

<p>Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outing Description</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fall 2014</p> <p>Printer-friendly version</p> <p>Logistics, outing rules, meeting places, and difficulty ratings</p> <p>Email schedule changes and updates to: Lyle Hancock.</p> <p>Schedule changes and trip updates are in red</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 www.seniorsoutdoors.org.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Participants (new & old) as we start the new season please review the Guidelines for Participants found on the SO! Web Site. It contains important information about our requirements and general alpine safety.</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>	<p>Difficulty Rating,</p> <p>Rating, Total Length & Elevation Gain</p>
	<p>Some of the hikes in this outings schedule show <u>MODERATE PACE</u>. What does this mean? One of the leaders offers this quote: Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance toward the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vantage point. Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing</p>	

	<p>moment; and the view from the summit will serve as a fitting climax for the journey. Melchert, Harold V. When the leader indicates the hike will be at a moderate pace, it means the leader will set the moderate pace and participants should follow that pace throughout the hike.</p>	
	<p><i>Avalanche Alpine Safety Reminder:</i> Be aware that Outings in snow conditions in our area could involve avalanche exposure. SO! strongly recommends that participants in winter outings complete an avalanche safety course (Links to a few local ones are: http://www.avyschool.com/ & http://www.hesperusskipatrol.org/). In addition, on some Outings, Trip Leaders may require you to carry a beacon, shovel and snow probe and know their use. Be informed of backcountry avalanche conditions before an outing (check at http://avalanche.state.co.us/, the Colorado Avalanche Information Center).</p>	
	<p><i>Bike Rides for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</i> designed for fitness and fun. Goals are twofold: (1) get good exercise and (2) build group road cycling skills. Length of ride will vary from 20 to 50 miles. This is always a casual, social ride not a hammerfest, not a race. Participants are free to ride at their own pace, without fear of holding up the group or riding too fast. We always select a place to regroup as necessary. There is no fixed schedule or route. Each ride is announced by email, so please send me your email if you would like to receive ride notifications. Feel free to call me with any questions: Matt Bradley, mbradley@aristotle.net, 501 580-5656 (c)</p>	
<p>Mon 9:30 Home Depot Thur 9:30 SRP</p>	<p><i>Monday and Thursday Bike Rides for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</i> These rides are continuations of this summers rides. These are no drop rides which will continue until we decide the weather is no longer cooperating. These are casual, social rides with midway stops for coffee and pastries. Mondays we meet at Home Depot, ride the Animas River Trail to Bread and back for a total of 16 miles. Thursdays we meet at SRP and ride to Hermosa with a stop at PJs and back for a total of 25 miles. If you want to participate please let me know by email. If you are already on the summer email list, no need to let me know. Call or email if you have questions. Helen Root, helen@northandroot.com, 505-320-3441(c) or 505-334-1568(h).</p>	
<p>Starting Fri. Nov 28 throughout the ski season at DMR. Start date dependent on DMR opening and snow conditions.</p>	<p>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. Ski boarders are welcome to join the SO! Downhill ski group. Be sure to check the DMR web site for actual opening date.</p> <p>Contact Bruce Rodman at Mtnman16@gmail.com to be placed on the SO! Downhill Ski Group distribution list. Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Self-description of your skier abilities, e.g. intermediate 2) Land line phone number. 	<p>Novice, intermediate and expert skiers</p>

	<p>3) Cell phone number if you carry a cell phone on the mountain.</p> <p>If you are looking for ski companions of similar abilities, then you may 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 Coordinator Bruce Rodman at 970-385-7899 or Mtnman16@gmail.com.</p> <p>On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, John Montle or Betsy Petersen leads a group of advanced intermediate skiers interested primarily in skiing fairly fast on groomed slopes. They will look for you shortly before 9:00 at the base of Lift 1 (the Six Pack lift) or sometimes later if arrangements have been made in advance. Communications are generally done via email. These sessions will begin as soon as conditions are judged to be good. Contact John Montle at jjmontle@frontier.net or 970-259-9469, or Betsy Peterson at Betsyp@bresnan.net or 970-259-5417.</p>	
<p>Wed Sept 3</p> <p>SRP 8:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike : Hoffheins to Gudys Rest This is an in & out hike with constant and mostly gradual elevation gain as the trail heads north toward the Colorado Trail and Gudy's Rest with views of Perins Peak, Barnroof Pt. and the La Plata Mountains. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only</p> <p>Leaders: Tom and Lydine Hannula 884-9052</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>About 5 mi.</p> <p>700' gain</p>
<p>Thur Sept 4</p> <p>ACP 6:00 am</p>	<p>Climb Vermillion & Fuller Peaks (13,894): We will start up the Clear Lake road shortcut & hike up the Ice Lake Basin Trail to Fuller Lake. Then there is a steep talus climb to the Saddle between Fuller (13,761) and Vermillion (13,894). To reach Vermillion there is a difficult, but short exposed scramble, up a couloir to the top. Fuller is a relatively easy walk up. Those who do not wish to climb Vermillion can do Fuller and wait in the saddle for the others. Carpool \$9, 4WD high clearance required, Limit 10, no dogs because of loose rock hazard.</p> <p>RSVP Lynn Coburn 247-0914 harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</p>	<p>Most Challenging</p> <p>9 miles</p> <p>4000</p>
<p>Sat Sept 6</p>	<p>Climb Grizzly Peak (13,378) Hike to the base of Grizzly Peak to enjoy meadows, lakes and great views. A few stretches of the trail are on shale. We will then begin the climb of Grizzly Peak, which takes us up a steep</p>	<p>Hard</p>

