

| <p>Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Outing Description</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summer 2009</p> <p>Printer-friendly version</p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;">Schedule changes and trip updates are in red.</p> | <p>Difficulty Rating</p> <p>Total Length & Elevation Gain</p> |
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| <p>Wed Jun 3 8:30 3rd Street, Horse Gulch trailhead</p> | <p>WW 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.</p> <p>Co-Leaders: Tricia Bayless & Eric Pahlke No RSVP</p> | <p>Easy 4 mi. RT 400'</p> |
| <p>Fri Jun 5 8:00 am Animas City Park</p> | <p>Hike Goulding Creek Trail to Jones Creek Trail (a through hike). 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 \$2. Dogs Ok.</p> <p>Leader: Bill Cagle 38-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com</p> | <p>Hard 2200' 10 miles</p> |
| <p>Fri Jun 5 8:30 a.m. Rec Center</p> | <p>SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Vallecito Creek Trail. This is a picturesque, well-defined trail that rises and falls along the creek through the canyon and into the wilderness. There is one water crossing to the first bridge and two more to the second bridge. The goal for the longer option is to reach the second bridge, but we may turn around earlier, depending upon water levels. Please plan to have lunch somewhere along the trail. The moderate option will turn back at or near the first bridge for an approximate 5 to 6-mile roundtrip hike. Please pack a lunch and depending upon timing the group will have lunch along the trail or back at the campground. Poles are helpful for water crossings. Bring water shoes for creek crossings. Trail can be narrow in spots and is busy; dogs on leash or left at home, please. Carpool \$3</p> <p>RSVP: Susan Beck-Brown @ 375.0948 rdb835@frontier.net</p> | <p>Option 1: Hard 11 mi. RT 1,000' gain</p> <p>Option 2: <i>Moderate</i> 5 - 6 mi RT 700' gain</p> |
| <p>Mon Jun 8 9:00 am Animas City Pk 9:30 am DMR</p> | <p>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. Early turn-backs OK. Dogs OK. Carpool \$3</p> <p>RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net</p> | <p>Moderate (or Easy if turn back early) 6 miles 1850'</p> |

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| <p>Tues June 9 6:00 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner 8:30 pm Bye</p> | <p>SO! General Meeting and Picnic. We are combining this month's meeting with a picnic at the Edgemont Ranch picnic area (6 miles out Florida Road from 15th and Main; turn right across from the pinecone sculpture). It will be a combination potluck and BBQ, with volleyball, horseshoes, etc. The club will provide brats, burgers, and condiments. Club members are asked to bring potluck dishes as follows:</p> <p>A thru F Appetizers G thru R Side dishes & salads S thru Z Desserts</p> <p>Since the club is providing the entrée, we need a headcount in order to have the proper amount of food. Therefore, please RSVP by e-mail to jacktisch@gmail.com or call Jack at 970-259-2681.</p> <p>FOOD DRIVE</p> <p>The club will also sponsor its quarterly food drive to benefit the Durango Food Bank at the picnic site; please remember to bring a contribution.</p> | |
| <p>Tue. June 9th 9:00 am Bread Bakery</p> | <p>Bike ride to Bakers Bridge - Ride to Shalona (for those who want to do some climbing) and back to Bread for coffee and snacks. Early turn backs or waits are okay. RSVP Ed Riecke 403-2430 eriecke@gmail.com</p> | <p>Moderate 32 miles</p> |
| <p>Wed Jun 10 Santa Rita Park 8:15 a.m.</p> | <p>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 the Big Canyon Trail the last mile out to the frontage road. Leader: Lydine & Tom Hannula No RSVP</p> | <p>Moderate 6 mi. RT 800'</p> |
| <p>Fri Jun 12 8:00 am Animas City Pk 8:30 am DMR</p> | <p>Explore/Bushwack Upper Hermosa Drainage. We'll start at the upper Elbert Creek Trail behind DMR, follow the ridge lines and hunter/animal trails. Carpool \$3. 4WD nice. Leader: Bill Cagle 38-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com</p> | <p>Hard 3000' 10+ miles</p> |
| <p>Fri Jun 12 8:30 am Rec Center 9:00 am DMR</p> | <p>SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Cascade Creek - Hike the Cascade Creek Trail to the second waterfall. Early turn-backs are okay. RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 rdb835@frontier.net</p> | <p>Moderate 7 miles 700'</p> |
| <p>Tue Jun 16 9:00 am Animas City Pk</p> | <p>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 \$3 RSVP: Wayne Bedor 259-4759</p> | <p>Moderate 6 or 11 miles 700' or 1000'</p> |
