

# SO! Spring 2016 Outings Schedule

Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Outing Description</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Spring 2016</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><a href="#">Printable .pdf version</a></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><a href="#">Logistics, outing rules, meeting places, and difficulty ratings</a></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Schedule changes and trip updates are in red</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">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 friend's computer or the library to view updates at <a href="http://www.seniorsoutdoors.org">www.seniorsoutdoors.org</a>.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">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 style="margin: 0;">Leaders: If you have changes to make to an outing please e-mail the amended outing to <a href="mailto:mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org">mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org</a> with a copy to <a href="mailto:ejbutler12@gmail.com">ejbutler12@gmail.com</a></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Participants (new &amp; old) 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 style="margin: 0;">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 Leader's okay.</p> <hr/> <p style="margin: 0;"><b><u>Avalanche Alpine Safety Reminder:</u></b> 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: <a href="http://www.avyschool.com/">http://www.avyschool.com/</a> &amp; <a href="http://www.hesperusskipatrol.org/">http://www.hesperusskipatrol.org/</a> and a free one at <a href="http://www.thesanjuans.org/2015/01/january-2016-events/">http://www.thesanjuans.org/2015/01/january-2016-events/</a>). 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 <a href="http://avalanche.state.co.us/">http://avalanche.state.co.us/</a>, Colorado Avalanche Information Center).</p>	<p style="margin: 0;"><a href="#">Difficulty Rating</a></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Rating, Total Length &amp; Elevation Gain</p>
<p style="margin: 0;">Continuing for the remainder of the ski season at Purgatory Resort</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Every Mon, Wed and Fri.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Meet at "Six-Pack" lift at Purg at 10:00 AM, and/or on second floor of Dante's at</p>	<p style="margin: 0;"><b>SO! Downhill Ski Group.</b> Meet other SO! skiers and ski with a group at your level on various days throughout the ski season. All abilities welcome. Ski boarders are welcome to join the SO! Downhill ski group. Be sure to check the Purgatory Resort web site for season's closing date.</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Contact Bruce Rodman at <a href="mailto:Mtnman16@gmail.com">Mtnman16@gmail.com</a></b> to be placed on the SO! Downhill Ski Group distribution list. Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin: 0;">1) Self-description of your skier abilities, e.g. intermediate</li> <li style="margin: 0;">2) Landline phone number.</li> <li style="margin: 0;">3) Cell phone number if you carry a cell phone on the mountain.</li> </ol> <p style="margin: 0;">If you are looking for ski companions of similar abilities, then you may email the distribution list that you are organizing a ski group on days and start times of your choice. You could also use the distribution list to arrange trips to other ski areas such as Wolf Creek or Telluride. For more information, <b>contact SO! Downhill Ski Group Coordinator Bruce Rodman at 970-385-7899.</b></p>	

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<p>noon when it is open.</p> <p>Car pools may be arranged by participants.</p>	<p>On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, John Montle or Betsy Petersen leads a group of advanced intermediate skiers interested primarily in skiing fairly fast on groomed slopes. They will look for you shortly before 9:00 am at the base of Lift 1 (the Six Pack lift) or later if arrangements have been made in advance. Communications are generally done via email. These sessions will be held when conditions are judged to be good.</p> <p><b>Contact John Montle at <a href="mailto:jjmontle@frontier.net">jjmontle@frontier.net</a> or 970-769-6108, or Betsy Peterson at <a href="mailto:Betsyp@bresnan.net">Betsyp@bresnan.net</a> or 970-259-5417.</b></p>	
	<p>Meeting Place Abbreviations: ACP: Animas City Park; TC: Trimble Crossing; Tam: Tamarron; Purg: Purgatory; SRP: Santa Rita Park; RC: Rec Center</p>	
<p>Tues Mar 8</p> <p>Rec Center New member orientation 5:30 pm Social 6:30 pm Potluck 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SO! General Meeting</b> <b>Spring Potluck</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Member Orientation: 5:30 pm</b> <b>Social: 6:30 pm</b> <b>Potluck: 7:00 pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Main Dish    G-M Salad or side    N-R Main Dish    S-Z Dessert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In addition to your potluck dish please bring non-perishable food donations or a check for the Manna Soup Kitchen.</p>	
