

<p>Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outing Description Spring 2012</p> <p>Printer-friendly version</p> <p>Logistics, rules, meeting places, and difficulty ratings</p> <p>E-mail schedule changes and updates to: lylehancock@bresnan.net</p> <p>Schedule changes and trip updates are in red.</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, Total Length & Elevation Gain</p>
<p>Fri Mar 9 to Sun Mar 11 RC 8:30 am</p>	<p><i>Car Camping/hiking trip to Utah:</i> In and around Moab. We will drive over on Friday and find a campsite, then spend the time hiking and exploring the many canyons or scrambling over some of the spectacular slickrock buttes. Primitive camping or motels in Moab. Bring fire wood and plenty of water. Carpool \$ TBD.</p> <p>Leader: Bill Cagle RSVP 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Hard 6 - 8 miles/day 500' Many times scrambling</p>
<p>Mon Mar 12 Mon, Wed, Fri thru March 30. Fridays after Apr 1 if ski area is open Meeting times and places will vary according to ski group.</p>	<p><i>Meet other SO! Skiers and ski with a group at your level throughout the remainder of the ski season. All abilities welcome.</i> Meeting days and times will be announced via email by a group leader or you may contact others in the group to set up your own ski groups. Interested skiers will be put on an email contact list. We will meet at the base of the DMR 6-pack lift #1. For more information and to get on the email list, contact SO! downhill ski group co-coordinators Bruce Rodman at Mtnman16@gmail.com or 385-7899, or Jim Shadid at 884-4612.</p> <p>Lunch: The groups usually meet at noon for lunch on the second floor (bar level) at Dante's when it is open. All levels of skiers. Be sure to check the DMR web site for actual dates it will be open for the final days of the season</p>	
<p>Tues Mar 13</p> <p>5:30 pm New Members</p> <p>6:30 pm Social</p> <p>7:00 pm Potluck Rec. Center</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO! General Meeting Spring Potluck New Member Orientation: 5:30 pm 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 Dessert S-Z Main Dish In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations for Manna Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Wed Mar 14 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><i>Wednesday Wanderers Walk the 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>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>

	<p>Because of the construction around the mall, if construction, weather conditions or trail conditions warrant it we may instead go north on the River Trail at the discretion of the leader.</p> <p>For Info, call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	
Wed Mar 14	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 12th for details.	
CANCELLED Thurs Mar 15 ACP 8:30 am TC 8:40 am Tam 8:55 am	<p>XC Ski Red Mountain to Ironton <i>cancelled due to poor conditions.</i> Ski downhill from Red Mt. down railroad grade to Ironton Park. We'll spot cars for shuttle. Entire route is downhill, probably on unbroken snow. Will have tea snacks at Howard's home in Silverton afterwards. Carpool 7\$. No dogs. 4WD preferable.</p> <p>Leader: Howard Drake RSVP: Connie Webb at 382-0009 bcwebbe@aol.com</p>	Moderate 1500' 4 miles
Fri Mar 16	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 12th for details.	
CANCELLED Sat Mar 17 ACP 8:45 am Fire Station #5 9:00 am TH 9:30 am	<p>XC-Ski Vallecito Lake East <i>cancelled until next winter.</i> Ski at your own pace along the eastern shore of Vallecito Lake on groomed track. \$5 donation for trail grooming suggested. Carpool: \$4. No Dogs. 4WD convenient. Fire Station # 5 is on Florida Road just past Edgemont Ranch at junction CR 234.</p> <p>RSVP: David Wright 259-5978 david.j.wright@att.net</p>	Easy 2-5 miles min. elev.
Mon Mar 19	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 12th for details.	
Wed Mar 21 SRP 9:30 am	<p>WW hike: Animas River Trail See Mar 14. No RSVP required Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Wed Mar 21	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 12th for details.	
Fri Mar 23	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 12th for details.	
Mon Mar 26	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 12th for details.	
Wed Mar 28 SRP 9:30 am	<p>WW hike: Animas River Trail See March 14. No RSVP required Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Wed Mar 28	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 12th for details.	
