

Seniors Outdoors!

Summer 2010 Outing Schedule

Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place	Outing Description	Difficulty Rating, Total Length & Elevation Gain
	<p>E-mail schedule changes and updates to: mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org.</p> <p>Meeting place abbreviations: ACP: Animas City Park TC: Trimble Crossing Tam: Tamarron DMR: Durango Mountain Resort RC: Rec Center SRP: Santa Rita Park</p> <p>Schedule changes and trip updates are in red on online schedule.</p>	
Wed June 9 8:30 am 3 rd & 8 th Street Horse Gulch Trailhead	<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.</p> <p>Leader Dennis Aronson 259-5045 RSVP non-members only</p>	Moderate 6 miles 1,000'
Thurs June 10 8:00 am SRP	<p>Hike the Dry Fork – Hoffhein Connection Loop. A pretty loop hike with consistent and mostly gradual elevation gain up to the Colorado Trail and a slightly steeper return on Hoffhein Connection with views of Perins Peak, Barnroof Point and the La Plata Mountains . Carpool \$1. Dogs OK.</p> <p>RSVP Leader David Wright 259-5978 david.i.wright@att.net</p>	Moderate 8.5 miles 1,290'
Fri June 11 8:30 am ACP	<p>Cave Basin Trail to Emerald Lake Overlook. The trail starts north east of Vallecito off of Middle Mountain Road. We will climb through fairly open, exposed alpine Meadows to an unnamed ridge overlooking Dollar and Emerald Lakes to the east. Great views to the west over the Vallecito valley include Sheep, Emerson, Amherst and Organ Mountains. We return on the same path after lunch at the overlook. Carpool \$5.</p> <p>RSVP Leader Rich Butler 403-3185 rbutler54@gmail.com</p>	Hard 9 miles 1,600'
Sat June 12 8:30 am ACP	<p>Hike Jacob's Cliff. Hike off the backside of Animas City Mountain. Some bushwhacking is required.</p> <p>RSVP Leader John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net</p>	Moderate 5 miles 1,500'
Sun June 13 8:30am ACP	<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 early turn-arounds are OK. Elevation gain is around 700 feet to first bridge, 1,000 feet to second bridge. Follow Creek through beautiful canyon and into the wilderness. There is one stream crossing to first bridge, two more to second bridge. May need to wade through the streams if the water is high. The falls should be beautiful. Carpool \$3. Dogs OK.</p> <p>RSVP Leader Sherry Suenram 259-5259 mikes@gobrainstorm.net</p>	Moderate – Hard 6 - 11 miles 700' or 1,000'
Mon June 14 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am	<p>Hike "Larkspur Lane" This is 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. Carpool \$3. Dogs OK.</p> <p>RSVP Leader Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net</p>	Moderate (or Easy if turn back early) 6 miles 1,850'
Wed June 16 8:15 am RC	<p>WW hike: Missionary Ridge to Radio Towers. This is an "in and out" hike that begins in the Durango Hills area, accessed from CR240.</p> <p>Leader Warren Levingston 769-1437 RSVP non-members only</p>	Moderate 6 miles 1,100'
Wed June 16 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am	<p>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.</p> <p>RSVP Leader Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com</p>	Hard 8 miles 2,700'

Fri June 18 ACP 8:00am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am	Hike in the Upper Hermosa Drainage . Destination TBD. Most of this hike will be off regular trails. 4WD nice. Carpool \$5. RSVP Leader Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com	Hard 8 miles 2,000' to 3000'
Fri June 18 RC 8:00 am TC 8:15 am	SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Jones Creek Trail climbs through 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 popular with mountain bikers. Carpool \$1. Dogs on leash or left at home. RSVP Leader Julie Wilson 259-6775 or jwilson@sisna.com	Option 1: Hard 8.6 miles 1,560' Option 2: Moderate 5 - 6 miles 800'
Sun June 20 7:00 am SRP	Climb Hesperus Peak from Owens Basin We will start up the Owens Basin Trail, accessed via Echo Basin Road. At some point we will climb north, gain the ridge, and hike east to the summit. Return the same way. Climb may be postponed in case of heavy snow. Call Bob or check online schedule for change. High clearance helpful. Carpool \$5. Dogs OK. RSVP Leader Bob Thompson 382-9271	Most Challenging 13 miles 4,000'
