydine Hannula 884-9052</b>	Moderate At a slow pace 4 miles 1,200
Wed Sept 26 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	<b>Hike to &amp; Climb Half Peak (13,841):</b> We will climb Half Peak from Minnie Gulch. The route is almost entirely above tree line and includes a short, 3 <sup>rd</sup> class scramble with some exposure to the summit. Come prepared for a long day and considering the time of year bring warm clothing. Carpool \$11, 4WD/HC, Limit 8, No Dogs <b>RSVP: Charlie Berglund <a href="mailto:chasberglund@msn.com">chasberglund@msn.com</a></b>	Most Challenging 10 miles 4,600 Fast Pace
Thur Sept 27 Walmart Lot 9:15 am	<b>Durango Connect: Animas River Trail.</b> Be part of Durangos 7-mile human chain to Connect our community along our wonderful Animus River Trail! The attached Link has more information:  <a href="http://durangoconnect.com/participate/participant-guide/">http://durangoconnect.com/participate/participant-guide/</a>  Join other participants along the trail. We plan to meet at 9:15 in the Walmart Parking lot (the organizers need people at the South End of the Trail). Parking near town or the Trail will be difficult, so we ask you to arrange car pools with other SO members. As we receive more information we will send out an email prior to the event. The organizers have asked us for the number of SO members we expect might participate, so please <b>RSVP to: Betsey Butler <a href="mailto:ejbutler12@gmail.com">ejbutler12@gmail.com</a></b>	Easy
Fri Sept 28 SRP 9:00 am	<b>Bike Burnt Ridge Loop.</b> Drive 5.5 miles on FR 566 past Echo Basin Road. Bike around Burnt Ridge on FR 566, which is a rough and rocky dirt	Moderate 8.7 miles

	road. Enjoy views of Hesperus and other La Plata peaks. Eat lunch along the way or after the ride, with an option to go to the bakery in Mancos. Mountain bike recommended. Carpool \$5. 4WD/HC preferred. <b>RSVP Sandy Hoagland 247-3678 or <a href="mailto:swhoagy@live.com">swhoagy@live.com</a></b>	900
Sat Sept 29 SRP 8:00 am	<b>Black Face Trail:</b> Exploratory loop hike between Lizard Head Pass & Lizard Head Peak. 2-mile shuttle required. Carpool \$16. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP Jim Shadell 247-5597 <a href="mailto:shadj@durango.net">shadj@durango.net</a></b>	Hard 9 miles 2,000
<del>Sun Sept 30</del> 8:15 am at ACP 9:00 am Purgatory Creek TH across from Durango Mtn Resort.	<b>Llama Hike Purgatory Creek Trail. CANCELLED</b> A beautiful fall hike, about a 1000 1.5 mile descent down, across Purgatory Flats and then to Animas River and picnic area for lunch 4 miles one way. Remember, what goes down, will go up. This hike is about the experience of llamas and not a fast or quick hike but still a healthy pace. Carpool \$4 from Durango, \$2 donation from each appreciated for hauling trailer from Bayfield. Limit 10, NO DOGS <b>RSVP Gail Davidson 970 799-2940 <a href="mailto:gdauidson@sagehealthinc.com">gdauidson@sagehealthinc.com</a></b>	Moderate 8 miles 1,800
Mon Oct 1 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am	<b>Climb No Name Peak (12,628')</b> . The peak is located on the ridge north of Snowden Peak. Start at Andrews Lake (10744'), hike up to Snowden Meadows and follow a trail through forest to base of Snowden Peak. Then climb up steep grassy slope on an ill-defined trail to a saddle and north up a talus ridge to the peak. Carpool \$6. Limit 10. Dogs OK. <b>Wear Orange moose season.</b> <b>RSVP: Nancy Federico at <a href="mailto:fortfed@gmail.com">fortfed@gmail.com</a> or 259-1949</b>	Hard 5 Miles 1,880
Wed Oct 3 RC 9:00 am TC 9:15 am DMR 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Spud Lake</b> The hike passes through aspen and along several interesting beaver ponds, some of which are still active. From the lake are views of the Twilight Peaks and Engineer Mountain. We will hike up to the lake, around its circumference, and back. Dogs on leash only. RSVP non-members only. Carpool \$5. <b>Leader: Warren Levingston 769-1437</b>	Easy 3 miles 440
