

Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Outing Description</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Fall 2015</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Printable .pdf version</p> <p>If you have received this schedule by mail, please note that additions and changes are continually being made. Ask someone with internet access to inform you when these updates occur or go to a friends computer or the library to view updates at www.seniorsoutdoors.org.</p> <p>Participation in SO! activities by non-members is limited to two outings per year. Visitors who wish to actively participate are expected to join SO!</p> <p>Leaders: If you have changes to make to an outing please e-mail the amended outing to mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org with a copy to rbutler54@gmail.com</p> <p>Participants (new & old) as we start the fall 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>Please note that many outings are listed At a moderate pace. This means the <u>Leader sets a MODERATE pace</u> and all participants should respect that no one should sprint ahead of the Leader without the Leaders okay.</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/ and a free one at http://www.thesanjuan.org/2014/10/avalanche-awareness-class-schedule/). 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/, Colorado Avalanche Information Center).</p> <p>Meeting Place Abbreviations: ACP: Animas City Park; TC: Trimble Crossing; Tam: Tamarron; Purg: Purgatory; SRP: Santa Rita Park; RC: Rec Center</p>	Rating, Total Length & Elevation Gain
	<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. RSVP Matt Bradley 501-580-5656</p>	
<p>Sat Sep 5 ACP 7:00 am PURG 7:30 am</p>	<p><i>Climb Grizzly Peak (13,378)</i> 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 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</p>	<p>Hard 7 miles 2750</p> <p>Meadow option is moderate</p>

	area around the lake, or perhaps hunt for mushrooms. 4WD necessary (12 miles on Cascade Divide Rd). Carpool \$10. Dogs Ok to meadow, but not to the peak. RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net	
Sat Sept 5 Tues Sept 8 Meeting Place and Time To Be Determined	Backpack Flint Creek/Pine River Semi loop. We will start at the Pine River trailhead north of Bayfield, hike up the Pine River trail to the Flint Creek trail, meander up to Flint Lake and Rock Lake, then come down the Emerald Lake trail. Day 1: Pine River Trailhead to Flint Creek, 12.5 miles, 2000 up, 600 down. Day 2: Flint Creek to Flint Lake (8 miles, 2800 up) or Rock Lake (10 miles, 3300 up). Day 3: Flint Lake/Rock Lake to Emerald Lake, 7-9 miles, 880 up, 2600 down (from Rock Lake). Day 4: Emerald Lake to Pine River trailhead, 11 miles, 500 up, 2700 down. Car Pool \$5. Limit 15. Dogs under control OK (as per Weminuche regulations). Leaders: Mike and Joline Morrison. RSVP to Joline Morrison @ 884-2572 or morrisjp@uwec.edu	Hard 41 miles (4 days) 6,680
Mon Sept 7 8:30 a.m. NOTE: Starting Sept 14th the start time will be 9:30 a.m. Home Depot Parking Lot (South End near the HD nursery)	Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: This is a no-drop, social ride of 16 miles (round-trip) from Home Depot to Bread. Well meet in the south parking lot at Home Depot (adjacent to their nursery), ride the Animas River Trail to E. 32nd St., 32nd to Bread where well stop for coffee and pastries. From Bread, well take Florida Rd.-15th St. to Rotary Park where well get back on the Animas Trail and return to Home Depot. We will leave Home Depot promptly at 9:30 am (8:30 am after July 6th). Contact me if you have questions and to be added to an email list so you can be notified of cancellations due to weather, etc. Ride leader: Helen Root, helen@northandroot.com , 505-320-3441. Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com , 970-403-3089	
Tues Sept 8 Rec Center New Member Orientation 5:30 pm Social: 6:30 pm Potluck: 7:00 pm	SO! General Meeting 2015 Fall Potluck New Member Orientation 5:30 pm Social: 6:30 pm Potluck: 7:00 pm Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Main Dish G-M Salad N-R Main Dish S-Z Desert In addition to your potluck dish please bring non-perishable food donations or a check for the VOA.	