Wed June 23 8:15 am RC	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 at the start and then generally levels out with some up and down along the way, eventually looping back to the trailhead. Dogs on leash or left at home. Leader Barb Hancock 764-4531 RSVP non-members only	Moderate 4.6 miles 880'
Thurs June 24 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am	Annual Spud Mtn. Climb & Birthday Celebration Enjoy a 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. Carpool \$3. Dogs OK, but not for the final rock scramble. RSVP Leader John Montle 769-6108 mntnlvr@frontier.net Co-Leader Connie Webbe	Hard 3 miles 1,840'
Sat June 26 ACP 6:30 am TC 6:40 am DMR 7:00 am	Hike from Molas to Coal Bank We will start at Little Molas Lake Colorado trail trailhead parking, and hike down the Colorado trail to the Engineer Mountain trail then to the Pass Creek trail to Coal Bank Pass. This will probably be the longest and last conditioning hike for those going on the Colorado trail hike. Carpool \$5. Dogs OK. RSVP Leader John Martin 247-2581 john@martintelephone.com	Hard 14 miles 3,460'
Tues June 29 ACP: 7:30 am TC: 7:40 am DMR: 8:00 am	Climb Bear Mountain (12,987') Hike up the Colorado Trail from Little Molas Lake to the Bear Creek/Lime Creek saddle, then down Bear Creek a mile to the start of the ascent to Bear Mountain. There may be a little bushwhacking. Carpool \$5. No dogs. RSVP Leader John Bregar 385-1814 jbregar@durango.net	Hard 8.5 miles 2,600'
Wed June 30 8:00 am SW corner of Albertson's parking lot	WW hike: Twin Buttes Trail follows a road that ascends from the start eventually leveling out slightly before arriving at the base of 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. Please carpool, as trailhead parking is limited. Leader Ray Walker 382-7662 RSVP non-members only	Moderate 6 miles 1,100'
Thurs July 1 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Hike McMillan Peak (12,804') This loop hike begins above Red Mountain Pass, continues into lovely U.S. Basin, climbs to the ridge and culminates atop McMillan Peak. Wildflowers should be abundant! Descent will be by a different, more direct route. Patches of snow are a possibility. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$7. Dogs OK. RSVP Leader Betsy Petersen 259-5417 betsyp@bresnan.net	Moderate 5.3 miles 1,300'

Sat July 3 7:00 am SRP	Hike to Sharkstooth Pass with option to climb Centennial Peak (13,082') Trail starts in the forest and climbs above timberline to the Pass. The flowers should be great near the saddle. Hikers doing the shorter option may take their time while the peak climbers hike ahead. After the saddle, the peak baggers will have a short, steep talus climb and continue up the ridge another 0.7 miles to the peak. There are great views of all the La Plata peaks. There's usually a strong wind on the pass and peak, so bring warm clothes and rain gear. 4WD helpful. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK under control. RSVP Leader Dorothy Bregar 385-1814 dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com Co-Leaders Nancy Mead and David Wright	Pass: Mod 3 miles 900' Peak: Hard 5 miles 2,200'
Tues July 6 to Sat July 10 Meeting time and place TBD	Colorado Trail 5-day Supported Hike This will be a four-day hike (plus 1 driving day) along the Colorado Trail from San Luis Pass to Molas Pass, breaking the hike into 4 segments, hiking one segment each day. The group size is limited to 15 people with three vehicles; each day three 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 cagle81301@yahoo.com to reserve a space. Co-Leaders John and Kate Martin	Hard Moderate Pace 64 miles
Wed July 7 8:00 am RC	WW hike: Red Creek Trail Trailhead is approximately 10 miles from Durango on Florida Road. In and out hike with several creek crossings. Leader Chris Wiehage 259-0882 RSVP non-members only	Easy (slow) 3-5 miles 300'-700'