Wed Oct 3 ACP 7:30 am	<b>Hike Burnt Timber Trail and meadows.</b> This trail climbs steadily up through ponderosa, aspen and spruce forests for about 2.2 miles, at which point we will then climb up through meadows and drainages for about 1 mile to the top of the ridge, where we will meet the Lime Mesa Trail. We will travel northeast on the Lime Mesa Trail until it meets the Burnt Timber Trail. We will then circle back to the crossing at Burnt Timber Creek and retrace our route back down to the trailhead. Turn backs with a partner are OK before we reach Burnt Timber Creek, but we will have to stay together once we leave the trail. 2WD is OK. Carpool \$6. Dogs on leash OK. <b>Wear Orange moose season</b> <b>RSVP: Leaders Nancy Mead and David Wright at <a href="mailto:nancy.a.mead@att.net">nancy.a.mead@att.net</a> or 259-5978.</b>	Hard 10.5 miles 2,500
Thur Oct 4 SRP 7:30 am	<b>Hesperus Ascent (13,232) Owen Basin Approach.</b> We will drive West on 160 to Echo Basin Rd and drive into Owen Basin. Limit 10. 4WD. Carpool \$6. <b>Wear Orange moose season</b> <b>RSVP Rich Butler 970-403-3185 <a href="mailto:rbutler54@gmail.com">rbutler54@gmail.com</a> Co-Leader Betsey Butler.</b>	Hard ~ 6 miles 2,850
Fri Oct 5 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am	<b>Grassy Creek Hike:</b> Well start where the gravel ends on the Relay Creek Road, (FS 580) hiking from there up an abandoned logging road that climbs through the upper Grassy Creek drainage. When the road tops out on a ridge coming down from Graysill Ridge, well scramble up the ridge a short distance and stop with views of the upper Hermosa drainage, Hermosa Peak, and Blackhawk Mtn. Hopefully well have good fall colors. <b>Wear Orange moose season.</b> Carpool \$6, High clearance desirable, Dogs OK, on leash or under control. <b>RSVP Bob Kuhnert 799-0692 <a href="mailto:rkuhnert@bresnan.net">rkuhnert@bresnan.net</a></b>	Moderate 5-6 miles 1,000
Sat Oct 6 ACP 9:00 am TH 9:30 am	<b>Hike Castle Rock.</b> An annual favorite for fall colors and commanding views at the top. Bring a snack and your Favorite beverage. We will probably make a	Moderate 4 miles 1,500'

S. of Needles Store on 550	loop at the top and then return to the trailhead. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK. <b>Wear Orange.</b> <b>RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 <a href="mailto:john@martintelephone.com">john@martintelephone.com</a></b>	
Sun Oct 7 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 AM	<b>Snowdon Mtn. Ridge Hike.</b> Leaving from Andrews Lake we will hike the grassy ridge south of Snowdon. We will go to Watertank Canyon and then return via the same route. Dogs OK. Carpool \$6. <b>Wear Orange moose season.</b> <b>RSVP Bob Thompson 382-9271</b>	Most Challenging 14 miles 2,000
<del>Mon Oct 8</del> ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am	<b>Lime Creek Road Cutoff: Changed to Friday, October 19.</b> Starting at the north end of Lime Creek Rd, well hike south on the road until we reach the first side road. This is an interesting old road that ends near a bog and an old mining site. Hopefully the aspen will still be colorful. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK. <b>Wear Orange moose season.</b> <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a></b>	Moderate 6 miles 500