Wed Sept 9 RC 8:30 am TC 8:45 am Purg 9:00 am	WW hike: Purgatory Flats: We will hike from the trailhead down to the river. Get to the trail head by turning right into the development directly across from the Purg 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 will 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 Purg. Carpool \$4 Leader: Tom and Lydine Hannula 884-9052	Moderate at a slow pace 4 mi RT 1200 gain
Fri Sept 11 ACP 6:30 am TC 7:00 am Purg 7:30 am	Climb Snowden Peak (13,077): The first mile or so is good trail from Andrews Lake, then use-trail ending in a steep, scabbly slope, then up the N. ridge, scrambling with some exposure to the summit. We will return via the south ridge that has its own interesting problems. We will then traverse below the mountain through a pretty area of shallow lakelets and pour-offs to return to the use trail. No dogs. Carpool - \$6 Limit 10 RSVP: Lynn Coburn 247-0914 or harrisoncoburn@gmail.com	Most challenging 7-8 miles 2,300 with some exposed scrambling

<p>Sat Sept 12 To Tues Sept 15 Meet Time TBD Meet Place TBD</p>	<p>Backpack Purgatory Flats to Endlich Mesa through Chicago Basin. Day 1: Purgatory Flats TH to intersection with Needle Creek Trail, 9.7 miles, 1385 gain. Day 2: Needle Creek to Chicago Basin, 6 miles, 3200 gain. Explore Chicago Basin depending on time and energy. Day 3: 8.1 miles to City Reservoir, 2500 gain. Day 4: City Reservoir to Endlich Mesa Trailhead, 6 miles, 1600 gain. Limit 10. Dogs under control OK as per Weminuche regulations. Leaders: Mike and Joline Morrison. RSVP: Joline Morrison @ 884-2572 or morrisjp@uwec.edu</p>	<p>Hard 30 Miles 8,700 Over 4 Days</p>
<p>Mon Sept 14 SRP 7:00 am</p>	<p>Lewis Ridge Scramble (12,655): The hike starts in Columbus Basin up La Plata Canyon Road and climbs thru the basin then acquires the ridge looping across the ridge above the basin over points 12,420, 12,655 and perhaps 12,530 then traversing down to the vehicles. Although short, this hike is off trail and has exposure on Lewis narrow ridges. Limit 10, Car Pool \$7 plus 4 WD sur charge of \$5. No Dogs (the ridge is too narrow and rocky). 4 WD High Clearance. Wear Orange Muzzleloader Season. RSVP: Bob Thompson 970-382-9271</p>	<p>Most Challenging ~ 5 miles 1500</p>
<p>Mon Sept 14 9:30 am Home Depot Parking Lot (South End near the HD nursery)</p>	<p>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: This is a no-drop, social ride of 16 miles (round-trip) from Home Depot to Bread. Well meet in the south parking lot at Home Depot (adjacent to their nursery), ride the Animas River Trail to E. 32nd St., 32nd to Bread where well stop for coffee and pastries. From Bread, well take Florida Rd.-15th St. to Rotary Park where well get back on the Animas Trail and return to Home Depot. We will leave Home Depot promptly at 9:30 am. Contact me if you have questions and to be added to an email list so you can be notified of cancellations due to weather, etc. Ride leader: Helen Root, helen@northandroot.com , 505-320-3441. Co-leader: Hugh Brown, hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com , 970-403-3089</p>	
<p>Mon Sept 14 ACP 8:00 am TH 8:45 am</p>	<p>Hike Vallecito Creek Trail: We will hike to the first bridge. Pleasant hike along Vallecito Creek with very little elevation gain. Dogs on leash okay. Carpool \$5 RSVP: Wayne Bedor 764-4089 or waynebedor@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate/ hard due to distance 11 miles 900</p>
<p>Wed Sept 16 RC 8:15 TC 8:30</p>	<p>WW hike Chris Park/ Miners Trace: Starting at the trailhead by the entrance to Chris Park, we'll hike a 4 mile counter clockwise loop. We'll start up the Wagon Trace trail, then take the Water Dog Trot and Cowboy Cut-off to the Haviland View trail, and then hike down Miners Trace, passing by the old Elbert Mine before returning to Chris Park. Bring plenty of water. Poles will be handy for two stream crossings. No dogs, please. RSVP: non-members only.and those wanting to meet at TC. Car Pool fee \$4. Leader: Martha Diehl 970-375-1144</p>	<p>Moderate, 4 miles, RT 700' gain</p>
<p>Thur Sept 17 SRP 6:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Sunshine Mountain (12,930): This is a short high clearance drive from 145 near the Ophir turn. The climb starts with on trail switchbacks, followed by a straightforward bushwhack up the east ridge to the peak. I have not done this before, so some route finding may be required on this exploratory hike. Carpool \$10, 4WD helpful, Limit 12, Dogs OK. Wear Orange Muzzleloader season. RSVP Thomas Ward 426-8918 tom@thward.net Co-leader Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269 debra@vanwinegarden.com</p>	<p>Hard 6-8 miles 4100'</p>
<p>Fri Sept 18 PURG 7:30 am</p>	<p>Spencer Peak (13,087) Carpool to Little Molas Campground. Follow route guide in Pixler to newly named Spencer Peak (formerly 13,087) just south of Grand Turk Peak. There will be some brush, exposed trail and talus. Due to the elevation gain and distance it is rated moderate/hard, but the pace will be moderate. <u>Limit 15.</u> Dogs welcome & please include in RSVP. No 4WD needed. Carpool \$6 RSVP: Jane Marie Johnson janemarie@frontier.net</p>	<p>Hard At MODERATE PACE 5 miles 2,177</p>

Sat Sept 19 SRP 7:30 am	Climb Centennial Peak (13,062): Allow 1.5 hours to drive to the 10,900 Sharkstooth TH. Well hike the trail to the Sharkstooth-Centennial saddle, 11,936. Then we leave the trail and climb .7 mile over a mix of tundra and steep boulders on an exciting ridge to the summit via a hiker use trail. Remarkable views of the La Platas. Carpool \$8. Limit 12, Dogs OK. RSVP: Jeff Bailey 764-8120 jewelbailey@yahoo.com	Hard 4.5 miles 2,200
Mon Sept 21	Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: See Sept 14 for details.	