<p>Wed Mar 9 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Animas River Trail.</b> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita to Home Depot and back. May turn back sooner or go on to Escalante subdivision if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance.</p> <p><b>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>
<p>Thur Mar 10 SRP 8:30 am</p>	<p><b>Sand Canyon Hike.</b> We will hike through the Monument on the loop trail checking out the ruins and enjoying an end of winter hike. Dogs on leash OK, Car Pool \$6. Limit 15.</p> <p><b>Leader &amp; RSVP: Steve Krest at <a href="mailto:skrest@earthlink.net">skrest@earthlink.net</a> or 970-588-3806</b></p>	<p>Easy/ Moderate ~ 5.5 + miles 800'</p>
<p>Sat Mar 12 Rec Ctr near fairgrds 9:00 am CR 234/Florida Rd. Fire Station 9:15 am</p>	<p><b>Vallecito Creek Trail.</b> This is a moderate hike up a well defined trail for about 3 miles out to a bridge over the beautiful creek with tiny pools and waterfalls, it's very picturesque amid steep granite walls. Bring water and lunch. Carpool \$3, or meet at the Vallecito Campground parking lot at 9:45 am, Dogs OK preferably on leashes and in your own car, expect to be back to the car in 3--4 hours.</p> <p><b>Leader &amp; RSVP: Kathy Schuetz 970 769-3009 or <a href="mailto:krschuetz@gmail.com">krschuetz@gmail.com</a></b> <b>Co-leader Trish Szekely</b></p>	<p>Moderate 6 mi RT to first bridge. 1200'</p>
<p>Sun Mar 13 Parking lot by Animas Crossing Condomin-iums 10:00 am</p>	<p><b>Fly Your Kite And Take A Walk With Hills.</b> We will start at the small parking lot at the Animas Crossing Condominiums (399 West Park Ave), which are by the swinging bridge. We will cross Rosa Road, take on some hills towards the cemetery and then go to an empty lot where I hope kite flying will be good. Continue walking more hills and then return to the parking lot. No dogs. No limit. No carpool fee.</p> <p><b>RSVP: Nancy Federico at 259-1949 or <a href="mailto:fortfed@gmail.com">fortfed@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p>Easy to moderate at moderate pace 3-5 miles Elevation gain minimal</p>
<p>Wed Mar 16 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Mar 9. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>
<p>Wed Mar 23 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Mar 9. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>
<p>Fri Mar 25 RC 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>Bisti Day Hike with Overnighter option.</b> We will drive to the Bisti Badlands, backpack in a couple miles, and for those staying over, set up a dry camp. The afternoon will be spent wandering around seeing the hoodoos and petrified</p>	<p>Moderate Flat 6-10 miles</p>

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	<p>wood. Those wishing to head home that day can easily find their way back to the cars. The rest will return to Durango in the morning. Bring adequate water and be prepared to carry it a couple miles. Limit 12. Carpool \$7 or TBD. Dogs OK.</p> <p><b>RSVP Chris Blackshear, <a href="mailto:chris.blackshear@gmail.com">chris.blackshear@gmail.com</a></b></p>	
<p>Wed Mar 30 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Mar 9. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b></p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>
<p>Wed Mar 30 Horse Gulch trail head 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Hike Horse Gulch and Cuchillo Loop.</b> Start at the Horse Gulch trailhead located at the east end of 3rd St. after it crosses Highway 3. Continue on Horse Gulch Road (County Road 237) until it comes to County Road 234. Return on Horse Gulch Road until we come to Drop Over Trail on the left side of the road. Continue on to Cuchillo Loop, which adds on 2.4 miles. Dogs OK only if on a leash at all times. No limit. No carpool fee.</p> <p><b>RSVP: Nancy Federico at 259-1949 or <a href="mailto:fortfed@gmail.com">fortfed@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate at moderate pace 5 miles 860'</p>
<p>Fri Apr 1 ACP 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Hike Falls Creek Trails And Explore Some To The North.</b> Drive a short distance up Junction Creek Road, then turn north towards Falls Creek subdivision and take one of the several trails on the <u>right</u> side of the road going north farther on up the road. <u>Moderate</u> pace hiking. We will explore some trails north of the trail system and return on a ridge trail route. Dogs OK. Limit 15. Car-pool \$1.00.</p> <p><b>RSVP: Nancy Federico at 259-1949 or <a href="mailto:fortfed@gmail.com">fortfed@gmail.com</a> or Co-leader Gail Davidson at 799-2940 or <a href="mailto:gdaavidson@sagehealthinc.com">gdaavidson@sagehealthinc.com</a></b></p>	<p>Easy to moderate at moderate pace 6-7 miles Elevation gain minimal</p>