Wed July 7 ACP 7:00 AM TC 7:10 DMR 7:30	Climb Rolling Mountain, 13,693', from South Fork Mineral Creek Road Hike south about 1.5 miles on FS Trail 507; veer to southwest and climb basin to gain east ridge. Scramble west to the top and continue west to second summit. Return to first peak, then south to saddle and east down drainage back to trail. Some exposure. Limit 8. Carpool \$7. No dogs. RSVP Leader Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269 or debra@vanwinegarden.com Co-Leader Bob Thompson 382-9271	Most Challenging 7 Miles 3,500'
Fri July 9 ACP 6:30 am TC 6:40 am DMR 7:00 am	Hike Engineer Mountain by NW Ridge This route goes up the Pass Creek trail from Coal Bank Pass, crosses the rock glacier below Engineer's north face, and then goes up over "baby Engineer" to Engineer. It is all off-trail from the meadows below Engineer. This route avoids the exposure experienced when you "pop out" of the chimney on the normal route. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK. RSVP Leader Dan Honig 375-9105 dhonig@animas.net	Hard 10 -12 miles 3,500'
Fri July 9 RC: 7:30 am TC: 7:40 am DMR 8:00 am	SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Upper Hermosa This is a well-defined trail that meanders along the Upper Hermosa Creek. There may be few small creek crossings. Please pack a lunch, plenty of water, and gear for rain or cold. Poles would be helpful. The longer leg is rated difficult due to the length, but the trail is not steep. Trail can be narrow in spots and may be shared with an occasional ATV or mountain bike. Carpool \$5. Dogs on leash or left at home. RSVP Leader Tricia Bayless tbayless62@msn.com or 375.2618	Option 1: Moderate 5 -6 miles 200' Option 2: Difficult 10 miles 200'
Sun July 11 ACP 7:30 am TC 7:40 am DMR 8:00 am	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. Carpool \$6. No dogs. Leader Howard Drake RSVP Co-Leader Connie Webbe 382-0009 bcwebbe@aol.com	Hard 6 miles 2,300' gain 3,300' steep descent
Mon July 12 ACP 8:30 am TC 8:40 am DMR 9:00 m	Hike to Spud Lake This hike passes through aspen and near 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 to the lake, around it, and back. RSVP Leader David Wright david.j.wright@att.net 259-5978	Easy 3 miles 440'

<p>Tues July 13 Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 RC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO! General Meeting Recreation Center Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>Ken Hibbard, from High Mountain Anglers, will show us an alternative way to get into the backcountry - llamas! What does it take to pack a llama and how do you handle one? Ken will bring a llama and educate us on how to use a llama for an outdoor experience. We will meet in the Sunlight Room at the Rec Center and progress out to the parking lot.</p>	
<p>Wed July 14 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Engineer Peak (12,968') This hike starts at Coal Bank Pass, and climbs to Engineer plateau. From there we climb the peak, weather permitting. There is one section of the peak climb with medium to high exposure. The views from the top are worth it! If you are not comfortable with exposure, you may want to consider Dan Honig's July 9th hike. Carpool \$4. No dogs. RSVP Leader Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net</p>	<p>Hard 8 miles 2,370'</p>
<p>Wed July 14 8:30 am RC</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 Leader Tricia Bayless 375-2618 RSVP non-members only</p>	<p>Moderate 4 miles 500'</p>
<p>Fri July 16 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Hike to Columbine Lake This year we will do this hike from Porphyry Basin, which is accessed from near the top of Red Mountain Pass. The hike is up and down across alpine meadows to stunning Columbine Lake (12,685') at a moderate pace. We may cross some snowfields (fun!). 4WD necessary. Carpool \$8. Dogs OK. Leader Betsy Petersen RSVP to 259-5417 or betsyp@bresnan.net Co-Leader Travis Ward</p>	<p>Moderate 8 miles 1,500'</p>