| <p>Tue. June 16 9:00 am Bread Bakery</p> | <p>Bike ride to Lemon Dam. Back to Bread for coffee and snacks. Early turn backs are or waits are ok. RSVP: Ed Riecke 403-2430 eriecke@gmail.com</p> | <p>Moderate 28 miles</p> |
| <p>Wed Jun 17 3rd Street, Horse Gulch Trailhead 8:30 am</p> | <p>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. Leader: Dennis Aronson No RSVP</p> | <p>Moderate 6 mi. RT 1,000'</p> |

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| <p>Fri Jun 19 8:00 a.m. Rec Center 8:15 a.m. Conoco in Hermosa</p> | <p>SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Jones Creek. The trail climbs with switchbacks, levels out, ascends, descends, and then ascends steadily until reaching Jones Creek. The views are limited, but the trees provide plenty of shade for a nice, comfortable hike. The trail is also popular with mountain bikers; dogs on leash or left at home, please. Carpool \$2 RSVP: Linda Olmstead 385-4091</p> | <p>Option 1: Hard 8.6 mi. RT 1,560' gain Option 2: Moderate 5 - 6 mi. RT 800'</p> |
| <p>Fri-Sun June 19-21 8:00 am Rec Center</p> | <p>Backpack Bear Creek Drainage - This is a 3-day loop hike. We start with a 4WD up to Kennebec Pass and hike from there. We follow Indian Trail Ridge to Grindstone Trail and then drop into Bear Creek, loop back via Highline Loop Trail to Taylor Lake and Kennebec Pass. Great views up high and the Bear Creek Drainage is beautiful. Carpool \$4 RSVP: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com</p> | <p>Hard 24 miles 3400'</p> |
| <p>Sun. June 21 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am DMR</p> | <p>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 769-6108 mntnlvr@frontier.net Co-Leader: Connie Webbe</p> | <p>Hard 3 miles 1840'</p> |
| <p>Wed Jun 24 8:00 am SW corner of Albertson's parking lot Please carpool! TH parking at a premium</p> | <p>WW hike: Twin Buttes - The trail follows a road that ascends from the start eventually leveling out slightly before arriving at the base of the twin buttes. Those interested may bushwhack to the top of the east butte. The return follows the same route. Recommend long pants for those who wish to bushwhack to the top of the butte. Hike crosses DOW land; please have permit or proper identification if you are not required by age to carry a permit. Leader: Ray Walker raynsue@bresnan.net 382-7662</p> | <p>Moderate 6 mi. RT 1,100' gain</p> |
| <p>Sat. June 27 9:00 am Animas City Pk 9:30 am DMR</p> | <p>Hike to Spud Lake. This hike will start on Hwy 550 and take the same route to Spud Lake that John takes on his snowshoe trips. A different approach to a popular spot. Some bushwhacking involved. Carpool \$3. Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 john@martintelephone.com</p> | <p>Moderate 6 miles 1000'</p> |
| <p>Sun. June 28 7:00 am Animas City Park 7:30 am DMR</p> | <p>Hike the "Miss Blacky Cat-Walk": We'll start about a mile up the road leading to Cinnamon Pass at approx. 11,500'. First we climb up a ridge on Animas Forks Mtn. and then traverse to peak 13,722". Next we drop down to the cat-walk, a somewhat narrow 1/3 mile-long ridge which climbs back up to peak 13,708". From here we go along the ridge to Wood Mtn. (13,650') and finally take a ridge down to a meadow with a trail leading back to the road. 4WD necessary Dogs OK Carpool \$8 Leader: Bob Thompson 382-9271</p> | <p>Most Challenging 7 miles 3,000'</p> |
| <p>Tue. June 30 7:30 am Animas City Pk 8:00 am DMR</p> | <p>Hike Upper Hermosa Creek - Hike along a well-defined trail to the 2nd bridge. We'll tailor the hike to your individual strength and pace. Hike as little or long as you like. 4WD convenient. Car pool \$4 RSVP: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com</p> | <p>Easy to Moderate 1-12 miles 100-200'</p> |
| <p>Wed Jul 1 8:30 am Rec Center</p> | <p>WW hike: Colorado Trail to Gudy's Rest - From the upper trailhead, the hike begins with a gradual but steady uphill and follows along the creek from above through the canyon. The trail then descends slightly arriving at a bridge after 1.5 miles. Once at the bridge, there are a series of reasonable, comfortable switchbacks for approximately 1.4 miles to Gudy's Rest. The return is along the same route. Leader: Dale Suran elrebeco@aol.com 382-9660 No RSVP</p> | <p>Moderate 5+ mi. RT 1,000' gain</p> |

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| Wed. July 1 7:00 a.m. Santa Rita Park | Climb Silver Mountain (12,496') - Hike from La Plata Canyon Road; off-trail hiking and some modest scrambling. Carpool \$3. No Dogs. Leader: Lyle Hancock 764-4531 lylehancock@bresnan.net Co-Leader: Debra Van Winegarden 375-1413 debra@frontier.net | Most Challenging 8 mi. 3,500' |