<p>Sat Apr 2 SRP 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>LaPlata Canyon Hike.</b> We will drive as far as we can depending on the road condition for a moderate hike up another 3-4 miles on a 4WD road or a mtn trail if we can get to the top. Bring water and lunch, Carpool (4WD is nice) \$3, dogs OK in your own car, back to the road in 3-4 hrs</p> <p><b>Leader &amp; RSVP Kathy Schuetz 970 769-3009 or <a href="mailto:krschuetz@gmail.com">krschuetz@gmail.com</a></b> <b>Co-leader Trish Szekely</b></p>	<p>Easy/ Moderate ~3-4 miles ~800'</p>
<p>Tue Apr 5 to Thur April 7  RC 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>Butler Wash and Bullet Canyon Camping Trip.</b> We will drive to Butler Wash and set up a car camp. Then explore the side canyons with ruins. On the second or third day, we will drive over to Cedar Mesa to hike Bullet Canyon down to Perfect Kiva and Jailhouse Ruin. Limit 12. Carpool TBD. No dogs.</p> <p><b>RSVP Chris Blackshear, <a href="mailto:chris.blackshear@gmail.com">chris.blackshear@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate 6-10 miles</p>
<p>Wed Apr 6 SRP 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Horse Gulch.</b> From the trailhead we go up the road until the sign post. Then we shall take the Meadow loop, past the Telegraph trail intersection and then to the intersection with Stacey's loop. We will follow Stacy's till it rejoins the Meadow loop at which point we will continue on the meadow loop to the road and then back to the trailhead. Dogs are ok, but must be on leash until we clear the city limits and get onto BLM land.</p> <p>Leader: <b>Ray Walker 382-7662 <a href="mailto:raynsue@bresnan.net">raynsue@bresnan.net</a></b></p>	<p>Easy 4-5 mi. RT 400'</p>
<p>Fri Apr 8 Animas High School parking lot 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Hike Twin Buttes Trail And Trail Towards Perins Peak with Option To Climb Larger Butte.</b> We will start at the trailhead located at the Animas High School parking lot. The trail brings us to a junction that goes towards Perins Peak and then coming out on the trail that brings us to the base of the larger butte with an option to climb. To return we will continue along the trail that goes around the Twin Buttes and then meets up with the starting trail. Dogs OK. Limit 15. No carpool fee.</p> <p><b>RSVP: Nancy Federico at 259-1949 or <a href="mailto:fortfed@gmail.com">fortfed@gmail.com</a> or Co-leader Gail Davidson at 799-2940 or <a href="mailto:gdaavidson@sagehealthinc.com">gdaavidson@sagehealthinc.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate at moderate pace. 8-9 miles 600'</p>
<p>Mon April 11 SRP 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>Hike Alien Run Trail:</b> This is a relatively flat trail near Aztec with desert views, slick rock, alien crash site, and P&amp;J forest. DQ on the return. Limit 12, no dogs. Carpool \$5</p> <p><b>Leader &amp; RSVP: Cheryl Berglund 247-9747 or <a href="mailto:chasberglund@yahoo.com">chasberglund@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate 8 miles, 500' Moderately slow pace</p>
<p>Tue Apr 12 Rec Center</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SO! GENERAL MEETING</b></p> <p><b>Slot Canyons in Utah by Chris Blackshear:</b> The sandstone canyons of</p>	<p>Easy!</p>

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Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm	Utah are some of the most fascinating geography on earth. The talk will feature lots of photographs of canyons and will highlight some of the more accessible ones, all within a day's drive of Durango.	
Tue Apr 12  SRP at 9 am	<b><i>New Mexico Arches Hike.</i></b> Hike to Anasazi and Octopus arches in Northern New Mexico. It is not far to either arch, but there will be some scrambling and it is all off-trail bushwhacking. We can extend the outing by exploring the areas surrounding both arches. Carpool \$5. 4WD/HC convenient. Limit 10. Agile dogs OK. <b>RSVP Leader: Lynn Coburn: 247-0914 <a href="mailto:harrisoncoburn@gmail.com">harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</a>; Co-leader Harding Cure, 382-8286 <a href="mailto:hardingcure@gmail.com">hardingcure@gmail.com</a></b>	Moderate (some scrambling) 4-5 miles 700'
Wed Apr 13 TH Corner of E 10 <sup>th</sup> St & E 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave 9:30 am	<b><i>WW hike: Fort Lewis Loop Trail.</i></b> Hike begins at Centennial Nature Trail lower trail head at jct .of E 10th St & E 6th AV and ends at E 12th ST and 12th ST Place (between E 4th AV & E 5th AV, a half block East of the Mason Center and tennis courts on E 3rd AV). Park on street between the start and finish – three blocks apart. The trail switchbacks up to the FLC campus, circumnavigates the college campus in the pinyons-junipers, goes between the campus and the golf course , down to the Lion's Den then goes back down to town on a narrow social trail which passes a five-foot 3-D 'petroglyph' of an Egyptian mummy and ends at the site of our new handicap-accessible home AND our present house next door where everyone is welcome for snacks. Park anywhere between the start and finish point. Dogs must be on leash. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader: Jim Shadell 247-5597 <a href="mailto:shadelljim@gmail.com">shadelljim@gmail.com</a></b>	Easy 3 mi. RT 400' 1 ½ – 2 hrs.