Fri Mar 30	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 12th for details.	
Mon Apr 2 Breakfast: SRP 7:30 am or Mancos by the ABC 9:10 am	<p>Hike Sand Canyon/East Rock Creek loop <i>with breakfast option at the Absolute Bakery & Café (ABC) in Mancos.</i> Meet at SRP to carpool to breakfast at 7:30 <u>or</u> meet after breakfast in Mancos by the ABC to drive to Sand Canyon. We will start from the lower end of Sand Canyon trailhead and follow the maintained trail, cutting over and returning via the East Rock Creek Trail. This is a pleasant hike with a variety of Ancestral Puebloan sites in view along the route. Bring snacks, a lunch and plenty of water. Trail is busy and is used actively by mountain bikers. Carpool \$10, limit 15. Dogs on leash please.</p> <p>RSVP: David Wright 259-5978 or david.j.wright@att.net</p>	Moderate 6 miles 600'
Wed Apr 4 SRP 9:00 am	<p>WW hike: Three Springs to Grandview Trail. The hike begins at the end of Confluence Ave behind the Three Springs development. We will hike to the intersection with Grandview Trail and a little beyond. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non members only</p> <p>Leader: Ray Walker 382-7662</p>	Easy 3 miles 240"
Fri Apr 6	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 12th for details.	
Tues Apr 10 Social 6:30 pm Mtg. 7:00 pm Rec Center	<p>SO! General Meeting</p> <p>Program: "Conservative Treatment of Hip and Knee Arthritis". Local physical therapists, Luke and Ashley Angel along with physiatrist, Dr. Patrick McLaughlin will share information which can help healthy, active seniors to stay that way! Methods which can prevent or reduce joint pain and acute injury will be presented by experts in the field. All of us hope to avoid the need for joint replacement--come and learn some ways to avoid or delay surgery.</p>	
Wed Apr 11	WW hike: Horse Gulch. From the trailhead, the hike begins a gradual and	Easy

3 rd St & 8 th Ave Horse Gulch trailhead 9:00 am	consistent uphill. The hike follows the old road for 2 miles until the group turns around to return on the same route. Dogs on lease only please. RSVP non-members only. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130	4 miles 400'
Wed Apr 11 3 rd St & 8 th Ave Horse Gulch trailhead 8:45 am	WW dogs off leash hike: Horse Gulch. From the trailhead, the hike begins a gradual and consistent uphill. The hike follows the old road for 2 miles until the group turns around to return on the same route. Limit 4 dogs. RSVP dogs and non members Leader: Chris Wiehage 259-0082	Easy 4 miles 400'
Thurs Apr 12 Thurs Apr 19 SRP 8:00 am	Meander in Bisti Badlands: Postponed to April 19th. We will make the long drive (about 80 miles one way) to Bisti Badlands and then wander among the rock formations, off trail, for about 4 hours before returning. Limit 8, no dogs. Getting lost is easy, so we must stay in a group. Carpool \$13 RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com	Moderate 6 miles 200' Moderate pace
Fri Apr 13	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 12th for details.	