<p>ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>rocky couloir, and then a short stroll to the top as Pixler says. The view from the top is spectacular. We may split into two groups with a moderate option to explore the area around the lake, or perhaps hunt for mushrooms. 4WD necessary (12 miles on Cascade Divide Rd). Carpool \$8. Dogs Ok to meadow, but not to the peak.</p> <p>RSVP Lynn Coburn 247-0914 harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</p>	<p>7 miles 2750</p> <p>Meadow option is moderate</p>
<p>Mon Sept 8</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p>	<p>Hike to and Climb Half Peak (13,841): Postponed to Wednesday, September 17th. This hike is intended for those with lots of stamina, but not necessarily lots of speed. Be forewarned, however, while the route is not steep, it is a very long hike with significant vertical. We will climb Half Peak from Minnie Gulch. The route is almost entirely above tree line and includes a short, 3rd class scramble with some exposure to the summit. Come prepared for a long day and considering the time of year bring warm clothing. Carpool \$10,4WD/HC, Limit 10, No Dogs</p> <p>RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com</p>	<p>Most Challenging</p> <p>14 miles</p> <p>4,600</p> <p>Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Mon Sept 8</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p> <p>DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Climb 13,087 Spencer Peak. CANCELLED Carpool to Little Molas Campground. Follow route guide in Pixler to newly named Spencer Peak (formerly just marked 13,087) just south of Grand Turk Peak. There will be some brush, exposed trail and talus slope. Because of the elevation gain and distance, it will be a hard hike, though the pace will be moderate. Limit 20. No dogs. Carpool \$7.</p> <p>RSVP Leader: Marianne Pearlman 375-9257</p>	<p>Hard, but at moderate pace.</p> <p>5 miles</p> <p>2,177</p>
<p>Tue Sept 9</p>	<p>SO! Monthly Meeting Moved to Sept 16</p>	
<p>Tue Sept 9</p> <p>ACP 8:30 am</p> <p>TH 8:45 am</p>	<p>Haflin Creek - Climb Haflin Creek Trail to Missionary Ridge. Well-defined trail with beautiful views of the Animas Valley Carpool \$2</p> <p>Leader: Wayne Bedor 764-4089 waynebedor@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Hard</p> <p>5 miles</p> <p>2,800</p>
<p>Wed Sept 10</p> <p>ACP 6:30 am</p>	<p>Mountain View Crest to Needleton Overlook(12,719) and beyond: Park off the Missionary Ridge Road at 11,200, 1.5 miles shy of Lime Mesa TH. Climb off-trail to intersect the Lime Mesa Trail, heading north 3 miles to edge of Crest. Walk off-trail visiting 4 high points along the way. Witness the 4,000 foot plunge from Needleton to the Animas River. Last 3 miles is exploratory. Carpool \$7. 4WD/HC for rough road, Limit 10, No dogs.</p> <p>RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269 debra@vanwinegarden.com</p> <p>Co-leader Tom Ward 459-4312 tom@thward.net</p>	<p>Most Challenging</p> <p>13 miles</p> <p>2,660</p>
<p>Wed Sept 10</p> <p>ACP 8:00 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Easy Way to Castle Rock Well drive behind DMR to access the trailhead to the Castle Rock Overlook, hiking over easy rolling terrain to see the beautiful views. Carpool \$5, 4WD. Limit: 25 hikers and 3 dogs.</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>4 miles</p>

TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am	RSVP: Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com	500
Thur Sep 11 7:00 am Santa Rita Pk	<p>Quartz Lake - South San Juan Wilderness SE of Pagosa Springs. From the notch at Quartz Ridge we will access the ridge and work our way along the ridge, then drop down to the lake, returning via the lake trail. Great views. Some scrambling on the ridge. Limit 15.. Carpool \$12</p> <p>RSVP Bill Cagle cagle81301@yahoo.com</p>	Hard 9 miles 3,000
Fri Sept 12 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am	<p>Cascade Creek Loop (starting at Cascade Village): 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. A short car shuttle will be needed. Carpool \$4, Dogs OK</p> <p>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</p>	Moderate 10 miles 900
Sat Sept 13- Wed Sept 17 Meeting time and place TBD	<p>Climb Mt Elbert & Mt Massive: DAY 1: We will arrive and camp at the Elbert/Massive base camp campgrounds, (Halfmoon Campground) on Saturday and remain for the duration of the trip as summit trailheads are next door. First night will be a shared appetizer event.</p> <p>DAY 2: Mt Elbert is the highest peak in CO and the Rockies with 14,433 ft and Mt Massive a close second highest at 14,421 ft. We will approach Elbert from the standard North Elbert trailhead with 9 miles/4,400 ft elevation gain.</p> <p>DAY 3: Monday, we will summit Massive from the North Halfmoon Creek Trailhead with 6.2 miles/3960 ft elevation gain.</p> <p>DAY 4: Optional day to climb La Plata Pk, 14,336 ft, from the Lake Creek Trailhead, (10.0 mi/5000),or climb Mt Yale,14,196 ft, from the Denny Crk Trailhead, (7.0mi/4300). Either trip would require a short drive to trailhead and decision to climb will be up to group.</p> <p>DAY 5: Return home stopping for breakfast in Buena Vistayah!</p> <p>Early morning starts will be required due to long mileages/weather. Return home on Wed, 9/17. Firewood will be appreciated, please let me know if you can bring.</p> <p>RSVP: Leader: Michael Snyder 403-1042 comichael57@gmail.com</p>	Most Challenging 6-9 miles/day 4,400/day
Sat, Sun Sept 13, 14	California (13,849) and Huerfano (13,828) Peaks.	Hard 8 miles

<p>Sat: Lower Huerfano TH</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>Sun: Lower Huerfano TH</p> <p>7:30 am</p>	<p>California Pk North ridge route from lower Huerfano TH. Class 1 as described by Roach. 4WD lo/HC?. Limit 10. Dogs OK.</p> <p>Huerfano Pk North slopes route. Uncrowded (no Lindsey mob), but significant route finding may be necessary. Class 2.</p> <p>4WD lo/HC?. Limit 10. Dogs OK. Car pool TBD.</p> <p>Motels in Westcliffe and Walsenburg; camping reportedly available between THs.</p> <p>RSVP Leader: Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net</p>	<p>4,100</p> <p>Hard</p> <p>910 miles</p> <p>3,900</p>
<p>Tues Sept 16</p> <p>New Member Orientation</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>Social: 6:30 pm</p> <p>Potluck: 7:00 pm</p> <p>Rec Center</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO! General Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fall Potluck</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Member Orientation 5:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Social: 6:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Potluck: 7:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Desert G-M Main Dish N-R Salad S-Z Main Dish In addition to your potluck dish please bring non-perishable food donations and personal checks for the Volunteers of Americas Shelter.</p>	
<p>Wed Sept 17</p> <p>SRP 8:30 am</p>	<p>WW Mancos:Box Canyon/Transfer/Rim Trails Loop Hike. This hike will be an interpretive hike led by MK Thompson of the SJMA into an area of the Mancos River. We estimate about 3 hours of hiking time and 45 min each way drive time so bring lunch or substantial snack. From FR 561, this loop begins with a descent through lush vegetation down the Box Canyon trail. The descent is steep but has nice steps and water bars for assistance. After a bit more than half a mile, we will connect with the Transfer trail. This trail rolls up and down as we head upstream along the West Mancos River. There are many opportunities for stops by the stream as well as evidence of animals including squirrel middens and bear claw marks. About 2 miles in, we will begin our climb back up to the rim. Notice the transition from lush berry bushes, blue spruce, and Douglass fir to sun loving scrub oak, ponderosa pines, and aspens. Once we top out the climb at around mile 2.7, we will join the Rim Trail. This trail rolls gently and mostly downhill. Since we are up on the rim now, keep your eyes peeled for soaring birds such as red tailed hawks. There are also lovely rock formations. No dogs due to steep drop offs. RSVP members and non members. Car Pool fee \$7</p> <p>Leader: Dave Rich 247-8044</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>4mi</p> <p>Overall 1150' gain</p> <p>Max single ascent 492'</p> <p>Max single descent 436'</p>