| Fri July 3 7:30 am Rec Center 8:00 a.m. DMR | SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Upper Hermosa - Well-defined trail that meanders along the Upper Hermosa Creek. There can be few small creek crossings. Please pack lunch, plenty of water, and gear appropriate for rain or cold. Poles helpful. Trail can be narrow in spots and may be shared with an occasional ATV; dogs on leash or left at home, please. Carpool \$4 Leader: Susan Beck-Brown 375.0948 rdb835@frontier.net RSVP | Option 1: Difficult 10 miles RT 200' gain Option 2: Moderate 5 -6 miles RT 200' gain |
| Sun. July 5 6:30 AM Animas City Park 7:00 AM DMR | Climb Dome Mountain (13,370') - This loop climb begins near the junction of Eureka Gulch and South Animas River. Ascend steep, trail-less slopes to an unnamed lake, at 11,800'. Then climb up to point 12,540', and traverse along to the summit ridge. The summit ridge has some exposure and scrambling and a short move similar to Jura Knob. We will descend west from the summit to a 12,700' saddle and then north down to the South Animas River where we will follow a pack trail back to the cars. Bring lunch, snacks, water and rain gear. Must be in reasonable physical condition and comfortable with some mild exposure, scree slopes and scrambling. Co-leader Debra has done much of this hike before, but some of the route is new, so bring an adventurous attitude and be prepared for surprises. High Clearance vehicles necessary. Carpool \$7. No Dogs. RSVP: Leader: John Bregar 385-1814 jbregar@durango.net Co-leader Debra VanWinegarden 375-1413 debra@frontier.net | Hard 5 miles 3000' total gain |
| Tues. July 7 6:30 AM Animas City Park 7:00 AM DMR | Hike up or down Bear Creek. This is a spectacular canyon and a beautiful trail. There are two interesting old mines along the way and there should be good wild flowers. One group will start from the Bear Creek trailhead on Hwy 550 and the other group will start from Engineer Pass. We'll trade car keys in the middle so the uphill hikers will bring the downhill hikers' cars back to Silverton and vice versa. Difficulty depends on which way you go. 4WD necessary for the Engineer Pass part of the shuttle. Dogs ok depending on how the shuttle works out. Carpool \$8 RSVP: Leader: Lynn Coburn 247-0914 harrisoncoburn@gmail.com | Moderate to Most Challenging 7.5 miles 4400' loss or gain |
| Wed July 8 8:30 am Rec Center | WW hike: Jacob's Cliffs / Dalla Park - Begin at the trailhead off Burkett Street and ascend a series of reasonable switchbacks for about 0.5 miles through the trees. The trail then splits in several directions and the hike begins to descend gradually into Dalla Park, eventually crossing the old road and hiking through oak brush and large boulders. The return follows the same route. Leader: Dell Manners dmanners@sisna.com 259-0190 NO RSVP | Easy 4 mi. RT 400' gain |
| Thurs. July 9 6:00 am Animas City Pk. 6:30 am DMR | Climb Handies Peak (14,048) via Grouse Gulch Avoid the long drive over Cinnamon Pass and get a better workout. A great warm-up hike for the Fourteeners Marathon. The hike starts at about 10,800' on the road north of Silverton, proceeds over a 13,000' pass on a good trail, descends 600 feet into American Basin and then joins the normal route up Handies. Return the same route for a total of 4400 feet of climbing. Almost all of the route is above tree line, so we need an early start to minimize monsoon problems. The pace will be fast. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$8. No Dogs Charlie Berglund 247-9747 (chasberglund@msn.com) | Most Challenging 8 miles 4400' |
| Fri. July 10 7:00 am Animas City Pk 7:30 am DMR | Hike McMillan Peak (12,804') . This loop hike begins above the Red Mountain Pass, continues into lovely US Basin, climbs to the ridge & culminates atop McMillan Peak. Wildflowers should be abundant! Descent will be by a different, more direct route. Patches of snow a possibility. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$7. Dogs Ok RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net Co-leader: Art Wahl | Moderate+ 5.3 miles 1300' |

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| Sat Jul 11 7:30 am Animas City Pk 8:00 am DMR | Hike Eureka over the Mountain to Boulder Gulch near Silverton - Car shuttle to Eureka. Hike up the South Fork of the Animas River, and climb over mountain ridge into Boulder Gulch to see crystals and flowers. Exposure on ridge; finish at tailings ponds. 4WD necessary for shuttle, limit depends on number of 4WD vehicles. No dogs. Carpool \$6. Leader: Howard Drake; RSVP Co-Leader Connie Webbe 382-0009 bcwebbe@aol.com | Hard 6 miles 1800' |