Thur Apr 14  SRP 7:30 am	<b><i>NM Badlands Hike.</i></b> Hike one way through Lybrook, NM badlands. The car trip is long (about 2 hours), but the hike through some rarely visited badlands is rewarding. Expect no trails, some scrambling, plenty of unique landforms, a few hoodoos, no water, moderate pace stopping wherever. No dogs. Limit 15. Carpool \$9 <b>RSVP: Travis Ward 247-1310 or <a href="mailto:tlward@frontier.net">tlward@frontier.net</a></b>	Hard 1500' 7 miles
<b>Postponed to May 5 Sat Apr 16 9:00 am Hermosa Conoco Station</b>	<b><i>SO! Semi-Annual Highway Clean UP Day.</i></b> Come join other SO members as we clean up our two stretches of Highway 550. Imagine the interesting things you might find – you may be the one to find a \$20 bill this time! Coffee and donuts served in the parking area across from the Hermosa Conoco station. Carpool \$1. No Dogs. <b>RSVP Rich Butler <a href="mailto:rbbutler54@gmail.com">rbbutler54@gmail.com</a> or 403-3185</b>	Easy ~2 miles 100'
Begin Apr 18  Every Monday  Home Depot Parking Lot (South End near the HD nursery) 9:30 am	<b><i>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</i></b> This is a nobody-gets-left-behind, social ride from Home Depot to Bread. We'll meet in the south parking lot at Home Depot (by their nursery); ride the Animas River Trail to E. 32 <sup>nd</sup> St., 32 <sup>nd</sup> to Bread where we'll stop for coffee and pastries. From Bread, we'll take Florida Rd.-15 <sup>th</sup> St. to Rotary Park where we'll rejoin the Animas Trail and return to Home Depot. We'll leave HD promptly at designated start time. Helmets required. 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. <b>Ride leader: Helen Root, <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a>, 505-320-3441. Co-leader: Hugh Brown, <a href="mailto:hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com">hugh.m.brown2@gmail.com</a>, 970-403-3089.</b>	Moderate  16 miles roundtrip
Wed Apr 20 SRP 9:30 am	<b><i>WW hike: Smelter Mountain.</i></b> We will hike to the towers on Smelter Mtn from the trailhead off CR210 behind the Lake Nighthorse pumping station. There is ample parking at the trailhead. Dogs OK but trail difficult if not impossible for small dogs. Owners use discretion. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader: Ray Walker 382-7662 <a href="mailto:raynsue@bresnan.net">raynsue@bresnan.net</a></b>	Moderate 2 miles RT 1000'
Wed Apr 20 Phil's World TH 10:00 am	<b><i>Mountain Bike Phil's World:</i></b> Ride several challenging single-track loops on trail system near Cortez. Must have mountain bike with suspension and strong riding skills. Bring a lunch. Trail fee \$3, Limit 12, No dogs <b>RSVP Lyle Hancock 970-764-4531 <a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a></b>	Hard ~17 miles ~500'
Mon Apr 25	<b><i>Hike Haflin Creek Trail.</i></b> This is classified a hard hike due to the elevation	Hard

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ACP 8:30 am or TH 8:40 am	gain. Hike on a well-established trail with wonderful views of the Animas Valley to the west. Car pool \$1. <b>RSVP: Wayne Bedor cell 769-6548 or home 764-4089.</b> <a href="mailto:waynebedor@yahoo.com">waynebedor@yahoo.com</a>	5.5 Miles 2,700 Elev
Mon Apr 25	<b>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</b> See April 18 for details.	