<p>Sat July 17 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am</p>	<p>Hike to swim in Spud Lake This hike will start on Hwy 550 and take the same route to Spud Lake that John takes on his snowshoe trips. This is a different approach to a popular spot and some bushwhacking is involved. Bring your bathing suits for an optional swim. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK RSVP Leader John Martin 247-2581 john@martintelephone.com</p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 1,000'</p>
<p>Tues July 20 ACP: 7:00am TC: 7:10am DMR: 7:30am</p>	<p>Hike Mineral Creek to Coal Bank Pass This is a thru-hike starting at the end of the road above South Mineral campground and ending at the top of Coal Bank Pass via the Rico-Pinkerton, Colorado , Engineer Mt. and Pass Trails. If enough people sign up, we can avoid the car shuttle by having a group start at each end and exchange keys in the middle. The hike stays on rolling terrain so the elevation gain and loss will be the same from either direction. Two log stream crossings at the Mineral Creek end. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$7. Dogs OK. RSVP Leader Lynn Coburn 247-0914 harrisoncoburn@gmail.com Co-Leaders: Jan Collins and Dorothy Bregar</p>	<p>Hard 10 miles 2,200'</p>
<p>Wed July 21 9:00 am RC</p>	<p>WW hike: Jacob's Cliffs/Dalla Mtn. 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 to Dalla Mtn. 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 385-0533 RSVP non-members only</p>	<p>Easy 4 miles 400'</p>
<p>Thurs July 22 ACP 7:00am TC 7:10am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Hike Lake Hope Hike starts from the end of the road up South Mineral Creek (last 2 miles require high clearance vehicles). The trail goes over Hope Pass to Lake Hope. There is 1,800' gain to the pass, then 500' down to the lake. Lake Hope is at the Center of its own basin, above timberline and surrounded by dramatic peaks above 13,000'. 4WD necessary. Limit 15. Carpool cost \$8. RSVP Leader Sherry Suenram 259-5259 mikes@gobrainstorm.net</p>	<p>Hard 8 miles 2,300'</p>

<p>Fri July 23 RC: 7:30 am TC: 7:40 am DMR: 8:00 am</p>	<p>SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Engineer Meadows This in and out 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. Option 2: For a great view of Electra Lake and environs we will turn south when we reach the tundra and hike until we reach the viewpoint. Back the same way. Pack a lunch. This trail is extremely popular with lots of traffic. Carpool \$4. Dogs on leash or left at home. RSVP Leader Susan Beck-Brown rdb835@frontier.net or 375-0948</p>	<p>Option 1: Moderate 5 miles 1,400' Option 2: Moderate 6 miles 1,500'</p>
<p>Sun July 25 To Fri July 30</p>	<p>7th annual 14er Marathon (this year featuring several 13ers) Multi-day trip; either camp near the trailheads, or stay in a Ouray motel; enjoy all 5 days of hiking or as many as you prefer. Return to Durango when you are ready! Sunday, 7/25 Drive to Ouray or camping area. Monday, 7/26 Climb Sneffels (14,150') or Cirque Mountain (13,686') just east of Sneffels (Other options available) Tuesday, 7/27 Climb Redcliff (13,642) or hike alternative option in same area. Wednesday, 7/28 Climb Precipice(13,144') Thursday, 7/29 Rest day (take an easy/moderate hike in the area, or enjoy hot springs in Ouray or Ridgway, get a massage, sleep, expire, or ...?) Friday, 7/30 Hike "Heisshorn Loop" (long exploratory hike) with Dan Honig. The Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday hikes are in the same general area, the Cimarron Mountains, NW of Matterhorn and Wetterhorn and NE of Bridge of Heaven, about 1 hour east of Ridgway. For further information: Specific questions about the climbs/hikes –contact John Montle mntnlvr@frontier.net or Dan Honig dhonig@animas.net For the detailed outing description (including websites for Cimarron area) or info on motels, RSVP Betsy Petersen betsyp@bresnan.net</p>	<p>Hard</p>
<p>Tues July 27 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am</p>	<p>Hike to Crater Lake We will stroll the 11-mile round trip and observe flowers along the way. Bring your flower books and a swimsuit if you are so inclined. We will not be back early so those wishing to hike out quickly should carpool together. Hard rating is due to length and elevation. Carpool \$5. No dogs. RSVP Leader Art Wahl 259-7721 after 7/1 roundwahl@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Hard 11 miles 900'</p>