<p>Wed Sept 17</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p>	<p>Hike to and Climb Half Peak (13,841): Postponed from September 8th. This hike is intended for those with lots of stamina, but not necessarily lots of speed. Be forewarned, however, while the route is not steep, it is a very long hike with significant vertical. We will climb Half Peak from Minnie Gulch. The route is almost entirely above tree line and includes a short, 3rd class scramble with some exposure to the summit. Come prepared for a long day and considering the time of year bring warm clothing. Carpool \$10,4WD/HC, Limit 10, No Dogs</p> <p>RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com</p>	<p>Most Challenging</p> <p>14 miles</p> <p>4,600</p> <p>Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Thur Sept 18</p> <p>ACP 8:30 am</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Skyline Trail Head 9:00 am</p>	<p>Trails 2000 Skyline Trail Maintenance Day: Join us for another SO! Trail work day at the Skyline Trail. Time: 9am to 1pm.</p> <p>Directions: Take Goeglein to Skyridge; follow Jenkins Ranch Road (the main road) to the end of the pavement and park at trailhead parking on your right. Please do not block the road for the residents. Wear/Bring: Long pants, shirt, sturdy shoes, water bottle and pack to hold it in (so your hands are free to carry a work tool). Trails 2000 to provide tools, extra gloves, extra water, snacks.</p> <p>We will hike to the top of the trail and work on the drainage, retaining walls and other tread issues from the middle to the top of the trail. Expect to hike 35 minutes uphill carrying a small pack and your work tool (pulaski, mcLeod and/or loppers). Carpool \$2, Limit 20, No Dogs.</p> <p>RSVP Rich Butler rbbutler54@gmail.com 970-403-3185</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>~ 3 miles</p> <p>~ 700</p>
<p>Fri Sept 19</p> <p>ACP 7:30 am</p> <p>TC 7:40 am</p> <p>DMR 8:00 am</p>	<p>Sheep & Greenhalgh Mtns (13,292 & 13,220): This will be an exploratory, mostly off trail climb, driving up Maggie Gulch to the end of the road, hiking up to and crossing the Continental Divide to summit Sheep Mountain and then attempt to traverse over to Greenhalgh Mountain. Carpool \$9, 4WDD & high clearance required. Limit 12, Dogs OK.</p> <p>RSVP Rich Butler rbbutler54@gmail.com 970-403-3185.</p>	<p>Hard</p> <p>~ 9 miles</p> <p>~ 2,900</p>
<p>Mon Sept 22</p> <p>ACP 7 am</p> <p>TC 7:15 am</p> <p>DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Engineer Mt (12,968) NOTE: There is a moderate hike starting at the same place and time please decide which one you will do and RSVP to appropriate leader. Starting from Coal Bank Pass, the first two miles are good trail. The last mile involves a very steep, loose section and one tricky place with exposure. There will be plenty of hand-holding and moral support, so for those of you who have not climbed it and would like to, heres your chance. No dogs, limit 10. Carpool \$6</p> <p>RSVP: Lynn Coburn 247-0914 harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</p>	<p>Most challenging, 6 m., 2,400 elevation gain</p>
<p>Mon Sept 22</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p>	<p>Engineer Mountain Climb (12,968): Starting from Coal Bank Pass, the first two miles are on a good trail (Pass Creek). The last mile crosses loose talus and then involves a steep scramble with one tricky part and some exposure.</p>	<p>Most Challenging</p>

<p>TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Not for the acrophobic, but there will be moral support for the hard parts! The view from the top is priceless. Carpool \$6, Limit 5, No Dogs</p> <p>RSVP Ray Baranowski 259-9522 wraybar@yahoo.com</p>	<p>but at a moderate pace 6 miles 2,310</p>
<p>Wed Sept 24 SRP 8:15 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Twin Buttes. We will hike up to the old railroad grade, follow the Loop Trail, back to the railroad grade then up the new trail up to the base of the east butte, then back to the trail-head via the railroad grade. Approximately 3 hours. Dogs OK, but must be on leash as these trails are now in the City limits. Early turn backs are not permitted unless you have a map and a working knowledge of the new trail system. RSVP non-members only.</p> <p>Leader: Ray Walker 382-7662</p>	<p>Moderate 6 mi +/- +/- 500 ft gain</p>
<p>Fri Sept 26 SRP 8:00 am</p>	<p>Hike and Cookout to Wards Cabin. This is an easy one-way hike from Transfer Campground via various trails and roads to Ward's cabin at 9,000 ft in the aspen forest. We'll have a cookout for lunch. We'll supply the hot dogs (also veggie) and fixins, beans and lemonade. Other dishes welcome. Limits: people 15, dogs 2.</p> <p>RSVP: La Donna Ward Co-leader: Travis Ward tlward@frontier.net or 247-1310</p>	<p>Easy 400 4 miles</p>
<p>Sat Sept 27 ACP 8:00 am</p>	<p>Hike Sliderock Trail to Kennebec Pass (with option to climb Point 12,101): We will access the Sliderock Trailhead about 19 miles up Junction Creek Road to enjoy a hike through the fall foliage to Kennebec Pass. There are wonderful views to the North and Northeast at Kennebec Pass or climb an additional 300 to the top of Point 12,101 for an even better panorama.</p> <p>Carpool \$7, Dogs OK.</p> <p>RSVP Sandy Hoagland 247-3678 swhoagy@live.com</p>	<p>Moderate 6-7 miles 1500</p>
<p>Mon Sept 29 ACP 7 am TC 7:15 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Sultan Mt. (13,368) Start from Little Molas and walk the Colorado trail for about 2 miles. Then its off-trail with some use/social trail. Stunning view down on Silverton at the top. If the weather is good and the group is willing, we can climb over Grand Turk on the return. Dogs okay. Limit 10. Carpool \$6</p> <p>RSVP: Lynn Coburn 247-0914 harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard, 9 m. (10 m. with Grand Turk) , 2,500 +/-</p>
<p>Wed Oct 1 RC 9:00 am</p>	<p>WW hike Hidden Valley. We will carpool to Hidden Valley which is 5 miles from town. Since the Hike starts near the Falls Creek rock Shelter, we will learn about the Ancestral Puebloan people who lived in the valley. The hike is on established trails with some ups and downs. The section on the ridge is</p>	<p>Easy 3-4 mi</p>