Wed April 27 SRP 9:00 a.m.	<b>WW hike: Three Springs to Grandview Trail.</b> The hike begins at the electrical generator in back of parking lot in the area of Spinal Group offices behind the hospital. We will hike to the intersection with Grandview Trail and a little beyond. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only <b>Leader: Tom Hannula 884-9052 cell 426-9684 <a href="mailto:lydine2@yahoo.com">lydine2@yahoo.com</a></b>	Easy 4.5 miles RT 240'
Thur Apr 28 5:30 pm Carol Cure's home	<b>SO! Quarterly Board Meeting (&amp; Potluck)</b>	
Thur Apr 28  Schneider Park (by the 9 St. bridge) 9:00 am	<b>Overend Mt. Park.</b> 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. <b>RSVP: Lynn Coburn 247-0914 or <a href="mailto:harrisoncoburn@gmail.com">harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</a></b>	Moderate 8 - 9 miles 1500'
Mon May 2	<b>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</b> See April 18 for details.	
Wed May 4 RC 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Ned Overend Park.</b> 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 climbs 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 and return along a trail that gently rolls up and down back to the parking area. This is a heavy mountain bike use area. Poles are very helpful for the steep descents. SO members only. No Dogs. No RSVP needed. <b>Leader: Barb Hancock 764-4531 <a href="mailto:barbhancock@bresnan.net">barbhancock@bresnan.net</a></b>	Moderate 4 miles approx. 800 feet gain
<b>NEW HIKE</b> Wed, May 4 SRP 9:30	<b>Climb Carbon Mtn (7,844')</b> : Drop a shuttle vehicle at the end of Sawyer Drive. Start from La Posta Road and climb the Solar Slab, a friction pitch, to Pt. 7,561'. Do an out-and-back to the Purple Cliffs. Walk the ridge to Carbon Mtn (exploratory!) and continue along the sandstone edge to a view of Lake Nighthorse. If you have not been on this home-town mountain, here's your chance. Return on the north ridge back to the vehicle in BODO. Limit 10. No dogs. <b>RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 970-769-7269 <a href="mailto:debra@vanwinegarden.com">debra@vanwinegarden.com</a></b>	5 miles 2,600' hard-off-trail
<b>Thur May 5</b> <b>(Rescheduled from Apr 16)</b> 9:00 am Hermosa Conoco Station	<b>SO! Semi-Annual Highway Clean UP Day.</b> Come join other SO members as we clean up our two stretches of Highway 550. Imagine the interesting things you might find – you may be the one to find a \$20 bill this time! Coffee and donuts served in the parking area across from the Hermosa Conoco station. Carpool \$1. No Dogs. <b>RSVP Rich Butler <a href="mailto:rbbutler54@gmail.com">rbbutler54@gmail.com</a> or 403-3185</b>	Easy ~2 miles 100'
May 6-9 Note: Departure point, time and actual dates will be set by participants	<b>Lake Powell car camping trip</b> – We will camp in a primitive area on the north end of the lake accessed by a 15 mile 4WD road. Activities will include hiking and exploring the area, paddling, and fishing. It may also be warm enough for swimming. We usually have fresh fish for dinner. Car pool to be determined by participants. Length of trip : 3 or 4 days. 4WD/HC required. Dogs OK. <b>Trip leader : Jim Shadid 422-2485 <a href="mailto:shadid@wildblue.net">shadid@wildblue.net</a></b>	Easy
<b>Postponed</b> <del>Sat May 7</del>	<b>West Lime Creek Hike:</b> This is a beautiful easy to moderate hike 6 miles RT from the highway along the creek with waterfalls, wildlife and pools. Bring	Easy/ Moderate

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RC near the Fairgrds sign at 9 am	water and lunch, Carpool \$4, dogs OK in your own car, back to the road in 3-4 hours. <b>Leader &amp; RSVP Kathy Schuetz 970 769-3009 or <a href="mailto:krschuetz@gmail.com">krschuetz@gmail.com</a></b> <b>Co-leader Trish Szekely</b>	6 miles ~900'
Mon May 9 ACP 8 AM or TH 8:45 am	<b>Hike Vallecito Creek Trail to the second bridge.</b> This hike is rated hard due to the distance, 11 miles. The creek should still be running high this early in the year and there is the possibility of lingering snow. Car Pool \$3. <b>RSVP: Wayne Bedor cell 769-6548 or home 764-4089.</b> <a href="mailto:waynebedor@yahoo.com">waynebedor@yahoo.com</a>	Hard 11 Miles 1,200 Elev
Mon May 9	<b>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</b> See April 18 for details.	
Tue May 10 Rec Center Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>SO! GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>History &amp; Benefits of Durango Trees:</b> A look at the establishment of Durango's urban forest as we know it today and the benefits the trees provide such as Carbon Storage, Energy Savings and Storm Water Mitigation. Ron Stoner, retired certified Arborist for City of Durango (30 years) , worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 8 years prior to becoming the City Arborist	Easy!