NEW HIKE LOCATION Mon Sept 21 SRP 8:30am	Sharkstooth Pass: Hike a well-defined trail in the La Platas to the saddle between Sharkstooth and Centennial. Lovely forests and fantastic views. Carpool \$10, HC/4WD needed. Limit 18; 2 well-behaved dogs OK RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-094 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com	Moderate 5 miles 1,200
Tues Sept 22 ACP 7:00 am	Hike to and Climb Half Peak (13,841): This hike is intended for those with lots of stamina, but not necessarily lots of speed. Be forewarned, however, that while the pace will be moderate, and the route is not steep, it is a very long hike with significant vertical. You need to be in excellent condition. We will climb Half Peak from Minnie Gulch. The route is almost entirely above tree line and includes a short, 3 rd class scramble with some exposure to the summit. Come prepared for a long day and considering the time of year bring warm clothing. Carpool \$8, 4WD/HC, Limit 10, No Dogs RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com	Most Challenging 14 miles 4,600 Moderate Pace
CANCELLED Wed Sept 23 RC 8:30 am Or 9:00 am at Needles grocery/gas	WW hike: Elbert Creek Trail to Castle Rock: Hike begins with a series of switchbacks through radiant Aspens to a National Forest cabin, approx. 2 miles. Trail follows above Elbert Creek to cabin. Hike continues up hill to Castle Rock with extended views of San Juans and Animas Valley. Twilight Peak across the valley with high peaks of Weminuche Wilderness beyond Easy pace. Bring lunch/snack and plenty of water. Return by same route. Turn backs at Cabin OK with a partner. Dogs OK. RSVP non-members only. Car pool fee \$4. Poles recommended. Leader: Mary Ray 505-793-2520 mary-ray@q.com Co-Leader Sue Croom	Moderate 5.5miles RT 1600'gain
Wed Sept 23 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am Purg 7:30 am	Pass Creek to Cascade: Well hike up the Pass Creek Trail, join the Engineer Mtn Trail, hike down the Engine Creek Trail to the Cascade Trail. This hike requires a car shuttle. Good fall leaf viewing along the way. Carpool \$5, Limit 15, Dogs ok, but dog owners to arrange shuttle. RSVP: Jeff Bailey 764-8120 jewelbailey@yahoo.com	Hard 12.6 miles 1800
Wed Sun Sept 23 - 27 Capitol Reef Visitors Center 6:00 am	Utah Slickrock Wanderings: Capitol Reef, Calf Creek, Death Hollow Wed: Drive to Capitol Reef. Option: Cassidy Arch from Grand Wash is a nice short hike. Thurs (9/24): Grand Wash to Capitol Gorge through hike. Scrambling, mild exposure, primarily off-trail. Route - up lower Bear Canyon, skirt Shinob Canyon's forks, wrap around Ferns Nipple below summit, cross-country to Golden Throne trail. Options: 1) Slickrock bench high above Bear's upper pouroffs - scrambling, mild exposure - ~ 1 mile RT, ~ 200' vertical 2) summit Ferns Nipple (7,065') - ~ 200' vertical, extremely challenging, exposure, rope/webbing advised 3) scout Golden Throne-Tank Canyon route 4) possibly scout Pector's Pyramid (6,940'), Pt 7100, George Bench Mark (7,289' - park high point). Moderate pace, Limit 10. Shuttle required, No dogs (National Park regulations)	hike: 3 miles, ~700' Hard 10-12 miles, ~ 3,000'

<p>UCCF TH 8:00 am</p> <p>Escalante BMT TH 6:00 am</p>	<p>Fri (9/25): Upper Calf Creek Falls and then above creek source --- trail to falls, then cross-country with focus on rockhounding. Moderate pace, limit 10, dogs ok</p> <p>Sat (9/26): Boulder Mail Trail through hike - Partially cairned cross- country route. Descent into Death Hollow is safe but route is at edge of major exposure. Water shoes or sandals helpful for wading in Death Hollow Creek for ~ mile and fording of the Escalante River at end. Shuttle required. Moderate pace. Limit 10. Dogs - not advised, allowed on case-by-case basis and with restrictions. Shilo will not be coming.</p> <p>Sunday: Drive home. North Wash slots provide short hikes to break up drive. Motel/camping info, etc. To be provided. RSVP Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net</p>	<p>Easy ~4 miles, <1,000'</p> <p>Hard ~15 miles, ~2,500'</p>
<p>Thurs Sept 24 Mancos 8:00 am</p>	<p>Hike along West Mancos River. We will have breakfast in Mancos at 8:00 am and then drive to the Transfer Campground and park. We will walk downhill on the Transfer Trail to the river and the West Mancos Trail. That trail leads down along the river to the Box Canyon Trail, where we will turn west and climb steep uphill to the West Mancos Road and then along the Rim Trail back to Transfer Campground. Carpool \$6. RSVP: Jan Collins at 382-0211 or jcvmona@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate 3.8 miles 700'</p>
<p>Fri Sept 25 SRP 7:00 am</p>	<p>Climb Mt. Moss (13,192) and Lavender Peak (13,200) We will start from the La Plata Canyon Road and hike up Tomahawk Basin. The first 1.9 miles are on a rocky jeep trail. After that, it is all off trail, but not too much bushwhacking since it is above timberline. Lots of talus walking with some exposure on the ridge going to Moss and a bit of class 3 scrambling for the final bit up Lavender. No dogs for Lavender. 4 WD for the last few miles of the La Plata Canyon road. Carpool: \$5. Limit 10. RSVP: Lynn Coburn, e-mail: harrisoncoburn@gmail.com , 247-0914 Co-leader: Bob Thomson 382-9271</p>	<p>Most challenging 8 miles 3,800 elevation gain</p>
