

<p>Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outing Description</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPRING 2008</p> <p>Click here for printer-friendly version of Outings Schedule.</p> <p>Click here for logistics, rules, meeting places, and difficulty ratings.</p> <p>E-mail schedule changes and updates to: mail2020@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>Outing schedule changes and trip updates are in red.</p>	<p>Rating, Total Length & Elevation Gain</p>
<p>Tues Mar 11 6:30 pm Social 7:00 Dinner Rec. Center</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO! General Meeting and Pot Luck</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bring your own table service and a dish for 8 with a serving utensil</p> <p>A-F Main Dish G-M Salad N-R Main Dish S-Z Dessert</p>	
<p>Tues. Mar 11 9:00 am Animas City Pk 9:30 am Tamarron</p>	<p>Snowshoe above Little Molas Lake Well take a different route than normal. Great views. Distance depends on snow depth. Carpool: \$6. No dogs. 4WD nice. Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles 1000</p>
<p>Wed Mar 12 9:30 am Albertsons (SW corner of lot)</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. Every Wednesday through the winter join Joan to walk the River Trail from Albertsons to Durango Mall and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and companions. No RSVP required. Dogs OK. For Info, call Joan Huntley at 385-7723</p>	<p>Easy Flat 5 miles</p>
<p>March 12-14 9:00 am Animas City Park</p>	<p>Hike and Camp at Arches National Park. Escape the cold and snow at Arches National Park, Utah. Camp in the parks group campground or stay in a Moab motel. Drive over Wednesday, hike that afternoon and Thursday; return Friday. No dogs Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate</p>
<p>Fri Mar 14 9:30 am DMR Bottom of Lift 1</p>	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. Join the group every Monday and Friday through the ski season (snow permitting). All abilities - find a compatible skier. The group usually meets at noon for lunch at Dante's on the mountain. No RSVP needed - just show up.</p>	
<p>Sat Mar 15 9:00 am Animas City Pk 9:30 am Tamarron</p>	<p>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). Back by popular demand! Specific details for these Saturday snowshoe hikes (destination, description, 4WD, etc) will be e-mailed about two days in advance. Turn backs with a partner may be permitted. Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net.</p>	<p>Moderate mostly but a few hard</p>
<p>Mon Mar 17</p>	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 14 for details.</p>	
<p>Wed Mar 19 6:00 pm Animas City Pk 6:30 pm DMR</p>	<p>Moonlight Snowshoe and XC-Skiing at Molas. Enjoy the full moon rising over the Grenadiers. Cold air and warm camaraderie. Bring warm clothing and a snack. Cancelled if cloudy. Carpool: \$6. 4WD nice. Dogs OK. RSVP: Bill Millener 259-8384 millener@bresnan.net</p>	<p>Easy 3 miles Minimal</p>
<p>Wed Mar 19</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers. See Wednesday, Mar 12 for details</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Fri Mar 21</p>	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 14 for details.</p>	
<p>Mon Mar 24</p>	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 14 for details.</p>	
<p>Wed Mar 26</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers. See Wednesday, Mar 12 for details</p>	<p>Easy</p>

Fri Mar 28	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 14 for details.	
Sat Mar 29 9:00 am Animas City Pk 9:20am Tamarron	Snowshoe up the Beautiful Cascade Creek Valley. Well meander beside or on Cascade Creek, a favorite for snow and ice scenes so you might bring your camera. Carpool: \$3. No dogs. 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy. Leader: John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net	Moderate + 5-6 miles 400
Mon Mar 31	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 14 for details.	
Tue Apr 1 9:00 am Fire Station #5 9:30 am Trailhead	XC-Ski Vallecito Lake East. Ski at your own pace along the eastern shore of Vallecito Lake. Mostly groomed two-track. Donation for trail grooming suggested. Limited to 15 participants. Carpool: \$3. No Dogs. 4WD convenient. Fire Station # 5 is on Florida Rd just past Edgemont Ranch at the junction of CR 234. RSVP: Brooks Taylor 382-0165 urangofolk@frontier.net	Easy 4 miles min. elev.