Tue May 10 ACP 9:00 am	<b>Colorado Trail--Gudy's Rest:</b> We will start at the lower Durango Trail head and follow Junction Creek 2.6 miles, ascending gradually before crossing the stream. We will then follow a series of switchbacks another 1.4 miles up a steep canyon to a clearing with a bench (Gudy's Rest). We will return along the same trail. Dogs on leash OK. Carpool \$1. <b>Leader &amp; RSVP: Steve Krest at <a href="mailto:skrest@earthlink.net">skrest@earthlink.net</a> or 970-588-3806</b>	Easy/ Moderate 6 miles 900'
Wed May 11 NE end of the Chapman Hill parking lot 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Animas City Cemetery.</b> From the NE end of the Chapman Hill parking lot off Florida Road, we'll hike up across Chapman Hill up to the Rim Trail. Then we'll hike north along the trail past the Lion's Den, then switchback down the slope and over to the Animas City Cemetery where we'll spend some time wandering around and looking at the gravestones. A handout will be emailed to club members a week or so before the hike. Individuals are encouraged to make a copy to bring to the cemetery to learn about the people who are buried there. Poles will be helpful on the descent. No dogs. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader: Dorothy Bregar 385-1814 <a href="mailto:dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com">dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com</a></b>	Easy 2.5 mi 400'
<b>New Hike Fri May 13</b> ACP 8:30 AM TC 8:40 AM	<b>Stevens Creek to Red Creek Shuttle.</b> We will hike the upper Stevens Creek trail from the Missionary Ridge connector up to the Missionary Ridge trail then down the Red Creek trail to our waiting shuttle car. Carpool \$5, Limit 10, Dogs OK RSVP Joline Morrison 884-2572 <a href="mailto:morrisjp@uwec.edu">morrisjp@uwec.edu</a> <b>Co-leader Mike Morrison 884-2572 <a href="mailto:morriscm@uwec.edu">morriscm@uwec.edu</a></b>	Hard 11 miles, 2800' Moderate pace
<b>Moved to Sun Jun 12</b> <del>Sun May 15</del> SRP 9:00 am	<b>Hike Box Canyon and Box Canyon Spur Trail (SE of W. Mancos river):</b> We will spot cars at the end of FR 331, before returning to the FR 329/331 intersection on the SE side of the W. Mancos River to start the hike. Hike up FR 329, then downhill towards the West Mancos River and Box Canyon, staying on the SE side of the river. Continue along the trail past Box Canyon Reservoir and through the aspen forest to the shuttle car. Exact mileage/elev. may vary, depending on road conditions and where we spot the cars. Carpool \$5, 4WD/HC nice, Limit 20, Dogs OK <b>RSVP Sandy Hoagland 247-3678 or 759-7578, <a href="mailto:swhoagy@live.com">swhoagy@live.com</a></b>	Moderate Approx 8 Miles 1000'
Mon May 16	<b>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</b> See April 18 for details.	
Wed May 18 RC 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Animas City Mountain.</b> This hike is located within the city limits on the north end of town. We will not hike to the summit, but will hike up the switch backs and along the eastern edge of the mountain with great views of Durango and the Animas Valley. The trip will either return on the same trail or an interior trail through the woods with approximately the same return distance. Trail is rocky. Poles would be helpful. Dogs on leash only. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader: Dorothy Bregar 385-1814 <a href="mailto:dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com">dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com</a></b>	Moderate 5 mi. RT 1,000'

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Wed May 18 Boggy Draw TH 10:00 am	<b>Mountain Bike Boggy Draw:</b> Ride several moderate single-track loops on trail system near Dolores. Must have mountain bike with suspension and intermediate or better riding skills. Bring a lunch. No Dogs, limit 12 <b>RSVP Lyle Hancock 970-764-4531 <a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a></b>	Moderate ~20 miles ~500'