| Sun July 12 to Thur July 16 Meeting time and place TBD | Colorado Trail 5 day Supported Hike. This will be a five-day hike along the Colorado Trail from Molas Pass to Durango, breaking the hike into 5 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 group hikes. Everyone will meet at the new campsite in the afternoon. RSVP Bill Cagle 385-4566 to reserve a space | Hard Moderate Pace 72 miles |
| Tues Jul 14 6:30 p.m. Social. Rec. Center 7:00 pm Meeting | SO! General Meeting Melissa Watson from our local office of the Wilderness Society will give us an introduction to the Wilderness Society and what they do. Local issues will be discussed and as well as ways wilderness is protected in our area. | |
| Wed July 15 8:30 am Santa Rita Park | WW hike: Escalante Trail - Trail is accessed by driving to the trailhead along the river behind the condos behind Home Depot. From there, walk on the trail that goes behind Wal-Mart and the Humane Society. The trail then follows the river under the Hwy. 550 bridge and ends up at the trailhead by the beer distributor on Hwy 3. Return via the same route. Leader: Tricia Bayless tricia_bayless@msn.com 375-2618 No RSVP | Easy 4 mi. RT Minimal gain |
| Thurs. July 16 7:00 am Animas City Pk 7:30 am DMR | Hike to Columbine Lake. We will follow a well-established trail from just west of Hwy 550 near the Ophir pass road, to stunning Columbine Lake (12,685') at a moderate pace. We may cross some snowfields (fun!) 4WD necessary. Carpool \$6 Dogs OK. Leader (RSVP to) Betsy Petersen 259-5417 or betsyp@bresnan.net Co-Leader: Clark Lagow | Hard 6 miles 2700' |
| Fri July 17 th 7:30 a.m. Rec Center 8:00 a.m. DMR | SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Engineer Meadows - This hike offers abundant wildflowers and beautiful vistas. The trail ascends a steep, grassy slope into spruce-fir and passes by two small lakes on the side of the trail. At 2.5 miles, the trail exits the woods and into tundra where there are beautiful wildflowers. We will stop to rest, enjoy the views, and descend along the same trail. The shorter option is a little longer than usual but well worth the extra mile! The longer option continues a bit further along a trail from the meadows with views towards Electra Lake. This trail is extremely popular with lots of traffic; dogs on leash or left at home, please. Carpool \$4 Leader: Nancy Mead RSVP: 259.5978 nancy.a.mead@att.net | Option 1: Difficult 8 mi. 2,308' gain Option 2: Difficult 7 mi. 2,308' gain |
| Sun. July 19 To Wed. July 22 | 14ers Marathon VI. Sun – drive to motel in Leadville or Buena Vista or campground. Monday – climb Huron (6.6 mi., 3400'). Tuesday – climb Missouri (5 mi., 3200') or Belford or other options. Wednesday – climb Antero (8.2 mi., 3430'). OK to do part or all. Details/RSVP Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net Leader: John Montle mntnlvr@frontier.net | Hard |
| Wed July 22 8:00 a.m. Rec Center | WW hike: Lake Eileen - Laurie Swisher, Forester, will accompany us on this hike and share her knowledge of forest regeneration in the aftermath of the Missionary Ridge fires. The hike will cross Lost Creek and water levels should be reasonable, but hiking poles are recommended for additional stability. Please bring a lunch to enjoy along with the wild huckleberries, if we are lucky! Limit 15 participants / Dogs must be leashed. Leader: Dave Rich 247-8044 RSVP, please | Moderate at a slow pace 4 mi. RT 1,100' gain |

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| Thur Jul 23 7:30 am Animas City Pk 8:00 am DMR | Melanie Highline Trail. This trail is north of Silverton. We'll be at and above treeline (around 12,000'), hiking in uneven terrain; hiking poles will help. There will be lots of wildflowers and views to take your breath away. 4WD necessary Carpool \$6 RSVP Sharron Chambers 259-0271 lightnerload@earthlink.net | Moderate 5 miles 600' plus |
| Sat July 25 7:30 am Animas City Pk 8:00 am DMR | Hike Crater Lake Trail from Andrews Lake to Crater Lake. A favorite any day with views, but should be an especially good time for wildflowers. Early turn-backs OK. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK Leader: Jan Collins 382-0211 jcvmona@yahoo.com Co-leader: Sherry Suenram 259-5259 | Moderate+ 11 miles 900' |