<p>Sat Sept 26 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am</p>	<p>Hike to Crater Lake. This trail is uphill both ways! It moves in and out of high spruce-fir bands of forest affording fine views of the mountains to the north and west. The lake is a lovely little high altitude gem. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK. RSVP: Trip leader Nancy Mead at 259-5978 or nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard Moderate pace 11 miles 1,100'</p>
<p>Moved to Tues Sept 29 Sun Sept 27 ACP 7:00 am</p>	<p>Climb Kendall Mountains (13,066' and 13,338'). Drive the Kendall Mt. access road up to the junction of the Deer Creek Road. Park there and hike the road partway. Traverse the mountain side to the first summit. Descend that summit and follow the ridge line to Kendall Mountain 1. Moderate pace hiking. Carpool \$9. Dogs OK. No limit. RSVP: Trip leader Nancy Federico at 259-1049 or fortfed@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard Moderate pace 8-9 miles 2,500'</p>
<p>Mon Sept 28</p>	<p>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: See Sept 14 for details.</p>	
<p>Mon Sept 28 ACP 10:30 am Purg 11:00 am</p> <p>Return about 6:00 pm</p>	<p>4 County Marker Stroll (intersection of La Plata, Montezuma, Dolores, San Juan): Learn the history of the 4 County Marker, and enjoy a short hike along the Colorado Trail. The outing will begin with a short talk at ACP by Lavern Nelson, one of the re-discoverers of the Marker from 1889. Next is a 1 1/2 hour drive to the Colorado Trail in the Upper Hermosa. The hike to the Marker is about 1/4 mile up a fairly steep crude trail, but with good footing (hiking poles?). At the Marker we will learn some more history, followed by an optional hike of up to 2 miles along the Colorado Trail. Minimum # to go: 6, Max Limit 15. 2 Dogs. 4WD High Clearance. Car Pool \$9 plus \$5 4WD HC surcharge. RSVP Leader: La Donna Ward tlward@frontier.net, Co Leader Travis Ward</p>	<p>Easy Slow Pace ~4.5 miles 500</p>

<p>Mon Sept 28 RC 8:00 am TC 8:10 am Purg 8:30 am Postponed to October 15th due to road closures</p>	<p>Ourays Perimeter Trail: Moderately strenuous trail providing beautiful views of Ouray and the surrounding peaks. Carpool \$11, Limit 12, No dogs because of drop offs. RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles 1,000</p>
<p>Moved to Mon Oct 5 Mon, Sep 28 ACP @ 8 am TC @ 8:15 am</p>	<p>Mitchell Lakes via Jones Creek/Pinkerton Flagstaff Trails (9,661): 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 uphill, rated hard due to length. Limit 16 people. <u>Wear orange.</u> RSVP: Bruce Rodman 385-7899 Mtnman16@gmail.com Co-leader Wayne Bedor 764-4089 waynebedor@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Hard 11-12 miles 1945</p>
<p>Tues Sept 29 (Was Sun Sept 27) ACP 7:00 am</p>	<p>Climb Kendall Mountains (13,066' and 13,338'). Drive the Kendall Mt. access road up to the junction of the Deer Creek Road. Park there and hike the road partway. Traverse the mountain side to the first summit. Descend that summit and follow the ridge line to Kendall Mountain 1. Moderate pace hiking. Carpool \$9. Dogs OK. No limit. RSVP: Trip leader Nancy Federico at 259-1049 or fortfed@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard Moderate pace 8-9 miles 2,500'</p>
<p>Tue Sept 29 Meeting place and time TBD by participants</p>	<p>Climb Corbett Peak (13,100) northwest of Ouray. From near the Burn Hut south of Ridgway, climb the north ridge of Corbett. Expect steep, off-trail climbing on unstable terrain and some class 3 scrambling. Exploratory. Can either car camp near the TH the night before, or depart early (TBD) from ACP. The driving and hiking route pass through a sea of aspen, so hoping to coincide with good aspen color. Hunting season wear orange. Carpool \$12, 4WD necessary, Limit 10, No Dogs RSVP John Bregar 385-1814 johnbregar09@gmail.com</p>	<p>Most Challenging 6 miles 3500</p>
<p>Wed Sept 30 RC 8:30 am Purg 9:00 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Cascade Village: The hike begins behind the condos in Cascade Village. The trail ascends immediately and then winds gently through an aspen forest and goes down to a meadow along the Cascade Creek. Views of Engineer Mountain along the way. RSVP non-members only. Dogs on leash only please. Carpool \$4 Leader: Tricia Bayless 799-4535 RSVP non members only</p>	<p>Moderate 5 mi RT to creek 6 mi RT to meadow 400' gain</p>