Mon Apr 16 SRP 9:00 am	New Mexico Canyon Explorations. We will hike some of the canyons and cliffs east of Aztec NM. The goal will be to discover arches and other "enchanting" formations in the Land of Enchantment. Dogs OK. 4WD High clearance vehicle. Car Pool: \$6. RSVP Bob Thompson 382-9271. Co-Leader: Travis Ward.	Moderate 5 miles 1000'
Wed Apr 18 RC 9:00 am	WW hike: Ned Overend Mountain Park. The trail ascends and descends two separate ridges in the park on this loop hike: one with an elevation gain of 443 feet, the other slightly less. The trail begins with a climb through ponderosa and juniper offering peek-a-boo views of the city then drops steeply on a mountain bike trail into Slime Gulch. The trail follows along the bottom of the gulch for a brief time, crosses a small bridge and begins a series of switchbacks up another ridge from which there are great views of Perin's Peak and the Hogsback. We then descend on the same switchbacks into the gulch and take another trail that gently rolls up and down with the contours around the end of the first ridge back to the parking area. This is a heavy mountain bike use area. Hiking poles are very helpful for the steep descents. SO members only. No Dogs. No RSVP needed. Leader: Barb Hancock 764-4531 Co-leader: Cheryl Berglund	Moderate 4 miles approx. 800 feet
Thurs Apr 19 SRP 8:00 am	Meander in Bisti Badlands: Rescheduled from April 12th. We will make the long drive (about 80 miles one way) to Bisti Badlands and then wander among the rock formations, off trail, for about 4 hours before returning. Limit 8, no dogs. Getting lost is easy, so we must stay in a group. Carpool \$13 RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com	Moderate 6 miles 200' Moderate pace
Fri Apr 20 Schneider Park (by the 9 th St. bridge) 9:00 am	Test Track Tune Up. We will explore Durango's backyard by completing a big loop, including an ascent of the Hogback. All on trail but some parts will be very steep on loose, slippery soil (especially the Hogback). We will set a brisk pace to get in shape for the coming hiking season. Dogs OK but on leash only. Limit 10. RSVP: Lynn Coburn 247-0914 or harrisoncoburn@gmail.com	Moderate 8 miles 1500'
Fri Apr 20	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Mar 12th for details.	
Mon Apr 23 SRP 9:00 am	Aztec Arches. We will drive south to the Aztec area and explore the area around the Anazazi and Octopus Arches. Although it is not a long hike to the arches we will extend the trip by exploring the region. Expect moderate scrambling and off trail bushwhacking. Agile dogs only. Limit 10. Car Pool: \$6. RSVP: Lynn Coburn 247-0914 or harrisoncoburn@gmail.com	Moderate (with some scrambling) ~ 5 miles 1,000'
Tues Apr 24 8:45 am Hermosa Conoco	Highway 550 Cleanup. Join other SO! volunteers to help clean up our two sections of Highway 550. RSVP: Marv Dwarkin 259-9434 mpdworkin@gobrainstorm.net	Easy
Wed Apr 25	SO Board Meeting	
Wed Apr 25	WW hike: Fort Lewis Loop Trail. The hike begins at the trailhead at 8 th &	Easy

8 th Ave & 8 th Street 9:00 am	8 th . The trail ascends immediately and winds through the woods up to the mesa. Once on the mesa, the hike loops around the mesa and to The Lion's Den and back. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non members only. Leader: Tricia Bayless 799-4535	4 miles 400'
Thur April 26 Sat Apr 28 Horse Gulch TH east of 8 th Ave. & 3 rd St. 9:00 am	Big Canyon to Horse Gulch. Postponed to Saturday, April 28th. This is a through-hike in the lovely Telegraph Trail system with a stop for lunch at Pautsky Point for a 360° view. May descend from Pautsky Point on a semi off-trail route depending on group's preference. Early turn-back OK <u>with car</u> . Dogs OK. We Leave most cars at Horse Gulch and begin with short shuttle to Big Canyon. RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net	Moderate 8 miles 1500'
Fri Apr 27 Sun Apr 29 ACP 9:00 am Vallecito Creek TH 9:45 am	Day Hike with Llamas – Postponed to Sunday, April 29th. Vallecito Creek Trail 6.4 miles RT. Moderate for distance and rocky trail. Easy as llamas travel slower and look at the scenery. Lunch at the bridge. Can come early (8:30 am) to round up llamas and be involved with grooming, etc. Call for directions to property just west of Bayfield. No spitting allowed. No dogs. Carpool \$5. RSVP Gail Davidson. 970-799-2940 or gdaavidson@sagehealthinc.com	Moderate 6.4 miles 600 ft.