	steep but short Good views of the Animas Valley along the way. Trail mannered dogs are welcome, max 2. RSVP non members and dogs only. Leader: Becky Rodefer 247-4115	minimal gain
Wed Oct 1 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:15 am	<i>Mitchell Lakes via Jones Creek/Pinkerton Flagstaff Trails (9,661):</i> This climb through old growth forest and on the ridge north of Hermosa Mountain should bring beautiful fall colors and expansive views. After leaving vehicles at the ending trailhead on CR250N, we will depart from Lower Hermosa Horse Camp. We will hike north on the Jones Creek Trail to the junction with the Pinkerton Flagstaff Trail where we head south to Mitchell Lakes and then down the Mitchell Lakes (4WD) Road to CR250N. While good trails and moderate uphills, rated hard due to length. Limit 16 people. Wear orange. Carpool \$2 RSVP: Bruce Rodman 385-7899 Mtnman16@gmail.com Co-leader Wayne Bedor 764-4089 waynebedor@yahoo.com	Hard 11-12 miles 1945

Fri Oct 3 SRP 7:00 am	<i>Cumberland Mt. and old and new Colorado Trail Loop.</i> Drive up La Plata Canyon and park vehicles at the Kennebec Overlook. From there we start on the Colorado Trail that goes toward Durango to do a loop by using the new trail connected by the old trail. On the return take a trail to some mining ruins at the base of Cumberland Mountain (12,388). Hike Cumberland and come down other side to return to where we started. Dogs OK. Carpool \$6. No limit. HC 4WD cars are necessary. RSVP Leader: Nancy Federico 259-1949 or fortfed@gmail.com	Hard, but at moderate pace. 8-8.5 miles 2,500
Sat Oct 4 ACP 8:00 am TH 8:45 am	<i>Hike Vallecito Creek Trail to the second bridge.</i> Should be beautiful aspen tree leaf views and of the low and slow flowing Vallecito Creek. Well defined trail. Turn backs okay with partner(s). One or two well behaved dogs okay. Rated hard because of distance, very little elevation gain over 5.5 miles Carpool \$5. Wayne Bedor 970-764-4089 waynebedor@yahoo.com	Hard 11 miles. 900 elevation gain.
Sun Oct 5 SRP 8:30 am	<i>View natural bridges in Caballo, Crow and Pump canyons east of Cortez.</i> We will drive to NM 173 just north of Aztec and then drive east for 12.6 miles to Caballo Canyon. We will drive up that canyon and walk short distances to view arches and then continue to nearby Crow and Pump Canyons. These arches were not visited on previous trips. Many short and easy walks. High clearance vehicles preferred, but not required, on some	Easy 1 mile total in many short walks