Wed Apr 2	Wednesday Wanderers. See Wednesday, Mar 12 for details	
Fri Apr 4	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 14 for details. LAST ONE.	
Sat Apr 5 10:00 am Animas City Pk (or as noted)	Saturday Cycling with John (Martin). This works the same as the Saturday Snowshoe with John, but using bicycles instead of snowshoes. An email will be sent out each week with proposed route and meeting place. No dogs (unless they can run real fast). RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net	Mostly moderate
Mon Apr 7 9:00 am Fire Station #5 9:15 am Trailhead	Snowshoe First Fork of Red Creek. This outing is ideal for beginners (early turn back) to experts (Missionary Ridge, exhaustion). Limit 12 participants. 4WD convenient. Call about dogs. Car pool \$1 Fire Station # 5 is on Florida Rd just past Edgemont Ranch at the junction of CR 234 RSVP: Brooks Taylor 382-0165 urangofolks@frontier.net	Easy to hard 7 miles max 1900 max
Tues April 8 6:30 pm Social 7:00 Meeting Rec. Center	SO! General Meeting Clara Morris, Peace Corps Regional Recruiter from Denver, will share her experiences while serving in the Peace Corps for 2 years in Moldova in Eastern Europe. She has pictures to show us as she tells of the benefits and challenges of her duty.	
Wed Apr 9 9:00 am 8 th St & 8 th Ave	Wednesday Wanderers. Hike the FLC Loop Leader: Ed Osterman 259-8741	Easy 3 miles
Sat Apr 12 10:00 am	Saturday Cycling with John (Martin). See April 5 th for description. Locations will vary, see e-mail. RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net	Mostly moderate
Sun Apr 13 8:30 am Santa Rita Park 9:00 am Harrys in Mancos	Bike Mocking Bird Mesa. Start from Howards in Pleasant View. Drive out Rd. 12 to gated entrance. Park cars there and ride bikes down good road to end of mesa in about 1 hours. Well stop on the way back and explore Anasazi ruins. The mesa overlooks the confluence of Woods and Sandstone Canyons. Tea afterwards. Car pool \$10 Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net Co-leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 7 miles No elev.
Wed Apr 16 9:00 am Santa Rita Park	Wednesday Wanderers. Hike the Sale Barn Trail Leader: Parker Lovelady 375-9588	Easy 4 miles
Fri Apr 18 Sun Apr 20 9:00 am Rec Center	Canyonlands Backpacking Three-day backpacking trip in the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park. Exact route depends on trip participants and campsite availability. Limited to 7 participants. No dogs. Leaders: Barb and Lyle Hancock 764-4531 lylehancock@bresnan.net	Moderate 15-20 miles 1000
Sat Apr 19 10:00 am	Saturday Cycling with John (Martin). See April 5 th for description. Locations will vary, see e-mail. RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net	Mostly moderate

<p>Change to Sat. April 19th 8:30 am Santa Rita Park 9:00 am Harrys in Mancos</p>	<p>Hike Pedro Point. Drive to Howards in Pleasant view then drive 20 miles on paved road to the dirt road turn off to Pedro Point. There are ruins at the end of the dirt road and for the hike we go into McLean Canyon. We can go all the way to the round towers. Tea at Howards afterward. Car pool \$10 Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net Co-leader: Howard Drake</p>	<p>Moderate 3 miles 600</p>
<p>Wed Apr 23 9:00 am Hermosa Conoco</p>	<p>Highway 550 Cleanup. All SO! members are invited to do the spring cleanup service project along Highway 550. Car pool \$1 Leader: Marv Dworkin 259-9434 mpdworkin@gobrainstorm.net</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Wed Apr 23</p>	<p>SO! Board of Directors Meeting.</p>	