Tues May 1 SRP 7:00 am	NM Badlands Hike: One Way hike through Lybrook, NM badlands. We will hike one way through some rarely visited New Mexico badlands. Expect no trails, some unique landforms, a few hoodoos, some scrambling, and no hurry. Drive time is about 2 hours each way. No dogs. Carpool \$12. Limit 15. RSVP: Leader Travis Ward 247-1310	Hard 6 miles 1,000'
Wed May 2 RC 8:30 am	WW hike: Animas City Mountain. Located within the city limits on the north end of town, this trail has a consistent uphill from the trailhead along the outside edge of the mountain to the promontory at the top. Trail is rocky. Poles may be helpful. Great views of Durango & the Animas Valley along the way and at the top. The trip will either return on the same trail or by an interior trail with approximately the same return distance. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non members only. Leader: Caroline Murray 375-0454 Co-leader : Ray Walker	Moderate 5 miles 1,000'
Fri May 4 SRP 8:00 am	Snowshoe/Hike to the head of Tomahawk basin: Starting on the LaPlata Canyon road, we will hike where we have to and otherwise take advantage of firm, early Spring snow to gain easy access to Tomahawk basin via snowshoes, going west to an elevation of about 12000'. No summits, no steep ascents. Limit 8, no dogs. Carpool \$5 RSVP: Charles Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com	Hard 5 miles 2400' Moderate pace
Tues May 8 Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm Rec Center	SO! General Meeting Program: Everyone enjoys our backcountry trails, dogs as well as humans. Julie Winkelman, owner and operator of Alpha Canine Academy, will speak to us about canine trail manners. This program will cover ideas for the dog lover as well as management ideas for the non-dog lover. Everyone will benefit from this information and our trails will be a happier place.	
Tues May 8 ACP 9:00 am Havilland Lake parking lot 9:25 am	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: Clark Lagow 259-9337 clagow@rmi.net	Moderate 4 miles 1200' (back up)
Wed May 9 SRP 8:30 am	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 Leader: Wayne Bedor 764-4089	Moderate 4-5 miles 700'-800'
Fri. May 11 Fri May 18	Hike Goulding Creek Trail to Jones Creek Trail (a through hike). Date moved to May 18th. We'll hike The switchbacks up Goulding Creek (most of	Hard 10 miles

ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am	the elevation gain), then follow the Ridge south on the Pinkerton Flagstaff Trail, descending on the Jones Creek Trail to Hermosa Creek. Carpool \$3. RSVP Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com	2200'
Mon May 14 ACP 9:30 am TC 9:45 am DMR 10:00 am	Purgatory Trail Hike: We'll start at the trailhead across from DMR and hike down to the Flats, then along the beautiful Cascade Creek gorge to the Animas for lunch by the river. Up and down both ways, with a climb out at the end. Early turn backs with a buddy are okay. Carpool \$3, Dogs OK RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com	Moderate 8 miles 1800'
Tue May 15 ACP 8:00 am Red Creek Tr 8:30 am	Red Creek/Missionary Ridge/First Fork Loop: Date moved up from May 22nd. A good warm up hike for the summer season! We will go up Red Creek trail and down First Fork. This loop is mostly on good trails, but some trail finding and undefined routes will be encountered as we hop over some snags! Great views from the top as the trail tops out at around 9900 ft. Carpool \$1, Limit 12, Dogs OK RSVP: Darrell Maddox 1-303-775-3208 (cell) maddox0204@msn.com	Hard 9.5 miles 2000'
Wed May 16 3 rd St & 8 th Ave. Horse Gulch trailhead 8:30 a.m	WW hike: Telegraph to Pautsky Point. 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. Dogs on leash only. RSVP non-members only. Leader: Dennis Aronson 259-5045	Moderate 5.71 miles 1000'
Fri May 18 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am	Hike Goulding Creek Trail to Jones Creek Trail (a through hike). Date moved from May 11th. We'll 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. Carpool \$3. RSVP Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com	Hard 10 miles 2200'