<p>Wed July 28 8:30 RC</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 switchbacks for approximately 1.4 miles to Gudy's Rest. Return along the same route. Leaders Dale Suran & Dee Rodman 382-9600 RSVP non-members only</p>	<p>Moderate 5.5 miles 1,000'</p>
<p>Thurs July 29</p>	<p>SO! Board Meeting</p>	
<p>Fri July 30 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Hike to Ice Lakes and Island Lake This is a perennial favorite for the spectacular mountain scenery, beautiful alpine lakes and abundant wildflowers. Carpool \$6. No dogs. RSVP Leader Lyle Hancock 764-4531 lylehancock@bresnan.net</p>	<p>Hard 6.5 miles 2,850'</p>
<p>Sat July 31 – Mon Aug 2 7:30 am RC</p>	<p>Car Camp/Day Hike Near Silverton Day hike each day from camp. Beautiful hikes mostly above timberline. Will hike ridgelines and basins, maybe bagging a peak. Great views. Carpool \$6 RSVP Leader Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Hard 6-8 miles 2,000'-3,000'</p>
<p>Sun Aug 1 ACP 7:00 AM TC 7:10 DMR 7:30</p>	<p>Climb Little Giant, King Solomon Mountain Hike up 4WD road, then on established trail towards Silver Lake with hand cable. Take obscure trail to Little Giant, 13,416'. Some scrambling down to the NE pass at 12,800'. Climb King Solomon Mtn, 13,185'. Follow ridge back to road. Bail out option is through Little Giant Basin past Big Giant Mine. Flowers will be glorious. Note: People on Bill Cagle's three-day camping trip in Silverton have the option of joining us. Carpool \$6. No dogs. RSVP Leader Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269 debra@vanwinegarden.com Co-Leader Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Most Challenging 7.5 Miles 3,900'</p>

Wed Aug 4 RC: 8:30 am DMR: 9:00 am	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. Carpool \$4. Leader Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 rdb835@frontier.net Members and non-members please RSVP	Easy 3 miles 440'
Fri Aug 6 7:00 am RC	SO! Ladies Fridays A Field: Sliderock Trail/Cumberland Mountain This portion of the Colorado Trail starts at the upper end of Junction Creek, 17.5 from Durango and heads towards Kennebec Pass. The trail ascends through the forest for 1.5 miles and then continues up the valley across a broad open and rocky area. Poles will be helpful here and we'll go at an easy pace. Just before we get to the pass, we'll turn south and head up to the Muldoon Mine with views overlooking Junction Creek all the way to Durango. We'll also check out the "outhouse with a view." Option 1 will turn back at this point, and Option 2 will continue up the east ridge of Cumberland Mountain to the summit, then down the NW ridge and back to Kennebec Pass and our trail. Poles helpful. Carpool \$4. Dogs on leash or left at home. RSVP Leader Dorothy Bregar 385-1814 or jbregar@durango.net	Option 1: Moderate 4.5 miles 1,490' Option 2: Hard 6 miles 2,240'
Sun Aug 8 ACP 7:30 am TC 7:40 am DMR 8:00 am	Jeep to Bear Town and Hike to Continental Divide Trail Drive to Silverton, jeep over Stony Pass to Bear Town. Hike to Continental Divide Trail. Views in all directions. Jeep ride is 15 miles each way. 4WD necessary. Limit: jeep capacities. Carpool \$10. No dogs. RSVP Connie Webb 382-0009 bcwebbe@aol.com Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate to Hard 4 miles 1,000'
Mon Aug 9 ACP: 7:00am TC: 7:10am DMR: 7:30 am.	Hike Highland Mary Lakes/Continental Divide Loop A hard, but very rewarding 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. RSVP Leader Ken Fusco 259-9442 ken@fusco-finl.com Co-leader Jo Fusco	Hard 9 miles 2,000'
Tues Aug 10 Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 RC	SO! General Meeting Recreation Center Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm Writer for the "Green Machine" in the Durango Herald, Nancy Etter, ND will grace us with her expertise on naturopathic medicine. She will speak to us about general health and the natural way to deal with allergies.	