<p>Thur Apr 24 9:00 am Horse_Gulch (8th Ave & E. 3d St.)</p>	<p>Hike up Raider Ridge from Horse Gulch. Once were up on the Ridge its a pleasant hike along the ridge to above Timberline Estates. Then we can do an extra half mile bushwhack up to a point above Ute Pass Ranch. Early turnbacks OK. Leader: Dorothy Bregar 385-1814 jbregar@durango.net</p>	<p>Moderate + 9 miles 1300</p>
<p>Sat Apr 26 10:00 am</p>	<p>Saturday Cycling with John (Martin). See April 5th for description. Locations will vary, see e-mail. RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net</p>	<p>Mostly moderate</p>
<p>Tue Apr 29 8:30 am Santa Rita Park</p>	<p>Hike Simon Canyon. This is a moderate hike to explore Simon Canyon which empties into the San Juan River just west of Navajo Dam. Well visit Simon Canyon Ruin, a Navajo Pueblito, sitting on a bench overlooking the canyon drainage. It consists of a well preserved structure built on top of a huge boulder and dates back to 1754. Well then descend to the canyon bottom and continue north up the canyon as far as we want to explore. Fishing after on the San Juan below the dam an option. 4WD No dogs. Car pool \$8 Leader: Russ Szelag 382-9182 szelag@frontier.net</p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles 200</p>
<p>Wed Apr 30 9:00 am Rec Center</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers. Jacobs Cliffs Leader: Dell Manners 382-9967</p>	<p>Easy 3 miles</p>
<p>Thur, May 1 9:00 am Santa Rita Park</p>	<p>Hike Sale Barn to Horse Gulch. There will be an advance car shuttle for this through-hike in the Telegraph Trail system with a stop for lunch at Pautsky Point for a 360° view. Dogs OK. RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@frontier.net</p>	<p>Moderate 8 miles 1500</p>
<p>Tues. May 6 9:00 am Animas City Pk 9:20 AM Havilland Lake parking lot</p>	<p>Hike to Tacoma Power Plant. We will hike from Havilland Lake down to the Animas River and the Tacoma Hydroelectric Power Plant. Excel Energy will give a tour of this 100+ year old plant that uses water diverted from Cascade Creek to generate up to 4 MW of power. It is like a functioning museum. After the tour and lunch, hike back up to the parking lot. No dogs. Carpool \$3. RSVP Russ Szelag 382-9182 szelag@frontier.net</p>	<p>Moderate 1200 ft. (back up) 4 miles</p>
<p>Wed May 7 9:00 am 3rd St Horse Gulch Trailhead</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers. Hike Telegraph Hill to Patusky Point Leader: Dale Suran 382-9600</p>	<p>Easy to moderate 6 miles 1000</p>
<p>Thur May 8 8:00 am Santa Rita Park</p>	<p>Hike Colorado Trail. Start at Dry Fork Trail, go up to Colorado Trail, go east on Colorado Trail to Hoffeins Connection, then back to Dry Fork. Relaxed pace. Dogs OK. Leader: Sharron Chambers 259-9271 lightenerload@earthlink.net</p>	<p>Moderate 9 miles 1300</p>
<p>Sun May 11 9:00 am Santa Rita Park 9:30 Harrys in Mancos</p>	<p>Off-the-Beaten-Trail Hike in Sand Canyon East Hike the Sand Canyon Trail 4 miles to cross the Canyon and visit the East Ruins and climb down to the bottom of Sand Canyon. Exit the Canyon to McElmo Rd. & back to trailhead. Limit: 12. Dogs OK. Car pool \$9 RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net</p>	<p>Moderate 7 miles</p>

SO! General Meeting		
Tues May 13 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Meeting Rec. Center	John Bregar, SO member, will present "The Southern Canadian Rockies." He and his wife lived in Alberta, Canada, for 4 1/2 years before moving to Durango. He will show pictures and diagrams of the geology and formation of that magnificent mountain chain, how it differs from our Colorado Rockies, and show pictures of what it's like to hike and climb among the magnificent peaks, vistas, glaciers, flora and wildlife there.	