Fri May 20 SRP 8:00 am  (because of length of hike, <b>no</b> breakfast stop is planned in Mancos)	<b>Hike Sand &amp; Rock Canyon Loop.</b> This lovely canyon area west of Cortez is replete with views, Ancestral Puebloan sites and interesting rock formations. We'll take the Sand Canyon and Cross Canyon Trails to Rock Canyon and follow it to its north end, returning south on the west side of Rock Canyon to a cross trail back to the parking area. [Last year there were fabulous wildflowers and shrubs in bloom at this time!] Carpool \$6 Limit 15. Dogs are allowed in Sand Canyon but must be leashed. <b>RSVP to Betsy Petersen 259-5417 or <a href="mailto:betsyp@bresnan.net">betsyp@bresnan.net</a></b>	Moderate 7+ miles ~ 800' Moderate Pace
<b>Moved to Sun Jun 12</b> <del>Sun May 22</del> (was Sun May 15)  SRP 9:00 am	<b>Hike Box Canyon and Box Canyon Spur Trail (SE of W. Mancos river):</b> We will spot cars at the end of FR 331, before returning to the FR 329/331 intersection on the SE side of the W. Mancos River to start the hike. Hike up FR 329, then downhill towards the West Mancos River and Box Canyon, staying on the SE side of the river. Continue along the trail past Box Canyon Reservoir and through the aspen forest to the shuttle car. Exact mileage/elev. may vary, depending on road conditions and where we spot the cars. Carpool \$5, 4WD/HC nice, Limit 20, Dogs OK <b>RSVP Sandy Hoagland 247-3678 or 759-7578, <a href="mailto:swhoagy@live.com">swhoagy@live.com</a></b>	Moderate Approx 8 Miles 1000'
Tue May 24 Durango Public Library 5:30 pm	<b>2015 Leaders Meeting:</b> We will meet at the Durango Library to discuss SO! Outings issues and ideas. Additionally, <b>if you are interested in becoming an SO! Outings Leader we invite you to join us</b> , where you can meet other Leaders and get an idea of what is involved. Home Slice pizza & soda will be served. No dogs, no limits, no car pool \$. But, <b>PLEASE, RSVP Betsey Butler 403-3185 or <a href="mailto:ejbutler12@gmail.com">ejbutler12@gmail.com</a> so we can get the right amount of pizza</b>	Easy & fun!
Wed May 25 <b>SRP</b> 9:00 am	<b>WW hike: Twin Buttes.</b> On this hike, from the parking lot we will follow the Twin Buttes trail to the upper junction with the BC&F trail. Then down the BC&F trail to it's lower junction with the Twin Buttes Trail and back to the parking lot. Dogs are OK, but must be on leash as this entire area is in the Durango city limits. Early turn backs are not permitted unless you have a map and a working knowledge of the new trail system. RSVP non -members only. <b>Leader: Ray Walker 382-7662 <a href="mailto:raynsue@bresnan.net">raynsue@bresnan.net</a></b>	Easy 3-3.5 mi. 200' +/-
Thur May 26 Florida Rd and Co. Rd 234 Fire Station 8:20 am	<b>Red Creek/Missionary Ridge/First Fork Loop:</b> A good warm up hike for the summer season! We will go up First Fork trail and down Red Creek. This loop is mostly on good trails, but some trail finding and undefined routes will be encountered as we drop off the Missionary Ridge Trail. The trail does go through the 2002 burn area, so we may have to hop over some snags! Great views from the top as the trail tops out at around 9900 ft. Carpool \$2, Limit 12, Up to 3 dogs OK, voice control. <b>RSVP Darrell Maddox 303-775-3208 <a href="mailto:damaddox@elskies.com">damaddox@elskies.com</a></b>	Hard 9.5 miles 2000'
Mon May 30	<b>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</b> See April 18 for details.	
Tue May 31 5:30 pm	<b>SO! Outings Committee meeting</b>	
Wed Jun 1 RC 8:30 am or TH 9:15 am	<b>WW hike: Vallecito Creek Trail.</b> We will hike at a casual pace to the first bridge at the most. Some may want to stop at a nice creek view about 2/3 of the way to the first bridge (Jim and Rhonda's lunch spot). Early turn backs with partner ok. No dogs. RSVP non-members only <b>Leader: Tom and Lydine Hannula 884-9052 cell 426-9684 <a href="mailto:lydine2@yahoo.com">lydine2@yahoo.com</a></b>	Moderate 6 mi RT to first bridge. 1200'
<b>Moved to Thu June 2</b> <del>Wed Jun 1</del> ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am	<b>Goulding Creek Trail to Jones Creek.</b> We'll 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 Hermosa Creek. Limit 12. Carpool \$2. <b>RSVP: Nancy Mead at 259-5978 or <a href="mailto:nancy.a.mead@gmail.com">nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</a></b>	Hard 10 miles 2,200' Moderate Pace

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Mon Jun 6	<b>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</b> See April 18 for details.	