<p>Fri Oct 2 SRP 8:30 am TH at FR 852 at 9:15 am This <u>NOT</u> the TH at Vallecito campground</p>	<p>East Creek Trail Hike. East Creek TH is on the east side of Vallecito Reservoir. Take the new road on to the east side of the reservoir, CR 501A. The turn is just before the old dam road. On 501A drive until you hit the gravel, then go 2.6 miles until FR 852 on your right. Bear right up hill and drive .4 miles through burn area to small sign on right East Creek Trail. Park on left side of road. The first mile brings you high above Vallecito Reservoir with a beautiful view of the entire reservoir. The trail traverses through the burn area, meadows, and new aspen forests. We will go in about 4 miles to Poison Canyon and then turn around. Trail is rough, rocky and in a few spots very nice going. There is some up and down and it is Moderate to Hard because of distance and rough trail. No dogs as open range and many cattle present on scout hike. We will travel at Moderate pace. Carpool \$5. Limit 15. No Dogs. RSVP: Leader Gail Davidson 970-799-2940 gdaavidson@sagehealthinc.com Co-leader Nancy Federico 970 259-1949 fortfed@gmail.com</p>	<p>Moderate MODERATE pace. 7-8 miles 700'</p>
<p>Sat Oct 3 ACP 9:00 am</p>	<p>Hike Castle Rock. An annual favorite for fall colors and commanding views at the top. Bring hot dogs and brats for a cookout. We will make a loop at the top</p>	<p>Moderate 4 miles</p>

TH 9:30 am S. of Needles Store on 550	and then return to the trailhead. Carpool \$4. Please maximize carpooling due to limited parking at the trailhead. Dogs OK. RSVP: Clark Lagow at clagow@rmi.net or at 970-259-9337.	1500'
Mon Oct 5	Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: See Sept 14 for details.	
Mon Oct 5 8:00 am 8:45 am Fire Station at Florida Rd and CR 234 8:30 9:30 am Trailhead	Fall Colors on the Pine River Trail: Start at Pine River Trailhead (NE side of Vallecito reservoir) and hike 3-3.5 miles up the river and return on the same route. Elevation gain is minimal, less than 500 ft. This will be at a moderate pace, some might even say leisurely! Well-behaved dogs OK. Car Pool \$5. Limit 15 due to Weminuche wilderness regulations. Meet at fire station Florida Road and County 234 at 8:45, or the trailhead at 9:30. Trailhead is near Pine River campground on a gravel road (normal clearance cars OK). RSVP: Jeri Sampson 720-289-2712 or jeri5416@gmail.com	Moderate ~ 6 miles 500
Mon Oct 5 (moved from Mon, Sep 28) ACP @ 8 am TC @ 8:15 am	Mitchell Lakes via Jones Creek/Pinkerton Flagstaff Trails (9,661): 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 uphill, rated hard due to length. Limit 16 people. <u>Wear orange.</u> RSVP: Bruce Rodman 385-7899 Mtnman16@gmail.com Co-leader Wayne Bedor 764-4089 waynebedor@yahoo.com	Hard 11-12 miles 1945
Moved to Oct 19,20,21 Mon thru Wed Oct 5,6,7 Travel arrangements TBD by participants	Fisher Towers Mystery Canyons: Three days of tough off-trail hiking and scrambling, including some exposure, through complicated red-rock country north of Moab, UT. Spectacular scenery includes deep canyons and tall towers. Two nights of car-camping. Day 1: Drive to Fisher Towers area in AM and establish camp, have lunch, then do a 3-mile (900 elevation gain) key-exchange introductory hike through the main Fisher Towers, partly on good trail, but mostly rough cross-country hiking and scrambling in a canyon to an arch and viewpoint over the Mystery Canyons. Day 2: Mystery Canyons and Mystery Towers 6-mile loop hike. Go up West Mystery Canyon, cross a ridge into Middle Mystery, cross another ridge into East Mystery, then over another ridge and out West Stinking Spring Canyon. 1,500 of gross elevation gain. Rough cross-country hiking and scrambling, including quicksand hazard. Day 3: Exploratory hike up East Stinking Spring Canyon. About 4 miles and 800 of gross elevation gain. Expect more of the same deep canyons and rough country. Drive home in the afternoon. Carpool ??, High-clearance required. Limit 8 10 (depends upon vehicles available for the key-exchange hike). No Dogs. RSVP: John Bregar 385-1814 johnbregar09@gmail.com	Hard 10+ miles in 3 days
Postponed to Tues Oct 20 Tues Oct 6 ACP 8:00 am Fire Station at Florida/CR 234 8:10 am	Cave Basin Trail to Table Mountain and circumnavigation of Table Mountain: This will be a high elevation hike over relatively easy terrain. We start on the Cave Basin Trail, off Middle Mountain Road, and then go off-trail briefly to get to Table Mountain (more of an overlook than a mountain!). The off-trail portion includes stepping over some dead-fall. With luck we will find some Elk before the hunters chase them away. Carpool \$5, 4WD/HC, Limit 12, No Dogs RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com	Hard 11 miles 1000 Moderate Pace
Wed Oct 7 RC 9:00 am	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	Easy 3-4 mi minimal gain

	established trails with some ups and downs. The section on the ridge is 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	
Wed Fri Oct. 7-9 RC 8:30 am	Car Camping/hiking trip to Utah, for Moderate Hikers, In and around Moab. We will drive over on Wednesday and find a camp site, then spend the time hiking and exploring the many canyons or easy scrambling over some of the spectacular slickrock buttes. Minimum exposure on slickrock scrambles. Camping, which may be primitive. Bring plenty of water. Carpool TBD, Limit 12 RSVP: Bill Cagle cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate 6 8 Miles/day 500 Some easy Scrambling