Tue May 13 9:00 am Animas City Pk 9:30 am Haviland Lake turn-off at 550	Hike to Forebay Lake via Hidden Waterfall. A scenic loop hike involving some easy off-trail bushwhacking past a waterfall (if it is running!) to Forebay Lake. Return by the trail. Limit: 15. Carpool cost: \$3. Dogs OK. Leader: John Montle 259-9469 or mntnlvr@frontier.net	Moderate About 4 miles About 1000
Wed May 14 8:30 am 3 rd St Horse Gulch Trailhead	Wednesday Wanderers. Hike Horse Gulch Road Leader: Trish Bayless 375-2618	Easy 4 miles
Sat. May 17 8:30 am Santa Rita Park	Hike Lower Piedra River. Fairly easy hike along the Piedra River. The trail follows the river. There are lots of moderate ups and downs but no significant elevation changes. The trail head is about 12 miles north of US Hwy 160 & the Piedra River. There is a campground close. Carpool \$9. Dogs OK Leader: Olin Kane 375-0060 kane@frontier.net	Easy to moderate 4-5 miles
Sun May 18 8:30 am Santa Rita Park 9:00 am Harrys in Mancos	Hike Ruin Canyon. Drive from Howards in Pleasant View on paved road to turn off to Ruin Canyon. Cactus and mariposa lilies should be in full bloom. There is a good trail into the canyon and some bushwhacking to the ruins. Insect repellent may be necessary. Tea at Howards afterward. Car pool \$10 Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net Co-Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 6 miles 600
Tue May 20 9:00 am Santa Rita Park	Hike Barn roof Point. Just west of town, the TH is at the junction of CR 207 (Lightner Cr. Rd.) and CR 208 (Dry Fork Rd.). We hike an incline through DOW land at first so bring your Habitat Stamp (obtainable at the Fish Hatchery) if you are under 65. There is 50' of steep scrambling to the roof and then some bushwhacking to the point for exhilarating views. Dog OK (on leash on DOW land). Carpool \$1 RSVP: John Bregar 385-1814 jbregar@durango.net	Moderate 5-6 miles 1800
Wed May 21 8:30 am Rec Center 8:45 am Trailhead	Wednesday Wanderers. Hike Animas City Mountain. This hike provides great views of Durango and the Animas River Valley. Leaders: Graham & Caroline Murray 259-5843	Easy to moderate 4-5 miles 1000+
Thur May 29 9:00 am Animas City Pk	Hike Purgatory Trail. Trip date has been changed to May 29th. We'll hike down to the Animas River Footbridge and have lunch. The major elevation gain is a 900' climb the last mile back to the TH. Car pool \$3 Leader: Jim Obrien 375-1693 jimobrien2@webtv.net	Moderate 8 miles 1200
Tue May 27	SO! Outings Committee Meeting. Assemble the Outings Schedule for June 15 Sep 15	
Wed May 28 8:30 am Rec Center 8:45 am Trailhead	Wednesday Wanderers. Hike the Colorado Trail. We will begin at the second trailhead on Junction Creek Road and follow the trail along Junction Creek. Dogs OK. Leaders: Ed Osterman 259-8741	Easy to moderate 4 miles
Wed Jun 4 8:30 am SW corner Albertsons	Wednesday Wanderers. Hike No-Name trail off Dry Fork road. This hike is on DOW land so bring your habitat stamp if under 65	Easy 4 miles

Parking lot	Leader: Sharron Chambers 259-9271	
Fri Jun 6 8:00 am Animas City Park	Hike Goulding Creek Trail to Jones Creek Trail (a through hike). Well hike the switchbacks up Goulding Creek (most of the elevation gain) then follow the Ridge south on the Pinkerton Flagstaff Trail, descending on the Jones Creek Trail to Hermosa Creek. Dogs OK. Carpool \$3 RSVP: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate to hard 10 miles 2200
Tues. June 10 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Potluck Rec Center	SO! General Meeting and Pot Luck Come join us to celebrate our 10 th anniversary. Special guest will be Charlie Speno who started Seniors Outdoors in 1998. Bring your own table service and a dish for 8 with a serving utensil A-F Dessert G-M Main Dish N-R Salad S-Z Main Dish In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations for the food drive.	