Tues Oct 9 Social 6:30 pm Mtg. 7:00 pm Rec Center	<b>SO! General Meeting.</b>  Join us at the Rec Center to enjoy a wonderful Southwest photography presentation. Dr Gene Balzer, professor emeritus of photography at Northern Arizona University, will show a special collection of his photographs taken at remote and difficult to get to Anasazi ruins. Some are of sites the public never gets to see. Dr. Balzer will present in Durango, then head to Mesa Verde for his annual photography workshop. For more info about this workshop contact <a href="mailto:Krista.Boardman@partner.nps.gov">Krista Boardman@partner.nps.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.mesaverdeinstitute.org">www.mesaverdeinstitute.org</a> .	Easy
Tue Thur Oct 9 11 RC 7:00 am	<b>UT Car Camping, Amazing Ruins, Amazing Settings.</b> We'll camp for 2 nights on Cedar Mesa. On the day we drive over we'll climb Abajo Peak. The next day we will visit an amazing collection of not-often-visited ruins that create a fortress on the edge of an 800' high cliff. The view of the ruins is incredible; the views from the ruins are even better! The last day we'll visit some more ruins before heading home. Limit 12. 4WD. No Dogs. Carpool \$ TBD. <b>RSVP Sue Agranoff 946-9946 <a href="mailto:sagranoff@alum.mit.edu">sagranoff@alum.mit.edu</a></b>	Hard Scrambling & Exposure 3,000 to climb Abajo
Wed Oct 10 RC 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Lake Eileen.</b> The hike will cross Lost Creek and water levels should be reasonable, but hiking poles are recommended for additional stability. Bring lunch. We will be accompanied by Forester Laurie Swisher who will discuss fire recovery. Limit 20 participants. Members only. Dogs must be leashed. All participants please RSVP. Carpool \$5 <b>Leader: Dave Rich 247-8044</b>	Moderate 4 miles 1,100
Fri Oct 12 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am	<b>Relay Creek Rd. to Graysill:</b> Starting on an old logging road just past the Cascade Divide Rd. turn off, well hike up to an old ridge road that abuts Graysill Mt. and has fantastic views. Well hike on this level ridge road for awhile and then climb up just a bit for lunch and even better views. The drive is about 5 miles on the dirt roads behind Purg. Carpool \$6, 4WD not needed. No dogs because of porcupines. <b>Wear orange moose season.</b> <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a></b>	Moderate 6 miles 1,000
Tue Oct 16 8:45 am Hermosa Conoco Station	<b>Highway 550 Cleanup.</b> Join other SO! volunteers to help clean up our two sections of Highway 550. Coffee and donuts will be served! Pitch in to help keep our section of 550 the cleanest. <b>RSVP: Marv Dwarkin 259-9434 <a href="mailto:mpdworkin@gobrainstorm.net">mpdworkin@gobrainstorm.net</a></b>	Easy
Wed Oct 17 RC 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Falls Creek</b> Falls Creek is accessed from a parking area pretty much at the base of the Anasazi Rock Shelters and on the opposite side of the road. From there the trail crosses through a hayfield to the wooded area. Follow through the woods to the old burned area and back down into the valley via a trail that takes us just inside the Falls Creek subdivision and then out on the main road back to the cars.	Easy 3 miles 300

	Limit 4 dogs RSVP non members and dogs. <b>Wear Orange Rifle Season</b> <b>Leader: Chris Wiehage 259-0882</b>	
<b>Fri Oct 19</b> ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am	<b>Lime Creek Road Cutoff: Changed from Monday, October 8.</b> Starting at the north end of Lime Creek Rd, well hike south on the road until we reach the first side road. This is an interesting old road that ends near a bog and an old mining site. Hopefully the aspen will still be colorful. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK. <b>Wear Orange moose season.</b> <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a></b>	Moderate 6 miles 500