| Sun July 26 7:30 am Animas City Pk 8:00 am DMR | Hike to Silver Lake with Ice Crystal Cave Option Drive to Mayflower Mine east of Silverton, then hike uphill to Silver Lake and mine ruins. Climb over ridge to Crystal Cave (1/4 mile & 500' elevation). Flashlights needed for ice cave. 4WD necessary, Limit 15 for ice cave option. Dogs OK, but RSVP. Carpool \$6. Leader: Howard Drake; RSVP Co-Leader Connie Webbe 382-0009 bcwebbe@aol.com | Hard to Moderate 3 miles 1000' – 1500' |
| Tues Jul 28 7:30 am Animas City Pk 8:00 am DMR | Engineer Mountain Meadow. Hike up to the meadow of Engineer mountain and enjoy breathtaking views and some great wildflowers. Carpool \$4. Leader: JulieWilson 259 6775 | Moderate 5miles 1300 ' |
| Wed July 29 8:30 am Rec Center | WW hike: Jones Creek - From the trailhead, the hike climbs consistently uphill through ponderosa pine, spruce, and fir. Returning along the same route. Leader: Chris Wiehage cwiehage@bresnan.net 259-0882 NO RSVP | Moderate 4 mi. RT 600' gain |
| Wed July 29 | SO! Board Meeting | |
| Fri July 31-Sun Aug 2 8:00 am Rec Center | Car Camp on Mountain View Crest. Day hikes each day from camp. Beautiful hike through the woods, meadows, rock formations and up to a high elevation ridge with great views. Carpool \$6 RSVP Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com | Hard 6 miles 1800' |
| Sat Aug 1 7:30 am Animas City Pk 8:00 am DMR | Jeep to Mineral Point and Hike to Mine Ruins - Drive to Silverton; drive to Mineral Point above Animas Forks; then hike to Old Lout Mine and San Juan Chief Mill. Dessert at Howard's afterward. 4WD necessary. Limit as many as jeeps can carry. Dogs OK, but RSVP. Carpool \$8. Leader: Howard Drake; RSVP Co-Leader Connie Webbe 382-0009 bcwebbe@aol.com | Hard to Moderate 4 miles 1000' |
| Sun Aug 2 7:00 am Animas City Park | Little Giant, King Solomon Mtn loop. Hike up 4WD road; established trail towards Silver Lake with hand cable; obscure, old trail to Little Giant, 13,416'. Some scrambling down to the NE pass at 12,800'. From here, the hike is exploratory. Climb King Solomon Mountain, 13,185'. Follow ridge back to road. Bail out option through Little Giant Basin past Big Giant Mine. Flowers will be glorious. Carpool \$6. RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 375-1413 debra@frontier.net or co-leader Lynn Colburn 247-0914. | Most Difficult 7.5 miles 3,900' |
| Tues Aug 4 7:00 am Animas City Pk 7:30 am DMR | Hike Highland Mary Lakes Loop. A hard, but very rewarding and scenic hike past lovely alpine lakes, through a high tundra basin, along a trail with spectacular valley and mountain views. Return via the Continental Divide Trail. 4WD necessary. Limit 15. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK but RSVP Leader: Ken Fusco 259-95442 jofusco@hotmail.com Co-leader: Jo Fusco | Hard 9 miles 2000' |
| Wed Aug 5 8:30 am SW Corner of Albertson's Parking lot | 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 TH. 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 Point. Leader: Sharron Chambers lightnerload@earthlink.net 259-9271 No RSVP | Easy 4 mi. RT 500' gain |

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| Wed Aug 5 8:00 am Animas City Pk | Mystery Mountain Meander - For those wishing a moderate hike in a rugged alpine setting this is it. It's all about views and flowers. The first two miles are on a gently climbing but rocky old mining road. The next 1½ are on a primitive trail to view a familiar valley from a unique angle. 4WD convenient Dogs OK Carpool \$5 RSVP Leader: Travis Ward 247-1310 Co-leader: Bob Thompson | Moderate to hard 7 miles 1400' |
| Thurs Aug 6 7:00 a.m. Animas City Pk 7:30 a.m. DMR | Hike to Ice Lakes and Island Lake. A perennial favorite for the spectacular mountain scenery, beautiful alpine lakes and abundant wild flowers (Loop may include Fuller as well). Carpool \$6. No Dogs. Leader: Lyle Hancock 764-4531 lylehancock@bresnan.net | Hard 6.5 miles 2,850' |
| Fri Aug 7 7:30 am Rec Center 8:00 am DMR | SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Highland Mary - A rewarding and scenic hike past alpine lakes, through a high tundra basin, along a trail with spectacular valley & mountain views and follows along side waterfalls most of the journey. Please pack a lunch, plenty of water, and gear appropriate for rain or cold. Poles are needed for creek crossings. Carpool \$6. Leader: Susan Beck-Brown RSVP: 375.0948 rdb835@frontier.net | Option 1: Moderate 6 miles 2,000' gain Option 2: Moderate 4 miles 2,000' gain |
| Fri Aug. 7 7:00 am Animas City Pk 7:30 am DMR | Hike Graysill Mountain. Graysill Mountain lies SW of Engineer Mountain Overlooking the Cascade Valley. We'll drive about 5 miles on a dirt road north of DMR and start the hike where the road crosses Pando Creek. The hike to the Summit is mostly bushwacking but not overly difficult. Excellent views of Engineer, Grizzly Peak and the West Needles. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$6. RSVP Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com: Co-leader: Elena Berman | Hard 6.3 miles 2300' |