Fri Oct 9 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am TH 8:20 am	Goulding Creek Trail to Jones Creek. (Through hike with shuttle). 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 CR 201, enjoying fall colors and great views along the way. Moderate pace. HC helpful for <u>short</u> dirt road to TH. No dogs. Limit 12. RSVP: Leader: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net	Hard. But at moderate pace. 10 miles 2,200
Sat Oct 10 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am	Potato Lake - View the colorful aspens along the trail and views of the West Needle Mountains from the lake. Enjoy a snack at the lake and return to the cars by lunch time. HC required. No limit. Dogs OK. Carpool \$5. RSVP: Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com	Easy 2.5 miles 500
Sat Oct 10 4:00-7:00 p.m. Durango	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 10 at 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We need a count of attendees via RSVP no later than October 6. Email Bruce Rodman at Mtnman16@gmail.com or call 970-385-7899. (Please leave your email address with any messages.)	So easy
Mon Oct 12	Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: See Sept 14 for details.	
Mon-Fri Oct 12-16 RC 7:30	San Rafael Swell Exploratory Camping Trip Explore canyons in the Swell and Robbers Roost area. THIS IS BEING CHANGED TO DELETE WADING MUDDY CREEK. Day 1 Drive to Goblin Valley area, set up camp, and explore Crack Canyon. Day 2 Ding and Dang canyons. Day 3-4 Explore canyons in Robbers Roost area. Day 5 Explore Little Wild Horse and go home. This itinerary is subject to change due to conditions. Limit 12. No dogs. 4WD HC. Carpool TBD. RSVP Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com	Moderate to Hard Hand lines may be required to negotiate the canyons.
Mon Oct 12 ACP 8:30 am TC 8:40 am TH 9:00 am	Purgatory Trail to the Animas River. Trail is up and down both ways, with a climb up at the endbut so worth the effort, offering mountain views, the spectacular narrow Cascade Creek Canyon, a foot bridge over the Animas, and a riverside lunch spot. Fall colors should still be good. TH is across highway 550 from Purg. Moderate pace. No dogs. Limit 12. Carpool \$4. . Wear orange. (Moose hunting season; Limited Elk hunting season). RSVP: Leader: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net	Moderate at moderate pace. 8 miles 1400
Tues Oct 13 Rec Center Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm	SO! General Meeting <i>Journey to the Sky --- Lights for Nepal.</i> Joe Williams will recount the adventures he and 8 members of Daybreak Rotary experienced as they trekked to a remote area of Nepal to install lights for the local population.	
Wed Oct. 14 SRP 9:00 am to carpool with Dell	WW hike Heartwood Co-Housing Trail Bayfield. Visit and hike one of the most successful co-housing communities in the nation, Heartwood Co-housing. We are surrounded by over 7 miles of rustic trails and will be hiking approximately 4 miles RT through ponderosa and piñon forests and sage	Easy +/- 4 mi

Call Gail for directions if coming separately.	fields. Please bring a lunch as we will be finishing on the patio of our community house (if weather permits) or inside; Lydine will be offering drinks and dessert. If desired, we would visit our geodesic dome greenhouse, community gardens, numerous farm animals and growing tunnels. No dogs. RSVP all interested please. Leader: Dell Manners 385-0533 and Gail Davidson 799-2940	Minimal elevation gain
October 15th RC 8:00 am TC 8:10 am Purg 8:30 am (Rescheduled from Sept. 28th)	Ourays Perimeter Trail: Moderately strenuous trail providing beautiful views of Ouray and the surrounding peaks. Carpool \$11, Limit 12, No dogs because of drop offs. RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com	Moderate 5 miles 1,000
Fri Oct 16 ACP 7:45 am TC 8:00 am Missionary Ridge Rd Turn-Off 8:15 am	Wallace Lake Loop: We will drive up Missionary Ridge Road about 4 miles until we reach the Wallace Lake turn-off to park the vehicles. At a MODERATE PACE, we will then start hiking, just above the parking area, following an old logging road until we reach the Missionary Ridge Trail Intersect for lunch. On the return we will take the Stevens Creek Trail down to the Wallace Lake Intersect and follow this trail above the Lake and then down another old road pass the lake until we reach the cars. Expect some nice Fall foliage and snow covered peaks in the distance. Carpool \$6, Well behaved dogs only, that do not chase the wildlife. RSVP: Penny Jones 426-9585 1centpenny@gmail.com	Hard Moderate Pace 10.4 miles 2687
Sat Oct 17 Hermosa Conoco Gas Station 8:30 am	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 next to the Conoco Gas Station in Hermosa to get us warmed up for the clean up. Join in the fun who knows what you might find! Carpool \$2. Moderate Pace! RSVP: Rich Butler rbutler54@gmail.com 970-403-3185	Easy 1 Mile 100 Moderate Pace
Mon Oct 19	Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: See Sept 14 for details.	