Fri - Sun Oct. 19-21 9:00 a.m. Rec Center	<b>Utah Car Camping</b> Moab area. We will drive over on Friday and find a campsite, then spend the time hiking and exploring the many fins and canyons in Behind The Rocks. Previous explorations have found many exciting routes, but more wait to be found. Some exposure on slick rock scrambles. Trip limit 12. Primitive camping. Bring plenty of water. Carpool \$ TBD. <b>Leader: Bill Cagle RSVP: 385-4566 <a href="mailto:cagle81301@yahoo.com">cagle81301@yahoo.com</a></b>	Hard 6 - 8 miles/day 500 Many times Scrambling
Tue Oct 23 ACP 8 am TH @ Needles 8:45 am	<b>Hike Elbert Creek Trail.</b> We will hike Elbert Creek Trail to the ridge line and find Butler Creek trail at ~10,500 ft. We will make a 1-mile loop on the ridge and work back to Elbert Creek trail. Hiking is mostly on good trails. Carpool \$4, Limit 12. 3 Dogs ok and under voice control. <b>Wear Orange Rifle Season</b> <b>RSVP Leader Darrell Maddox 303-775-3208 (cell) <a href="mailto:maddox0204@msn.com">maddox0204@msn.com</a></b>	Hard 10 miles 1,800
Wed Oct 24 RC 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Haviland Lake to Forebay Lake</b> Trail starts at the parking lot across from Haviland Lake and goes past a beaver pond through an open meadow and forest down to Forebay Lake and back. Dogs on leash only. RSVP non members only. <b>Wear Orange Rifle Season</b> <b>Leader: Warren Levingston 769-1437</b>	Easy 3 miles minimal elevation gain
Thur Oct 25	<b>SO! Board Meeting - Wear Orange Rifle Season</b>	<b>Hard</b>
Sat. Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00 p.m. Durango	<b>Attention Downhill Skiers and Boarders:</b> Get acquainted, reacquainted and/or just have a good time at a potluck gathering at the <b>Rodman</b> home in the <b>Sky Ridge</b> neighborhood of Durango. There will be small monetary collection for provision of plates and utensils. Bring your own beverages and dish to share. Scheduled for <b>Saturday, October 27 at 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.</b> We need a count of attendees via RSVP no later than October 13. Email <a href="mailto:mtnman16@gmail.com">mtnman16@gmail.com</a> or call 970-385-7899. (Please leave your email address with any messages.)	So easy
Wed Oct 31 RC 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Power Line Trail</b> Great views of Durango and the La Platas. Gentle climb at the beginning. We will start at the trail head in Sky Ridge, hike to Horse Gulch and back to the start. Please carpool because trail head is in a residential area and parking is limited. RSVP Non-members only. Dogs on leash OK. <b>Leader: Joan Huntley 385-7723</b>	Easy 4 Miles
Wed Nov 7 SRP 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita to Home Depot and back. May turn back sooner or go on to Escalante subdivision if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call <b>Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b>	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
<b>Sun Nov 11</b> <del>Sat Nov 10</del> ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am	<b>Hike Above Little Molas Lake - Moved to Sun Oct 11 because of weather.</b> Start at the lake and bushwhack up and across the steppes until we reach the cliffs, then traverse below the cliffs returning to the lake. Partly above timberline with great views. Carpool \$6. <b>Wear Orange</b> <b>Leader: Bill Cagle RSVP: 385-4566 <a href="mailto:cagle81301@yahoo.com">cagle81301@yahoo.com</a></b>	Moderate 4 miles 1,000
Tues Nov 13 Social 6:30 pm Mtg. 7:00 pm Rec Center	<b>SO! General Meeting</b>  Josh Kling, guide, outdoor educator and owner of Durangos Kling Mountain Guides, will be our presenter. He will discuss several adventure trips that are accessible to active seniors, including trips to Africa and Mount Kilimanjaro, Mexico, Peru, Alaska, Washington, and Colorado. Josh has extensive	Easy

	experience in all types of outdoor adventure programs. Come and learn more about what Kling Mountain Guides are doing in Durango and the rest of the world.	