| Mon Aug 10 8:00 am Rec Center | Perins Peak. We'll start at DOW trailhead in the Rockridge subdivision and hike to the peak on an unmaintained trail through Perins Peak State Wildlife Area. Dogs OK, but must be on leash. Carpool \$1. RSVP Ray Baranowski, 259-9522 wraybar@yahoo.com | Moderate 7 miles 1400' |
| Tues Aug 11 6:30 p.m. Social. Rec. Center | SO! General Meeting Dave Gates, the public relations speaker/photographer from Animas La Plata Project, will give us a short history of the water project and update us on construction and the filling of Lake Nighthorse. | |
| Wed Aug 12 8:30 a.m. Rec Center | WW hike: Haviland Lake to Forebay Lake - Trail starts at the parking lot across from Haviland Lake and goes past a beaver pond through an open meadow and forest down to Forebay Lake and back. Carpool \$2. Leader: Rhonda Raffo 259-8870 No RSVP | Easy 3 mi. RT minimal elevation gain |
| Fri Aug 14 7:00 am Animas City Pk 7:30am DMR | Hike Hansen Peak. This will be an exploratory hike with no trail. A steep climb to a great ridgeline with views in both directions. Options for some other peaks By following the ridgelines. Car pool \$6 Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com Co-leader: Elena Berman | Hard 3.6 miles 1200' |
| Sun Aug 16 9:00AM Animas City Pk 9:30AM DMR | Hike Engineer Mt Trail to Coal Bank Pass. This will be an extension of John Montle's "Lockspur Lane" hike in June. We will continue up the trail all the way to Engineer plateau, an additional 1000', then down Pass Creek trail to Coal Bank. Some great views of valley, except fall colors will replace flowers. Will need sufficient cars to spot 1 or 2 at Coal Bank Pass. Limit 10. Carpool \$3. Dogs OK. RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375-1693 jimobrien2@webtv.net | Hard 7 miles 2800' |
| Mon. Aug. 17 8:00 am Animas City Park 8:30 am DMR | "Follow the Trams" Jeep Tour: This is an easy 4x4 tour in the Silverton area. Rudy will share his extensive knowledge of the area and give us an historic overview of the aerial trams that were used to carry ore from the mines to the mills. We'll carpool to Silverton, and, after a "potty break", we'll stop first at the Arrastra Gulch overlook for a quick lesson, then continue on to the ruins of the Sunnyside Mill at Eureka, drive up to the Sunnyside mine, following the trams, then turn around and have lunch at the tram angle station. Following lunch, we | Easy 4WD roads |

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| | <p>will backtrack to Arrastra Gulch and follow the Contention Tram along the 4x4 road into Big Giant Basin, stopping at the Black Prince Mine and, at the end of the road, at Gold Lake where we'll learn about "jigback" trams. This is an all day trip, so people should plan to get back to Durango between 5:00-5:30pm. 4WD necessary Carpool \$8. Limit: 15 vehicles with passengers to fit. Dogs OK for drivers only, but be aware there will be limited "outside time" for dogs.</p> <p>Leader: Rudy Davison 259-9307 r_a_davison@frontier.net RSVP: Dorothy Bregar 385-1814 jbregar@durango.net</p> | |
| <p>Tues Aug 18 Call Harry for meet location and time</p> | <p>Hike Transfer to West Mancos. Hike down Transfer Trail to West Mancos River, along West Mancos and up to Rim Trail, then back to trail head. This is a lovely 5-mile loop with an option for additional 2 miles to Coyote Park. Wonderful views of the Mancos West Mancos Valley. Limit 12. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK.</p> <p>RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net</p> | <p>Easy 5 miles 600' Moderate 7 miles 1200'</p> |
| <p>Wed Aug 19 8:30 am Animas Cty Pk</p> | <p>WW hike: Pioneer Trail - Hike from parking lot on 240 by Edgemont through a ravine and back. Dogs ok. Please carpool; trailhead parking is at a premium.</p> <p>Leader: Dell Manner dmanners@sisna.com 259-0190 No RSVP</p> | <p>Moderate 4 mi. RT 600' gain</p> |
| <p>Fri Aug 21 7:30 am Rec Center 8:00 am DMR</p> | <p>SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Crater Lake from Andrews Lake - From Andrews Lake, the trail ascends on a series of reasonable switchbacks arriving at a small pond and meadow. The trail moves in and out of timber with nice views along the way. At approximately mile 4.5 there is a last clearing with nice vistas and then an additional mile to the lake. Return on same trail. This is another popular trail with quite a bit of traffic; dogs on leash or left at home, please. Carpool \$4</p> <p>Leader: Linda Olmstead RSVP 385.4091</p> | <p>Option 1: Hard 11 mi. RT 890' gain Option 2: Moderate 5 -6 mi. RT 890' gain</p> |