Sat May 19 ACP 9:15 am Vallecito Creek TH 9:45 am	Day Hike with Llamas – Vallecito Creek Trail 6.4 miles RT. Moderate for distance and rocky trail. Easy as llamas travel slower and look at the scenery. Lunch at the bridge. Can come early (8:30 am) to round up llamas and be involved with grooming, etc. Call for directions to property just west of Bayfield. No spitting allowed. No dogs. Carpool \$5. RSVP Gail Davidson. 970-799-2940 or gdauidson@sagehealthinc.com	Moderate 6.4 miles 600'
Sun, May 20 SRP 9:00 am	Bike Chicken Creek. From the Chicken Creek X-C Ski TH, bike mostly on trail, and some dirt road. Rocky in spots, but pretty easy to negotiate. Eat lunch or snack along the way. Mountain bike recommended. Carpool \$3. RSVP: Sandy Hoagland 247-3678 or swhoagy@live.com	Easy/Moderate 9.5 miles 565'
Wed May 23 SRP 8:30 am Santa Rita Park Or parking lot off Lightner Creek Rd 8:45 am	WW hike: No Name Trail (DOW). Accessed from the DOW road leading off Lightner Creek Rd. just west of town. Meet at the parking lot off Lightner Creek Rd. and caravan to the T. H. Hiking west through DOW land and beneath Barnroof Pt. on a gentle grade, then a very short, steeper grade to a ridge and then head north into the National Forest and eventually hike along Deep Creek briefly before returning. This is a little traveled and un-named trail with gradual elevation gains (except for that short hike to the ridge) and has views of the La Plata Mountains and Barnroof Pt. Dogs on leash required on DOW land. RSVP non members only. Leader: Sharron Chambers lightnerload@earthlink.net 259-9271	Easy 3.76 miles 500'
Wed May 23 Clark's House 6:00 pm	SO! Outings Committee Meeting.	
Fri May 25 Wed June 6	Columbus Basin Bike Trip. Postponed to Wednesday, June 6. Mountain bike from Kennebec Cafe to Columbus Basin in La Plata Canyon, hike dirt road to Kennebec Pass and to Taylor Lake. Distances may vary depending on conditions and wishes of group. This outing is just a good work out day in a beautiful location on a hopefully beautiful spring day. We will transport our bikes from Santa Rita Park to Kennebec Cafe, park vehicles and ride our	Hard to Moderate 20 miles >2000'

	<p>bikes. Lock up bikes and then hike up to Kennebec Pass and possibly to Taylor Lake if time permits. Wear cross trainer shoes that would accommodate both biking and hiking on a dirt road. Will return the same route. No Dogs. Car Pool:\$3. Limit 15.</p> <p>RSVP Nancy Federico: 259-1949 or email: fortfed@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Wed May 30 SRP 8:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Carbon Junction Trail. Starting with a series of switchbacks to the top of the mesa for about a half-mile. In another mile the trail reaches a junction with the South Rim trail. At that junction, we will take a right fork heading southeast on South Rim trail for about 2 miles, then right again at the junction with Big Canyon trail for 1.1 miles until it drops out on a frontage road parallel to highway 160 and a 0.5 mile walk back to the trailhead parking area.</p> <p>Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non members only</p> <p>Leader: Tom and Lydine Hannula 884-9052</p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles 1,000'</p>
<p>Thur May 31 Durango Rec Center 2700 Main Ave Windom Room 5:30 pm</p>	<p>SO Leaders Meeting. If you are a Leader of SO Outings you are invited to attend a meeting to discuss SO Outings. The meeting is being hosted by the Outings Committee to solicit questions, comments and ideas from Trip Leaders. No Dogs. RSVP to Richard Butler at rbbutler54@gmail.com or 970-403-3185. Please send any comments/ideas to Rich or your Outings Committee Coordinator prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>Most Challenging</p>
<p>Fri Jun 1 ACP 9:00 am Firehouse @ CR240 & 234 9:10 am</p>	<p>Vallecito Creek Trail Hike. We will park at the trail head at the north end of the lake and proceed up the well marked trail. Expect to find some mud and potential wet spots on the trail. We will hike as far as the group wishes (probably as far as the washed out bridge) and conditions allow. Limit 15. Dogs OK (must be under control in the Wilderness Area). Car Pool: \$5.</p> <p>RSVP: Wayne Bedor 764-4089 or waynebedor@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate ~6 miles 1500'</p>