	<p>short roads. Carpool \$8. Limit 1215 people. No dogs because of heavy truck traffic.</p> <p>RSVP: Bob Powell 385-8949 or RobertLPowell@durango.net</p>	
<p>Wed Oct 8</p> <p>RC 8:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike Haviland Trail System. We will car pool to the parking area behind the Haviland Lake Campground. From there we will pick up the trail following Elbert Creek. The terrain is rocky but shaded by lots of pine trees. Trail mannered dogs are welcome, max 2. RSVP non-members and dogs only</p> <p>Leader:Becky Rodefer 247-4115</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>3-4 miles</p> <p>minimal gain</p>
<p>Wed Oct 8</p> <p>RC 8:00 am</p>	<p>Hike up Animas Mountain will carpool from Rec Ctr to avoid parking problems at TH - views of the Animas Valley, the river, Durango, Missionary Ridge, Falls Creek, the La Platas, and mountains to the north of the Valley. Turn backs okay with partner (s). Dogs on leash okay.</p> <p>Wayne Bedor 970-764-4089 waynebedor@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate 5.5 miles 1,500 Gain in Elevation</p>
<p>Sat Oct 11</p> <p>SRP 8:00 am</p>	<p>West Mancos downhill walk and photo trip. We will drive to Mancos and then north on FR 561 to Transfer Campground and farther to the junction of FR 561 and 350. We will walk downhill thru meadows, aspen woodlands and a short trail back to our cars that have been left at Transfer Campground. There will be many opportunities for excellent colorful photos of aspens in West Mancos Valley with Mts. Hesperus and Spiller in the background. The unusual geologic laccolith structure of Mt. Hesperus will be described. Cameras recommended. HC 4WD cars are not needed. Dogs OK if with a car driver. Carpool \$6. Limit of 15 people and 4 cars. The date may be changed if aspen color is sooner or later.</p> <p>RSVP Leader: Bob Powell 385-8949 or RobertLPowell@durango.net</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>1 mile</p> <p>Down 600, up 150</p>
<p>Mon Oct 13</p> <p>ACP 8:00 am</p> <p>TC 8:10 am</p> <p>TH 8:20 am</p>	<p>Goulding Creek Trail to Jones Creek. (a through hike). Well hike the switchbacks up Goulding Creek (most of the elevation gain), follow the ridge south on the Pinkerton Flagstaff Trail and descend on the Jones Creek Trail to the Hermosa Creek TH, enjoying fall colors throughout. Moderate pace. 4WD desirable. No dogs. Limit 12. Carpool \$4. (Limited Elk hunting season.)</p> <p>RSVP Leader: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net</p>	<p>Hard. but at moderate pace.</p> <p>10 miles</p> <p>2,200</p>
<p>Tues Oct 14 to</p> <p>Friday Oct 17</p> <p>Rec Center Parking</p>	<p>Grand Gulch/Natural Bridges Natl Monument Exploration. We will meet at the Rec Center and drive to Grand Gulch to Utah 261. On the way we will explore a canyon to be named later and then will search for a camping spot off of 261. On Day 2 (Weds Oct 17) we will hike Kane Gulch to the confluence with Grand Gulch to find Junction & Turkey Pen Ruins (9.5 miles). On Day 3 (Thurs Oct 18) we drive to Natural Bridges to hike thru White and Armstrong Canyons connecting Sipapu, Kachina and Owachomo Bridges, looking for rock art</p>	<p>Hard</p> <p>9.5 & 7 Miles</p> <p>~ 500</p>

<p>Lot 7:30 am</p>	<p>panels & ruins on the route (7 miles- with a car shuttle at each end). Those who wish may drive back on Day 3 others can camp one more night and return Friday October 17. Carpool TBD. Limit 10. No Dogs.</p> <p>RSVP Rich Butler rbutler54@gmail.com 970-403-3185</p>	
<p>Tues Oct 14</p> <p>Rec Center</p> <p>Social 6:30 pm</p> <p>Mtg 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO! General Meeting</p> <p>ADVENTURES IN ECUADOR: Volcanoes, Flowers, and Birds: Come and hear our own John Bregar discuss his recent climbing trip to Ecuador, focusing on the extraordinary floral, bird and geological environment.</p>	
<p>Wed Oct 15</p> <p>RC 8:15 am</p>	<p>WW hike Dry Gulch Trail. Steady but gradual ascent as the trail meanders through the Perins wildlife area over towards Lightner Creek Rd at which point we will turn back, returning on the same trail. No dogs No early turn backs.</p> <p>Members only please. Hunting season, wear blaze orange</p> <p>Leader: Barb Hancock 764-4531</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>7 mi</p> <p>700' gain</p>
<p>Fri Oct 17</p> <p>ACP 8:00 am</p> <p>TC 8:10 am</p>	<p>Stevens Creek Trail. CANCELLED We will hike the upper trail, as described in Pixler and Peel, from the Missionary Ridge connector up to the Missionary Ridge Trail and back, with an option to continue down 2.8 miles and 1200 ft. elevation loss to the trail head on CR 250 if the group wishes and shuttles can be worked out. Limit 15 because of parking. Rated hard for distance, but the grade is easy, views are great and the pace is moderate. Carpool \$6. Co-leader: Nancy Mead</p> <p>RSVP Leader: David Wright 259-5978 djwright001@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard at moderate pace.</p> <p>11.4 miles</p> <p>2300</p>
<p>Sat Oct 18</p> <p>8:30 am Hermosa Conoco Station</p>	<p>SO! Highway 550 Cleanup: Join other SO! Volunteers to help clean up our two sections of Highway 550. Coffee and donuts will be served in the parking lot to get us warmed up for the clean up. Join in the fun who knows what you might find! Carpool \$2.</p> <p>RSVP: Rich Butler rbutler54@gmail.com 970-403-3185</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>~ 1 mile</p> <p>~ 100</p>
<p>Wed Oct 22</p>	<p>WW hike Telegraph to Pautsky. CANCELLED due to work on Horse Gulch Road. See Replacement Hike below.</p>	<p>Moderate</p>