Wed Jun 11 8:30 am Santa Rita Park	Wednesday Wanderers. Hike Smelter Mountain. Leader: Dale Suran 382-9600	Moderate 3 miles 1000
Wed Jun 11 9:00 am Animas City Pk	Hike Vallecito Creek Trail. Hike to first bridge (6 miles round trip) or for the hardy to the second bridge (11 miles round trip). Easily marked trail. Go at your own pace and turn-arounds OK. Elevation gain around 700 feet to first bridge, 1,000 feet to second bridge. Follow Creek through beautiful canyon and into the wilderness. One water crossing to first bridge, two more to second bridge. Dogs welcome. Car pool \$4 RSVP: Wayne Bedor 259-4759	Moderate 6 or 11 miles 700 or 1000
Thur Jun 12 9:00 am Animas City Pk 9:30 am DMR	Hike Larkspur Lane. An annual favorite named by John in 2001 for the larkspur and other flowers carpeting the meadows. We follow the well-established lower Engineer Mtn. Trail part way up and back through woods and meadows with great views. Early turn-backs OK. Dogs OK. Carpool \$4. RSVP: John Montle 259-9469 mntnlvr@frontier.net	Moderate (or Easy if turn back early) 6 miles 1850
Sat Jun 14 7:00 am Animas City Pk 7:30 am DMR	Coal Creek-Jura Knob-Deer Creek. Hike up Coal Creek Trail to the ridge north of Engineer Mt (above tree line.) Continue up the ridge to Jura Knob (option to climb the knob, some rock scrambling is required). Wild flowers and views abound. Descend via Deer Creek Trail. Carpool \$6 including DMR RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375-1693 jimobrien2@webtv.net	Hard 9 miles 2300 (including Knob)
Wed Jun 18 8:30 am Rec Center	Wednesday Wanderers. Hike Missionary Ridge to Radio Towers Leader: Graham Murray 259-5843	Easy to moderate 5 miles
Sat. June 21 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am DMR	Annual Spud Mtn. Climb & Birthday Celebration. Enjoy a really fun hike/climb up a local landmark. <u>No trail.</u> Some steepness, rock scrambling and exposure involved. Group must stay together. Option to wait at base of rocky peak to avoid rock scrambling but you'll miss the Dynamite Views! Help John and Connie celebrate their birthdays (10 years apart which is which?) Limit: 10. Dogs OK but not for the final rock scramble. Carpool \$4 RSVP: John Montle 259-9469 mntnlvr@frontier.net Co-Leader: Connie Webbe	Hard 3 miles 1840
Wed Jun 25 8:30 am SW corner Albertsons Parking lot	Wednesday Wanderers. Hike Twin Buttes Leader: Ray Walker 382-7662	Moderate 5-7 miles 1100
	CHECK YOUR E-MAIL FOR E-OUTINGS "Last Minute Outings" may be added to complement our printed schedule via e-mail, so check them out. Leaders will follow the same guidelines and safety precautions (radios,	

	first-aid kits, etc.) as regularly scheduled outings. If you know members who do not have e-mail, please pass along the info about the outings to them. And if you'd like to lead an outing but didn't get it into the schedule in time for printing, contact the SO! E-mail coordinator at mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org with all the information, and then arrange (with the preceding and following trip leaders on the schedule) to pick up and drop off the trip bag. For those of you who have hectic schedules and cannot commit to lead a few months in advance, or for a fill-in outing when others must be cancelled, it's not too late to lead at the last minute.	
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The outings Committee members who put together this Outing Schedule are: Jan Collins, Olin Kane, Clark Lagow, Sherry Suenram, Dorothy Bregar, and Russ Szelag. They appreciate your suggestions, ideas, willingness to help with and lead outings, enthusiasm while on outings, and natural leadership skills that show up when needed