<p>Sun Jun 3 ACP 9:00 am</p>	<p>Hike Haflin Creek to Missionary Ridge. This trail starts with a series of switchbacks that allow nice views of the Animas Valley. About ½ mile into the hike, you begin to see the burned ponderosa from the fires but also nice sweeping views. After a mile the switchbacks level out until they resume again at about 3 miles, continuing to where the trail meets up with Missionary Ridge; returning along the same route. Be prepared to climb over numerous trees that block the trail every spring. Early turn-backs OK with a partner. Parking at trailhead very limited; please carpool. Carpool \$3, Dogs OK on leash or voice control.</p> <p>RSVP: Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@att.net</p>	<p>Hard 7.6 miles 2,880'</p>
<p>Tue Jun 5 SRP 7:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Parrot & Madden Peaks in the Laplatas. We will start on an old horse trail which climbs out of La Plata Canyon. Then, we bushwack to the ridge above and head north to Parrot Peak (11,857'). We continue north off Parrot to Madden Peak (11,972) then turn south back to the Parrot/Madden saddle. From here we snowshoe-ski/slide down (~2,000') to an old logging road which returns to the cars. Car Pool \$2. Limit 14. Dogs OK.</p> <p>RSVP Leader Bob Thompson 382-9271.</p>	<p>Most Challenging ~7 miles 3,500'</p>
<p>Wed June 6 RC 8:15 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Missionary Ridge to Radio Towers</p> <p>This is an "in and out" hike that begins in the Durango Hills area, accessed from CR240. Hike is up an old woods road to trail up to the towers. Dogs OK. RSVP non-members only.</p> <p>Leader: Warren Levingston 769-1437</p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 1,100'</p>
<p>Wed June 6</p>	<p>Columbus Basin Bike Trip. Moved from May 25th. Mountain bike from Kennebec Cafe to Columbus Basin in La Plata Canyon, hike dirt road to Kennebec Pass and to Taylor Lake. Distances may vary depending on conditions and wishes of group. This outing is just a good work out day in a beautiful location on a hopefully beautiful spring day. We will transport our bikes from Santa Rita Park to Kennebec Cafe, park vehicles and ride our bikes. Lock up bikes and then hike up to Kennebec Pass and possibly to Taylor Lake if time permits. Wear cross trainer shoes that would accommodate both biking and hiking on a dirt road. Will return the same</p>	<p>Hard to Moderate 20 miles >2000'</p>

	route. No Dogs. Carpool \$3. Limit 15. RSVP Nancy Federico: 259-1949 or email: fortfed@gmail.com	
Fri. Jun 8 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:25 am	Cascade to Coal Bank. Training hike. Hike to Engineer Plateau via Engineer Mtn. Trail from FS work center near Cascade and then down to Coal Bank on Pass Trail. Good views from plateau. Carpool \$5. RSVP Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com	Hard 8 miles 2,700'
Mon Jun 11 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am	Hike "Larkspur Lane". An annual favorite named by John Montle 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. Lunch at a view spot. Early turn-backs OK. Dogs OK. Carpool \$5 RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 clagow@rmi.net	Moderate (or Easy if turn back early) 6 miles 1850'
Tue Jun 12 5:30 p.m. Social 7:00 pm Dinner Edgemont Ranch Picnic Area (6 miles out Florida Rd from 15 th and Main, turn right across from the big pine cone)	SO! General Meeting and Picnic This will be a combination potluck and BBQ. The club will provide burgers, brats, buns and condiments. If you would like something to drink other than coffee, iced tea or lemonade, you may bring it for yourself. Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Desserts G-M Salads and side dishes N-R Appetizers and Chips S-Z Salads and side dishes In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations for the Durango Food Bank.	A notice will be sent out for RSVP's as the date nears
Wed Jun 13 SRP 8:15 am	WW hike: Sale Barn. This hike heads up a series of switchbacks and reaches the top of the canyon in less than a mile. At the junction with South Rim trail, the trail will proceed another 2.5 miles dropping down into Big Canyon, then connecting with and following Big Canyon Trail the last mile out to the frontage road. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non members only. Leader: Dale Suran and Dee Rodman 382-9600	Moderate 6 miles 800'