<p>3rd St & 8th Ave.</p> <p>Horse Gulch trailhead 8:30 am</p>	<p>The trail begins by following the old Horse Gulch road, now closed to traffic, and links another trail that goes through a meadow before connecting with the Telegraph Hill where the trail then ascends to Pautsky Point. The trail is well marked and most elevation gain is from the start of the trail up Telegraph Hill. No Dogs. RSVP non members only.</p> <p>Leader: Dennis Aronson 259-5045</p>	<p>5.71 mi.</p> <p>1000 gain</p>
<p>Wed Oct 22</p> <p>9:00 am Skyline Trail Trailhead at end of Jenkin's Ranch Rd.</p>	<p>WW replacement hike: Raider Ridge from Sky Ridge</p> <p>We plan to explore the north end of Raider Ridge. The trail starts at the north end of Jenkins Ranch Road and climbs steadily up Skyline Trail to the top of Raider Ridge; then we will go another 1/2 mile. Out and back should be 4 - 5 miles. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only.</p> <p>Leader: Dennis Aronson 259-5045</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>4 - 5 miles</p> <p>700' - 800'</p>
<p>Fri Oct 24</p> <p>ACP 8:30 am</p>	<p>Pine River Trail. Enjoy the fall splendor while walking a gentle path along the Pine River. The trail starts at the Pine River Campground north of Vallecito Reservoir. One group will go about 3 miles to the border of the Weminuche Wilderness and return. Another group will go about 2 additional miles, walking close to the river, and return. Minimal elevation gain. Early turn backs with a partner allowed. Carpool \$4. Carpools will be arranged according to the distance that will be hiked. Dogs on leash or voice control allowed. Limit 15 in Weminuche (moderate plus group).</p> <p>RSVP Leader: Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</p>	<p>Easy plus is</p> <p>6 miles</p> <p>or</p> <p>moderate plus is</p> <p>10 miles</p> <p>Minimal</p>
<p>Sat Oct 25</p> <p>4:00-7:00 pm</p> <p>Durango</p>	<p>Attention Downhill Skiers and Boarders: Get acquainted, reacquainted and/or just have a good time at a pot luck gathering at the Rodman home in the Skyridge neighborhood of Durango. There may be small monetary collection for provision of plates and utensils. Bring your own beverages and dish to share. Scheduled for Saturday, October 25 at 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We need a count of attendees via RSVP no later than October 19. Email Bruce Rodman at Mtnman16@gmail.com or call 970-385-7899. (Please leave your email address with any messages.)</p>	<p>So easy</p>
<p>Mon Oct 27</p> <p>ACP 9:00 am</p>	<p>Purgatory Trail to the Animas River. Trail is up and down both ways, with a climb up at the end. Lunch will be at picnic tables by the river near the foot bridge. Fall colors should still be good. TH is across highway 550 from DMR.</p>	<p>Moderate at moderate pace.</p>

TC 9:10 am	Walk at moderate pace. No dogs. Limit 12. Carpool \$4. (Between hunting seasons.) RSVP Leader: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net	8 miles 1400
Tue Oct 28 ACP 8:30 am TC 8:45 am TH 9:00 am	<i>Pinkerton Flagstaff Trail: CANCELLED</i> At a MODERATE PACE we will start on an old forest road located off of Co. Rd. 250A. We will follow the sometimes steep road until it intersects with the PF trail that goes above Mitchell Ponds. Then there will be an on-trail climb to the ridge with some possible loose dirt. We will continue a short distance to an overlook point of 9564 for lunch with views of the La Platas and the Hermosa Creek Wilderness. Because of the possibility of wildlife and bicycle traffic, No Dogs will be included. Fast hikers are discouraged, unless they can stay within the groups speed. Orange vests needed. Carpool \$2, Limit 18, No Dogs RSVP Penny Jones 970-426-9585 1centpenny@gmail.com	Hard 8.4 miles 2869
Weds Oct 29 SRP 8:00 am	<i>Burro Mountain (11,553):</i> Exploratory climb in the western La Plata Mountains to climb Burro Mountain. The plan is to drive to Mancos and take FR 561 past Transfer Camp Ground and the Gold Run Trail Head. We will park along the road and bush-whack off trail to the summit. Although the distance is not great, the route will be primarily off trail and route finding will be involved. Carpool \$6. Limit 12, Dogs OK. RSVP Rich Butler rbutler54@gmail.com 970-403-3185	Hard ~ 5 miles ~1,900
Wed Oct 29 RC 8:30 am TC 8:45am DMR 9:00 am	<i>WW hike: Purgatory Flats.</i> We will hike from the trail head down to the river. Get to the trail head 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 should 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 and those wanting to meet at TC or DMR. Carpool \$4 Leader: Tom and Lydine Hannula 884-9052	Moderate at a slow pace 4 mi RT 1200 gain
Weds Oct 29	<i>SO! Board Meeting</i>	