| <p>Fri Aug 21 8:00 am Animas City Pk 10:00 am Campground in Ouray</p> | <p>Hike to the Chief Ouray Mine – This is day one of a one or two day outing to Ouray. You can drive up in the morning or come up the evening before and camp. The trailhead is in the Amphitheater Campground on the south edge of town. The hike takes you above Ouray to the Chief Ouray mine with bunkhouse and machinery buildings. Optional bike ride in the afternoon or soak in the hot springs. No dogs. Carpool \$8.</p> <p>RSVP to Leader: Olin Kane 375-0060 or kanes@frontier.net Co-leader: Nancy Federico 259-1949 or fortfed@gmail.com</p> | <p>Mod - Hard 5 miles 1500'</p> |
| <p>Sat Aug 22 9:00 am Visitor's Center Ouray (next to the hot springs)</p> | <p>Hike Horsethief Trail to Bridge of Heaven – Day two provides views of Ouray and much of the surrounding San Juan Mountains and the La Sal Mountains in Utah. One breath taking experience after another. These two hikes are the two most popular with the locals. No dogs. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$8.</p> <p>RSVP to Leader: Nancy Federico 259-1949 or fortfed@gmail.com Co-leader: Olin Kane 375-0060 or kanes@frontier.net</p> | <p>Hard 8.4 miles 3100'</p> |
| <p>Tues Aug 25 7:00 am Animas City Pk 7:30 am Hesperus PO</p> | <p>Hike Centennial Peak. Hike to Sharkstooth Pass, about 900' gain, then scramble up a rock field, stroll through some meadows, then up the trail to Centennial Peak (13,062'). Great views of Hesperus and other La Plata peaks. Reply by 2 days before hike. Limit 10; minimum 3. No dogs. Carpool \$6.</p> <p>Leader: Jim O'Brien 375-1693 jimobrien2@webtv.net</p> | <p>Hard 5 miles 2200'</p> |
| <p>Wed Aug 26 8:30 am Rec Center</p> | <p>WW hike: Lower Hermosa Creek - From the trailhead, the well defined trail remains at approximately the same elevation with some ups and downs and crosses several side streams that are typically dry or flowing slightly. This is an in-and-out trail. NO RSVP</p> <p>Leader: Chris Wiehage cwiehage@bresnan.net 259-0882</p> | <p>Moderate 4 mi. RT 500' gain</p> |
| <p>Wed Aug 25</p> | <p>SO! Outings Committee Meeting</p> | |
| <p>Thurs. Aug. 27 7:00 am Animas City Pk 7:30 am DMR</p> | <p>Hike Niagara Peak (13,807') & Jones Mountain (13,860'). Bag two 13-8ers in one day! Spectacular views from both peaks. We will drive up Burns Gulch Rd (4WD) and take a semi-defined trail to the top of each peak. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$7. Dogs OK.</p> <p>RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net</p> | <p>Hard 4 miles 2530'</p> |

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| Sun. Aug. 30 6:30 AM Santa Rita Park | Climb Pagosa Peak (12,640') : Exploratory climb north of Pagosa Springs. Mostly a trail hike. Last 2/3 mi. climbs 1,100 feet up the east ridge. May be just a walk-up, but be prepared for some scrambling. Dogs OK. Carpool \$8. RSVP: Leader: John Bregar 385-1814 jbregar@durango.net | Hard 8 miles 3,400' |
| Wed Sept 2 8:30 am Rec Center 9:00 am DMR | WW hike: Spud Lake - The hike passes through aspen and along several interesting beaver ponds, some of which are still active. From the lake are views of the Twilight Peaks and Engineer Mountain. We will hike up to the lake, around its circumference, and back. Leader: Susan Beck-Brown rdb835@frontier.net 375-0948 No RSVP | Easy 3 miles RT 440' gain |
| Thur. Sept 3 8:00 am Animas City Pk 8:30 am DMR | Hike to the Old 100 Boarding House. This spectacular old miners' boarding house is perched on the side of Galena Mountain above the Old 100 Mine and was recently restored as an historic landmark. The trail is loose in places but not long and affords great views. We will do it at a moderate pace. The final (optional) scramble from the trail down to the boarding house is narrow with some exposure but is well worth it. Poles helpful. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$6. No dogs. RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 or betsyp@bresnan.net | Moderate 4 miles 1000' Hard option to boarding house |
| Fri Sept 4 8:30 am Rec Center 9:00 am DMR | SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Little Molas / Colorado Trail - Follow well defined and reasonable switch backs from the trailhead up the Colorado Trail. Trail then becomes relatively flat for the remainder of the hike. Beautiful vistas along the way. Please pack a lunch and gear appropriate for rain or cold. Poles nice but not necessary. This can be a busy trail; dogs on leashes or left at home, please. Carpool \$4 Leader: Susan Beck-Brown RSVP: 375.0948 rdb835@frontier.net | Option 1: Moderate 8 miles RT 700' Option 2: 5 -6 miles RT 700' |