Wed Aug 11 RC: 8:30 am DMR: 9:00 am	WW hike: Lower Engineer Mtn. 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, lunch, enjoy the views and descend along the same trail. We will not climb the peak. Carpool \$5. Leader Susan Beck Brown 375-0948 rdb835@frontier.net RSVP non-members only.	Moderate 5 miles 1,308'
Fri Aug 13 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Hike Twin Sisters There is some bushwacking and scrambling required. Steep climb. Great views. RSVP Leader Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagel81301@yahoo.com	Hard 10 miles 2,700'
Fri Aug 13 RC: 7:30 am	SO! Ladies Fridays a Field: Perins Peak from Rockridge Subdivision (change from Ice Lakes) Trail begins at the trailhead in Rockridge subdivision and follows an un-maintained trail through the Perins Peak State Wildlife Area. The trail heads off through a meadow and begins a steady ascent to the peak; there are steep portions of trail towards the top. Great views of Durango from the peak. Please pack a snack, foul weather gear, and plenty of water. Poles may be helpful for the steep downhill segments. Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed in the State Wildlife Area and for the duration of the hike. RSVP Leader Jenny Wrenn jennifer.wrenn@gmail.com or 497-2803	Moderate 5+ miles 1,400'
Sun Aug 15	Climb Velocity Peak, 13,325', near Silverton This peak is east of Storm Peak	Most

<p>ACP 7:00 AM TC 7:10 DMR 7:30</p>	<p>and looks down into Velocity Basin where we ski with Howard. We will hike up the Boulder Gulch Trail about 2 miles and then gain the ridge heading north to the summit, returning the same way. The meadows at the ridge base are known for abundant wildflowers. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK. RSVP Leader Bob Thompson 382-9271</p>	<p>Challenging 8 miles 3,500'</p>
<p>Wed Aug 18 ACP: 8:00am TC: 8:10am DMR: 8:30am</p>	<p>Jeep Tour of Red Mountain Ghost Towns This year Rudy will take us on a tour in the Red Mountain Pass area. We'll first drive on the Brooklyn Mine Road that climbs above timberline past the Brooklyn Mine to great views looking west at Chattanooga Loop, Columbine Basin, Porphyry Basin, and Black Bear Pass before descending down, with great views of the Red Mountains, to the top of Red Mountain Pass where the Longfellow Mine sits. We'll continue down the north side of Red Mountain Pass to a road going up to Red Mountain Town and the National Belle Mine where we follow the old Silverton RR bed through Guston to the Vanderbilt and Yankee Girl mines before returning to Hwy 550. Continue down Hwy 550 to a turnoff to the Ironton ghost town and the beginning of the Corkscrew Gulch 4x4 trail. At that point, we go up Corkscrew Gulch with views of where the old Corkscrew Gulch turntable was and continue up to a spectacular summit view. From here, we will go down the other side to Gladstone and the road back to Silverton and Durango. Bring a lunch, hat, rain gear, layered clothing, and sturdy shoes. If you have a handheld radio, bring it to listen to Rudy's narration as you drive. He'll repeat all information at each stop. There will be a few radios available from the trip bag. <u>High clearance 4WD with low range necessary.</u> No all-wheel drives, full sized/overlong pickups or wide Hummers. Limit 15 vehicles with passengers to fit. Carpool \$9. Dogs OK for drivers only, but be aware that there will be limited "outside time" for dogs. Leader Rudy Davison 259-9307 or 728-6678, leave a message and Rudy will return call when he's in town. RSVP Co-Leader David Wright 259-5978 david.j.wright@att.net</p>	<p>Moderate 4WD trip</p>
<p>Wed Aug 18 8:30 am RC</p>	<p>WW hike: Jones Creek From the trailhead, the hike climbs consistently through ponderosa pine, spruce, and fir. Return along the same route. Leader Marnie Roti 946-0560 RSVP non-members only</p>	<p>Moderate 4 miles 600'</p>
<p>Fri Aug 20 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30am</p>	<p>Hike 4 Peaks In One Day: Peak 13,270, Hansen, Hurricane and California. A steep climb to a ridgeline with views in both directions. Some exposure. Access to all peaks by following the ridgelines. Car pool \$6. RSVP Leader Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Hard 4 miles 2,300'</p>
<p>Sat Aug 21 ACP 7:30 am TC 7:40 am DMR 8:00 am</p>	<p>Jeep to Mineral Point and Hike to Mine Ruins Drive to Silverton. Jeep to Mineral Point above Animas Forks. Then hike to Old Lout Mine and San Juan Chief Mill. Dessert at Howard's after. 4WD necessary. Limit: Jeep capacities. Carpool \$10. No dogs. RSVP Connie Webb 382-0009 bcwebbe@aol.com Leader: Howard Drake</p>	<p>Moderate to Hard 4 miles 1,000'</p>