Moved to Tues-Thurs Oct 27, 28, 29 Oct 19, 20, 24 Mon thru Wed (Moved from Oct. 5, 6, 7) Travel arrangements TBD by participants	Fisher Towers Mystery Canyons: Three days of tough off-trail hiking and scrambling, including some exposure, through complicated red-rock country north of Moab, UT. Spectacular scenery includes deep canyons and tall towers. Two nights of car-camping. Day 1: Drive to Fisher Towers area in AM and establish camp, have lunch, then do a 3-mile (900 elevation gain) key-exchange introductory hike through the main Fisher Towers, partly on good trail, but mostly rough cross-country hiking and scrambling in a canyon to an arch and viewpoint over the Mystery Canyons. Day 2: Mystery Canyons and Mystery Towers 6-mile loop hike. Go up West Mystery Canyon, cross a ridge into Middle Mystery, cross another ridge into East Mystery, then over another ridge and out West Stinking Spring Canyon. 1,500 of gross elevation gain. Rough cross-country hiking and scrambling, including quicksand hazard. Day 3: Exploratory hike up East Stinking Spring Canyon. About 4 miles and 800 of gross elevation gain. Expect more of the same deep canyons and rough country. Drive home in the afternoon. Carpool ??, High-clearance required. Limit 8 10 (depends upon vehicles available for the key-exchange hike). No Dogs. RSVP: John Bregar 385-1814 johnbregar09@gmail.com	Hard 10+ miles in 3 days
Tues Oct 20	Cave Basin Trail to Table Mountain and circumnavigation of Table Mountain: This will be a high elevation hike over relatively easy terrain. We	Hard 11 miles

<p>(Moved from Oct 6) ACP 8:00 am Fire Station at Florida/CR 234 8:10 am</p>	<p>start on the Cave Basin Trail, off Middle Mountain Road, and then go off-trail briefly to get to Table Mountain (more of an overlook than a mountain!). The off-trail portion includes stepping over some dead-fall. Elk season will be on, so wear orange. Carpool \$5, 4WD/HC, Limit 12, No Dogs</p> <p>RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com</p>	<p>1000 Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Wed Oct 21 SRP 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>WW hike: Raider Ridge from Sky Ridge. 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's Ridge and then we will go another 1/2 mile. Out and back should be about 4-5 miles. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only</p> <p>Leader: Bob Schuckhart 970-422-8406</p>	<p>Moderate 4-5 mi. RT 700'-800' elevation gain</p>
<p>Sat Oct 24 ACP 8:30 am TC 8:40 am</p>	<p>Castle Rock: Get a last look at the fall colors climbing to the Castle Rock overlook. Car Pool \$4. No dogs. Wear Orange Elk Season.</p> <p>RSVP: Steve Krest skrest@earthlink.net</p>	<p>Moderate 5.5 miles 1600</p>
<p>Mon Oct 26</p>	<p>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: See Sept 14 for details.</p>	
<p>Tues-Thurs Oct 27, 28, 29 (Moved from Oct 19, 20, 21) Travel arrangements TBD by participants</p>	<p>Fisher Towers Mystery Canyons: Three days of tough off-trail hiking and scrambling, including some exposure, through complicated red-rock country north of Moab, UT. Spectacular scenery includes deep canyons and tall towers. Two nights of car-camping.</p> <p>Day 1: Drive to Fisher Towers area in AM and establish camp, have lunch, then do a 3-mile (900 elevation gain) key-exchange introductory hike through the main Fisher Towers, partly on good trail, but mostly rough cross-country hiking and scrambling in a canyon to an arch and viewpoint over the Mystery Canyons.</p> <p>Day 2: Mystery Canyons and Mystery Towers 6-mile loop hike. Go up West Mystery Canyon, cross a ridge into Middle Mystery, cross another ridge into East Mystery, then over another ridge and out West Stinking Spring Canyon. 1,500 of gross elevation gain. Rough cross-country hiking and scrambling, including quicksand hazard.</p> <p>Day 3: Exploratory hike up East Stinking Spring Canyon. About 4 miles and 800 of gross elevation gain. Expect more of the same deep canyons and rough country. Drive home in the afternoon.</p> <p>Carpool ??, High-clearance required. Limit 8 10 (depends upon vehicles available for the key-exchange hike). No Dogs.</p> <p>RSVP: John Bregar 385-1814 johnbregar09@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hard 10+ miles in 3 days</p>
<p>Wed Oct 28 SRP 8:15 am Trail head 8:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike Pautsky Point from 3 Springs. Instead of accessing Pautsky from Horse Gulch as we normally do, we shall approach it from the east. This hike is slightly shorter and slightly less elevation gain than the Horse Gulch approach. Starting in Three Springs at the end of Confluence Ave., we take the trail up to and past the water tank crossing onto BLM Land. At the Grandview Ridge Trail we take a right and continue to the Sidewinder Trail, where we turn left onto the Telegraph Trail, following that to the saddle and up to Pautsky. If on does not want to climb to Pautsky Point they can wait on the bench at the saddle. We shall return via the same route. Great Views from the top of Pautsky. Well worth the effort. Dogs ok but must be on leash until we cross onto BLM land. (the first part is in city limits). RSVP non-members only,</p> <p>Leader: Ray Walker 970-382-7662</p>	<p>Moderate +/-6 miles +/- 500' gain</p>
<p>Weds Oct 28 5:30 pm</p>	<p>SO! Board Meeting</p>	

CANCELED Thurs/Friday Oct 29-30 RC 9:30 am	Bisti Overnighter. We will drive to the Bisti Badlands, backpack in a couple miles, and set up a dry camp. The afternoon will be spent wandering around seeing the hoodoos and petrified wood. Possibly great night photography. Return to Durango in the morning. Bring adequate water and be prepared to carry it a couple miles. Limit 12. Carpool \$12. Dogs OK. RSVP: Chris Blackshear, chris.blackshear@gmail.com	Moderate Flat 6-10 miles
Mon Nov 2	Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: See Sept 14 for details.	