| Sat. Sept. 5 7:30 am Animas City Pk 8:00 am DMR | Hike Grizzly Meadows. Hike to the base of Grizzly Peak to enjoy meadows, lakes and great views. A few stretches of the trail are on shale. Early turn-back optioned hike. There's a challenging option to climb to the top of Grizzly Peak- a steep climb up every kind of rock surface (shale, small rocks, large rocks, loose rocks, talus) to fantastic and rewarding views. 4WD necessary (8 miles on Cascade Divide Rd). Carpool \$8. Dogs Ok to meadow. RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net | Moderate to Most Challenging 7 miles 2750' |
| Tues Sept 8 6:30 p.m. Social. Rec. Center | SO! General Meeting | |
| Wed Sept 9 8:30 am SW corner of Albertsons parking lot | WW hike: Hoffhein's to Gudy's Rest - This is an In & Out hike with consistent and mostly gradual elevation gain as the trail heads north toward the Colorado Trail and Gudy's Rest with views of Perins Peak, Barnroof Pt. and the La Plata Mountains. Hike crosses DOW land; please have permit or proper identification if you are not required by age to carry a permit. Leader: Lydine Hannula lydine2@yahoo.com 884-9052 No RSVP | Moderate 4 mi. RT 800' gain |
| Thurs. Sept.10 8:00 am Animas City Pk 8:30 am DMR | Hike Brown Mountain to Mount Abrams. Beautiful high altitude (12,000-13,000') ridge hike north of Silverton with great views of all San Juan 14ers. Hope for better weather this year! 4WD necessary. Carpool \$7. Dogs OK. RSVP: Clark Lagow 259-9337 clagow@rmi.net | Hard 7 miles 3000' |
| Sat. Sept 12 9:00 am Animas City Pk 9:30 am DMR | Hike Grey Rock Ridge. A lovely hike following old logging roads north of DMR with views of Engineer Mountain, the Needles, The La Platas, Cascade & Hermosa Creek drainages. 4WD convenient. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 john@martintelephone.com | Moderate 4-5 miles 1000' |
| Mon Sept 14 8:00 am Animas City Pk | First Fork Trail. Hike up to Missionary Ridge via the First Fork Trail. The trail begins by crossing the Red Creek and then follows the creek. There will be some creek crossings but water should be low. Access to the trail is thru Colvig Silver Camp up Florida road. Carpool \$2. Leader: Dell Manners 259-0190 | Moderate 7 miles 1700' |
| Wed Sept 16 8:30 am Rec Center | WW hike: Dry Gulch from Rockridge subdivision (DOW) - This is an in-and-out hike that will start from the trailhead in Rockridge Subdivision. The trail cuts through the Perins Wildlife area through open meadow at a slight elevation gain | Easy 5 mi. RT 300' gain |

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| | along the way. The trail passes some old remains of ranch buildings and some clusters of aspen. Please have DOW permit or proper identification if you are not required by age to carry a permit. Leader: Barb Hancock barbhancock@bresnan.net 764-4531 | |
| Fri Sept 18 9:00 am Santa Rita Park | SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Boren Creek - A steep trail on a 4 WD road in La Plata Canyon that affords terrific views across the canyon and of the La Plata mountains from the top. Please pack a lunch, plenty of water, and gear appropriate for rain or cold. Dogs on leash or left at home, please. Carpool \$2 Leader: Linda Olmstead RSVP 385.4091 | Moderate 4.4 mi. RT 2,000' gain |
| Wed Sept 23 8:30 am Rec Center | WW hike: Falls Creek - Falls Creek is accessed from a parking area pretty much at the base of the Anasazi Rock Shelters and on the opposite side of the road. From there the trail crosses through a hayfield to the wooded area. Follow through the wooded area to the old burned area and back down into the valley via a trail that takes us just inside the Falls Creek subdivision and then out on the main road back to the cars. No RSVP Leader: Warren Levingston kosmichiker@gmail.com 769-1437 | Easy 3 mi. RT 300' gain |
| Wed Sept 30 9:00 am SW corner of Albertson's parking lot | WW hike: Perrin's City Ruins - Follow railroad grade in Twin Buttes area to the ruins of old Perrin's City. Have lunch and explore the ruins (or just rest). Hike back down same trail. Bring picnic lunch. No RSVP Leader: Ray Walker raynsue@bresnan.net 382-7662 | Moderate 7-8 mi. RT 1,300' gain |
| | 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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