<b>New Hike</b> Tue June 7 ACP 7:30 AM, Transfer Park TH 8:00 AM	<b>Burnt Timber/Lime Mesa Semi-loop.</b> We will hike up the Burnt Timber trail, loop on the Lime Mesa trail, then return via Burnt Timber. Carpool \$5, Limit 15 per Weminuche Wilderness regulations, Dogs OK if under voice control RSVP Joline Morrison 884-2572 <a href="mailto:morrisjp@uwec.edu">morrisjp@uwec.edu</a> <b>Co-leader Mike Morrison 884-2572 <a href="mailto:morriscm@uwec.edu">morriscm@uwec.edu</a></b>	Hard 13.5 miles, 3400' Moderate pace
Wed Jun 8 SRP 8:30 am	<b>WW hike: Carbon Junction Trail.</b> 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. No Dogs. RSVP non-members only <b>Leader: Dale Suran <a href="mailto:lolakrod@aol.com">lolakrod@aol.com</a> Co-leader: Dee Rodman <a href="mailto:elrebeco@aol.com">elrebeco@aol.com</a> 382-9600</b>	Moderate 6mi. RT 1,000'
Thur June 9 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am Purg9:30 am	<b>Hike "Larkspur Lane".</b> 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 \$3. <b>RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 <a href="mailto:clagow@rmi.net">clagow@rmi.net</a></b>	Moderate (or Easy if turn back early) 7.5 miles 1850'
<b>New hike</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>June 11</b> ACP 8:00 am	<b>Cascade Creek.</b> Park by the flume on Cascade Creek and hike to the big waterfall. Nice views of Grizzly Peak along the way. Limit 15. Carpool \$4. Well behaved dogs OK. <b>RSVP Chris Blackshear, <a href="mailto:chris.blackshear@gmail.com">chris.blackshear@gmail.com</a></b>	Moderate <1000' gain 10 miles
<b>Sun Jun 12</b> (was May 15 and then May 22)  SRP 9:00 am	<b>Hike Box Canyon and Box Canyon Spur Trail (SE of W. Mancos river):</b> We will spot cars at the end of FR 331, before returning to the FR 329/331 intersection on the SE side of the W. Mancos River to start the hike. Hike up FR 329, then downhill towards the West Mancos River and Box Canyon, staying on the SE side of the river. Continue along the trail past Box Canyon Reservoir and through the aspen forest to the shuttle car. Exact mileage/elev. may vary, depending on road conditions and where we spot the cars. Carpool \$5, 4WD/HC nice, Limit 20, Dogs OK <b>RSVP Sandy Hoagland 247-3678 or 759-7578, <a href="mailto:swhoagy@live.com">swhoagy@live.com</a></b>	Moderate Approx 8 Miles 1000'
Mon Jun 13	<b>Monday Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</b> See April 18 for details.	
Tue Jun 14 5:30 pm Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm Dinner Edgemont Ranch Picnic Area (6 miles out Florida Rd from 15 <sup>th</sup> and Main, turn right across from the big pine cone	<b>SO! General Meeting and Picnic</b>  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 iced tea or lemonade, you may bring it for yourself.  Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil.  <b>Since the club is providing the main course, please RSVP if you plan to attend. Please indicate if you would like a veggie burger. Reply to: Judy Mack by email <a href="mailto:tupelo16@gmail.com">tupelo16@gmail.com</a> or 970-259-9529 .</b>  <b>A-F Appetizers G-M Salads &amp; Side Dishes</b>  <b>N-R Desserts S-Z Salads &amp; Side Dishes</b>  In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations for the Durango Food Bank.	Easy & fun!
Wed Jun 15 RC 8:15 am	<b>WW hike: Missionary Ridge to Radio Towers (Mt Baldy).</b> This hike begins in the Durango Hills area, accessed from CR240. Hike is up an old woods road to start but will turn off onto a wooded trail with some early wildflowers (hopefully). We'll hike to the summit of Mt. Baldy (the towers) for some nice views. We will split into two groups for the trip down. Those choosing the longer loop will start down the woods road and hike a section of the Missionary	Moderate 5.25mi. RT 1500' gain

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	Ridge trail. Then we turn off trail for some easy bushwacking along a ridge and drop down to reconnect with the woods road. This will be about 3.5-3.75 hours with a total gain of 1500'. Those choosing the shorter return will go directly down the woods road to the trail head with a total gain of 1200'. No dogs please. RSVP non-members only. Leader: <b>Cheryl Berglund 247-9747</b> <a href="mailto:chasberglund@yahoo.com">chasberglund@yahoo.com</a>	
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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.