Tues Nov 3 8:30 am SRP	Smelter Mountain: We will drive to the Smelter Trail Head and head up to the peak looping around the area. This will be at a moderate pace. Dogs on leash OK (due to regulations). Car Pool \$1. RSVP Steve Krest skrest@earthlink.net	Moderate 4 miles 1500
Wed Nov 4 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail. 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 Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
CANCELED Mon Nov 9	Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: See Sept 14 for details.	
Tues Nov 10 Rec Center Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm	SO! General Meeting Photographic Composition: Obtaining the Best Pictures. Howard Rachlin, an award-winning photographer who has widely exhibited and published in the Four Corners area, will present a program focusing on photographic composition. Please come and learn how to improve your photo skills.	
Wed Nov 11 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail. See Nov 4 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
CANCELED Mon Nov 16	Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: See Sept 14 for details.	
Wed Nov 18 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail. See Nov 4 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Weds Nov 18 5:30 pm	SO! Outings Committee Meeting	
CANCELED Mon Nov 23	Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: See Sept 14 for details.	
Wed Nov 25 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail. See Nov 4 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 26 throughout the ski season at Purgatory Resort.	SO! Downhill Ski Group. Meet other SO! skiers and ski with a group at your level on various days throughout the ski season. Skiers and boarders of all abilities welcome. Be sure to check the Purgatory Resort web site for actual opening date. Contact Bruce Rodman at Mtnman16@gmail.com to be placed on the SO! Downhill Ski Group distribution list. Please provide: 1) Self-description of your skier abilities, e.g. intermediate 2) Land line phone number if available. 3) Cell phone number if you carry a cell phone on the mountain.	Downhill skiers and boarders of all abilities.

	<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.</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 0900 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 970-769-6108, or Betsy Petersen at Betsyp@bresnan.net or 970-259-5417.</p>	
<p>Fri Nov. 27 9:00 a.m. Big Canyon Parking lot Next to Kia Dealership</p>	<p><i>Walk Off the Turkey</i> - Hike up Big Canyon trail into Horse Gulch, then up to Pautsky Point for lunch. Return via South Rim Trail for a nice loop hike. 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</p>	<p>Easy to Moderate 7-8 miles 500</p>
<p>CANCELED Mon-Nov 30</p>	<p><i>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</i> See Sept 14 for details.</p>	
<p>Wed Dec 2 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><i>WW hike: Animas River Trail.</i> See Nov 4 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>
<p>Sat Dec 5 ACP 9:00 am Tam 9:20 am</p>	<p><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! Bring hot dogs or brats for a cookout. 4WD conv. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net</p>	<p>Moderate 5-7 miles 700'</p>
<p>CANCELED Mon-Dec 7</p>	<p><i>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</i> See Sept 14 for details.</p>	
<p>Tues Dec 8 Rec Center Social 6:30 pm Potluck 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO! General Meeting Winter Potluck Social: 6:30 pm Potluck: 7:00 pm</p> <p>Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Salad G-M Main Dish N-R Appetizer S-Z Main Dish In addition to your potluck dish please bring non-perishable food donations or a check for the Durango Food Bank.</p>	
<p>Wed Dec 9 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><i>WW hike: Animas River Trail.</i> See Nov 4 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>
<p>CANCELED Mon-Dec 14</p>	<p><i>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</i> See Sept 14 for details.</p>	
<p>Wed Dec 16 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><i>WW hike: Animas River Trail.</i> See Nov 4 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance.</p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>

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Wed Dec 23 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail. See Nov 4 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
CANCELED Mon Dec 28	Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: See Sept 14 for details.	
Wed Dec 30 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail. See Nov 4 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles

The Outings Committee members who put together this Outing Schedule are: Rich Butler, Olin Kane, Clark Lagow, Sherry Suenram, Harding Cure 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.