Wed Nov 14 SRP <b>9:30</b> am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Nov 7 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Wed Nov 21 SRP <b>9:30</b> am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Nov 7 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Starting Fri. Nov 23 through out the ski season at DMR. Start date dependent on DMR opening and snow conditions.	<b>SO! Downhill Ski Group. Meet other SO! skiers and ski with a group at your level on various days throughout the ski season. All abilities welcome.</b>  Contact Bruce Rodman at <a href="mailto:Mtnman16@gmail.com">Mtnman16@gmail.com</a> to be placed on the SO! Downhill Ski Group distribution list. Please provide: Self-description of your skier abilities, e.g. intermediate Home phone number. Cell phone number if you carry a cell phone on the mountain.  If you are looking for ski companions of similar abilities, then you can email everyone on the distribution list that you are organizing a ski group on days and start times of your choice. Each group will meet at the base of Lift 1 (the Six Pack lift.) Some will coordinate to car pool from Animas City Park. The groups usually meet during the noon hour for lunch on the second floor (bar level) at Dantes when it is open. You could also use the distribution list to arrange trips to other ski areas such as Wolf Creek or Telluride. For more information, contact SO! downhill ski group co-coordinators Bruce Rodman at 970-385-7899 or Jim Shadid at 970-884-4612.  On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, John Montle (or Betsy Petersen, backup) leads a group of intermediate skiers interested primarily in groomed slopes. John or Betsy looks for you shortly before 9:00am and then again shortly before 9:30am at the base of Lift 1 (the Six Pack lift.) They will email out messages only when a leader will not be present as expected. These group sessions will probably begin later in December when ski conditions are judged good. First timers should contact John Montle at 769-6108 or <a href="mailto:mntnlvr@frontier.net">mntnlvr@frontier.net</a> . Backup group leader is Betsy Petersen at 259-5417 or <a href="mailto:betsyp@bresnan.net">betsyp@bresnan.net</a> .  Be sure to check the DMR web site for actual opening date. Ski boarders are welcome to join the SO! Downhill ski group.	Novice, intermediate and expert skiers
Fri Nov 23 9:30 a.m. Big Canyon Parking lot Next to New Country Toyota	<b>Walk Off the Turkey</b> - Hike up Big Canyon trail into Horse Gulch; maybe get up to Pautsky Point. An easy, close-to-home hike and early turn backs (with friend) are allowed. Dogs OK. Carpool \$1. Leader: Bill Cagle RSVP: 385-4566 <a href="mailto:cagle81301@yahoo.com">cagle81301@yahoo.com</a>	Easy to Moderate 6-7 miles 500
Wed Nov 28 SRP <b>9:30</b> am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Nov 7 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130	
Wed Nov 28 5:00 pm	<b>SO! Outings Committee Meeting</b>	
Wed Dec 5 SRP <b>9:30</b> am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Nov 7 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. <b>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b>	Easy Flat 5-7 miles

<p>Sat. Dec 8 ACP 9:00 am DMR 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>Snowshoe Snowden Meadows</b> 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 \$6. Dogs OK <b>RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 <a href="mailto:john@martintelephone.com">john@martintelephone.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate 5-7 miles 700'</p>
<p>Tue Dec 11 <del>5:30 pm</del> <b>New Members</b> 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Potluck Rec. Center</p>	<p><b>SO! General Meeting Winter Potluck NO New Member Orientation Social: 6:30 pm Potluck: 7:00 pm</b></p> <p>Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil.</p> <p>A-F Main Dish      G-M Dessert      N-R Main Dish      S-Z Salads</p> <p>In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations or personal checks for the Durango Food Bank.</p> <p><b>They have specifically requested breakfast foods:</b></p> <p><b>Boxed cereals (preferably not Fruit Loop varieties), ones the kids would eat but not too sugary; pancake mixes; oatmeal; cream of wheat/rice; maple syrup.</b></p>	
<p>Wed Dec 12 SRP <b>9:30</b> am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Nov 7 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. <b>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>
<p>Wed Dec 19 SRP <b>9:30</b> am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Nov 7 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. <b>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>
<p>Wed Dec 26 SRP <b>9:30</b> am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Nov 7 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. <b>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>

The outings Committee members who put together this Outing Schedule are: Rich Butler, Olin Kane, Clark Lagow, Sherry Suenram, and Bob Powell. 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.