<p>Thur - Sat</p> <p>Oct 30- Nov 1</p> <p>RC 8:30 am</p>	<p><i>Car Camping Trip to Utah:</i> In and around Moab. We will drive over Thursday and find a camp site, then spend the time hiking and exploring the Behind the Rocks area. There will be some exposure on slickrock scrambles/climbs and ropes may be necessary at times. THIS WILL BE AN EXPLORATORY CANYONEERING TRIP. Carpool TBD, Limit 12, Primitive camping. Bring plenty of water.</p> <p>RSVP Bill Cagle cagle81301@yahoo.com Co-leader John Bregar</p>	<p>Hard</p> <p>6-8 miles/day</p> <p>500</p> <p>Many times</p> <p>Scrambling</p>
<p>Wed Nov 5</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><i>WW hike: Animas River Trail.</i> 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.</p> <p>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>
<p>Tues Nov 11</p> <p>Rec Center</p> <p>Social 6:30 pm</p> <p>Mtg 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>SO! General Meeting</i></p> <p><i>NEW SKYHORSE TALES of the ALTAI MOUNTAINS IN SIBERIA:</i> Lisa and Loren Skyhorse will talk about their experiences working with the semi-nomadic peoples of the Altai to create a new industry using their traditional leather working skills.</p>	
<p>Wed Nov 12</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><i>WW hike: Animas River Trail</i></p> <p>See Nov 5 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance.</p> <p>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>
<p>Wed Nov 19</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><i>WW hike: Animas River Trail</i></p> <p>See Nov 5 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance.</p> <p>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>
<p>Weds Nov 19</p>	<p><i>Outings Committee Meeting: 5:30 pm</i></p>	

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Wed Nov 26 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Nov 5 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
NEW Fri Nov. 28 9:30 a.m. Big Canyon Parking lot Next to Durango Motor Co.	Walk Off the Turkey - 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: cagle81301@yahoo.com	Easy to Moderate 6-7 miles 500
Wed Dec 3 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Nov 5 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Sat. Dec 6 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am Tamarron 9:20 am	Snowshoe Snowdon Meadows: Join Johns annual snowshoe jaunt from Andrews Lake area up to the meadows at the foot of Snowdon Peak, with a lovely short scenic canyon along the way. Beautiful, rewarding and John always provides surprises and adventures! Carpool \$6, Limit 15, because we enter the Weminuche Wilderness. Dogs OK RSVP John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net	Moderate 5-7 miles 700
Tues Dec 9	SO! General Meeting Winter Potluck Social: 6:30 pm	

<p>Rec Center</p> <p>Social 6:30 pm</p> <p>Potluck 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Potluck: 7:00 pm</p> <p>Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil.</p> <p>A-F Main Dish G-M Salad N-R Main Dish S-Z Desert</p> <p>In addition to your potluck dish please bring non-perishable food donations for the Durango Food Bank.</p>	
<p>Wed Dec 10</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><i>WW hike: Animas River Trail</i></p> <p>See Nov 5 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance.</p> <p>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>
<p>Sun Dec 14</p> <p>ACP 8:30 am</p> <p>TC: 8:40 am</p> <p>DMR 9:00 am</p>	<p><i>Lime Creek Snowshoe:</i> Snow levels permitting, this will be an easy snowshoe on the old Lime Creek Road for anyone interested in the basics of snowshoeing. No avalanche gear will be required on this outing. Carpool \$6. Limit 20. Dogs OK.</p> <p>RSVP Rich Butler rbutler54@gmail.com 970-403-3185</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>~ 3 miles</p> <p>~ 400</p>
<p>Wed Dec 17</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><i>WW hike: Animas River Trail</i></p> <p>See Nov 5 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance.</p> <p>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>
<p>Wed Dec 24</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><i>WW hike: Animas River Trail</i></p> <p>See Nov 5 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance.</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>
<p>Wed Dec 31</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><i>WW hike: Animas River Trail</i></p> <p>See Nov 5 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance.</p> <p>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>

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