Thur Jun 14 SRP 7:00 am	Helmet Peak Climb, 11,. We will drive in on Echo Basin Road and descend into Hell's Hole (it is not as nasty as it sounds), climb out and up the nose of the Hogback, descend into the saddle and finally climb up to Helmet's summit (11,969'). The route is all off trail with bushwhacking and brush to deal with. High clearance vehicles. Dogs OK. Limit 10. Car Pool: \$4. RSVP: Lynn Coburn 247-0914 or harrisoncoburn@gmail.com	Hard 8 Miles 3,500
Thur Jun 14 Fri Jun 15 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:15 am DMR 8:30 am	Upper Hermosa (to the second bridge) Postponed to Friday, June 15th. This is a well-defined trail that meanders along Upper Hermosa Creek. Poles are helpful for water crossings. The hike is rated "easy to hard" depending on how far a hiker wants to go; it is not steep. Early turn backs with a partner are okay. Carpool \$6, 4WD, Dogs OK RSVP: Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 sbeckbrown@yahoo.com	Easy to Hard 10 miles 100'
Sat Jun 16 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am	Hike Spud Lake Trail. Carpool from Animas Park to limited parking space near trailhead to Spud Lake. This hike passes through aspen and near several interesting beaver ponds, some of which are still active. Twilight Peaks and Engineer Mountain are visible from the trail. We will hike to the lake and take a short break there. After a break, a walk around the lake is optional. The same trail will be taken back to the trailhead. Also optional is a short hike south to Scout Lake from the trailhead. Bring snacks, lunch and water. Carpool \$4, limit 12, dogs OK RSVP: David Wright 259-5978 or david.j.wright@att.net	Easy 3 miles 440'
Mon June 18 to Sat June 23 Meeting time and place TBD	Great Western-Utah Trail 4-day Supported Hike. This will be a four-day hike (plus 1 driving day each way) along the Great Western Trail in the Dixie NF between Torrey and Boulder Utah. We will be in high altitude pine and aspen forests, breaking the hike into 4 segments, hiking one segment each day. The group size is limited to 10 people with two vehicles; each day two participants will drive the vehicles to the next campsite while the rest of the	Hard Moderate Pace 50 miles

	group hikes. Everyone will meet at the new campsite in the afternoon. RSVP Bill Cagle 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com to reserve a space.	
Wed Jun 20 RC 8:00 am	WW dogs off leash hike: Log Chutes trail. This trail system is in the Junction Creek area. We will follow the shorter of the two loops on an old road. The trail ascends as the start and then generally levels out with some up and down along the way, eventually looping back to the trailhead. RSVP dogs and non members Leader: Chris Wiehage 259-0882	Moderate 4.6 mi. RT 880'
Wed Jun 20 RC 8:15 am	WW hike: Log Chutes trail. This trail system is in the Junction Creek area. We will follow the shorter of the two loops on an old road. The trail ascends as the start and then generally levels out with some up and down along the way, eventually looping back to the trailhead. So members only. No Dogs. No RSVP needed. Leader: Barb Hancock 764-4531	Moderate 4.6 miles 880'
Thur Jun 21 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am	Annual Spud Mtn. Climb & Birthday Celebration. Enjoy a really fun hike/climb up a local landmark. No trail. 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 \$5 RSVP: John Montle 769-6108 mntnlvr@frontier.net Co-Leader: Connie Webbe	Hard 3 miles 1840'
Wed Jun 27 Highlands Community Center 8:30 am Turn left at Pine Cone Entrance (3.8 mi. on Florida Rd from 250 stoplight) then .2 mi. to Community Center on right Please carpool if convenient – to carpool meet at RC 8:15 am	WW hike: Edgemont Highlands Canyon Trail. Hike up the west side of Canyon Trail from the Community Center and then connect over to the east side of Canyon Trail to return to the Community Center. Mary Ellen Long art installations along the way. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non members only. Leaders: Kristine Johnson and Jay Culver 946-9560	Moderate 4-5 miles 600' to 700'

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