<p>Sun Aug 22 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Three Needles, 13,481', in the back of Porphyry Basin north of Silverton We will drive a couple of miles up the road in Porphyry Gulch, then hike and climb to the back of the basin. It is a scramble to the top of the needle. From here you overlook Blue Lake on the east side of Bridal Veil Basin. On the return trip we can look for very nice cubic iron-pyrite crystals. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$7. Dogs OK. RSVP Leader Bob Thompson 382-9271</p>	<p>Most Challenging About 6 miles 2,000'</p>
<p>Tues Aug 24 SRP 7:00am TH 8:30 am</p>	<p>Hike to Fourmile Falls with possible option to Fourmile Lake Hike through the Fourmile Creek valley through meadows and forest below Pagosa Peak to the 300-foot Falls Creek falls and the shorter, but higher volume Fourmile Falls. There may also be an option to continue three more miles to Fourmile Lake, with additional 1,200-foot gain (option not yet scouted for difficulty and time) RSVP Leader David Wright david.j.wright@att.net 259-5978</p>	<p>Moderate to Falls 6 miles 1,000' Hard to lake 6 more miles 1,200'</p>

Wed Aug 25 RC: 8:00 am DMR: 8:30 am	WW hike: West Lime Creek The trailhead is on HWY 550 between Coal Bank Pass and Molas Pass. The trail follows West Lime Creek for about 3 miles. We will have lunch along the way and return on the same trail. Carpool \$5. Leader Sharron Chambers 259-9271 RSVP non-members only	Moderate 5 miles 1,100'
Thurs Aug 26 ACP 9 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30am	Hike Engineer Mt Trail to Coal Bank Pass We will hike up the trail all the way to Engineer Plateau where we will have lunch. There are some great views of the valley. Then we will hike down Pass Creek to Coal Bank Pass. The descent is only 1,500 feet. We will spot cars for the shuttle. RSVP Leader Jim O'Brien 375-1693	Hard 7 miles 2,800'
Sat Aug 28 ACP 7:30 am TC 7:40 am DMR 8:00 am	Hike to Silver Lake with Ice Crystal Cave Option Drive to Mayflower Mine east of Silverton. Hike uphill to Silver Lake and mine/mill ruins. Another climb over a ridge to Crystal Cave (1.4 mile, 500'). Flashlights needed for ice cave. 4WD necessary. Limit: 15 for ice cave option. Carpool: \$10. No dogs. RSVP Connie Webb 382-0009 bcwebbe@aol.com Leader Howard Drake	Moderate to Hard 3 miles 1000-1500'
Mon Aug 30	SO! Outings Committee Meeting	
Tues Aug 31 8:00am RC	Perins Peak We will start at DOW trailhead in the Rockridge subdivision and hike to the peak on a non-maintained trail through Perins Peak State Wildlife Area. Carpool \$1. Dogs OK, but must be on a leash. RSVP Leader Ray Baranowski 259-9522 wraybar@yahoo.com	Moderate 7 miles 1,400'
Wed Sept 1 SRP 9:00 am	WW hike: River Trail from Santa Rita to Home Depot We will hike the River Trail and explore the new bridge and extension. Leaders Tom and Lydine Hannula 884-9052 RSVP non-members only	Easy 4 miles Flat
Fri Sept 3 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am	Hike to the Old 100 Boarding House This spectacular old miners' boarding house perches on the side of Galena Mountain above the Old 100 Mine; it was recently restored as an historic landmark. The trail is loose in places but not long and affords great views. We will do this hike 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 \$8. No dogs. RSVP Leader Bill Cagle 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com	Hard 4 miles 1,000'
Sat Sept 4 ACP 7:30 am TC 7:40 am DMR 8:00 am	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 Leader Clark Lagow 259-9337 or clagow@rmi.net	Moderate to Most Challenging 7 miles 2,750'
Tues Sept 7 – Thurs Sept 9 7:30 am SRP	3-Day Camp and hike in the South San Juans Day 1: Drive to Crater Lake trailhead, and in/out hike to Crater Lake (moderate 7 mi. 1,800 ft. on trail), short drive to car camping site. Day 2: Hike from camp to 13,150' Montezuma Peak (hard 5 mi. 2,400 ft mostly off trail). Day 3: Sleep in, short hike TBD, return home. Car camping will be primitive, but near a stream. Limit 12. 4WD convenient. Carpool \$15. Dogs OK, limit 2. RSVP Leader Travis Ward 247-1310 Co-leader Bob Thompson	See hike description
Tues Sept 7 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Climb North Twilight, 13,076' From Andrews Lake, hike 5.5 miles to Crater Lake, then climb additional 1.5 miles up east ridge of peak. Exposed scramble. Limit 8. Carpool \$5. No dogs. RSVP Leader Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269 debra@vanwinegarden.com Co-Leader Lynn Coburn 247-0914 harrisoncoburn@gmail.com	Most Challenging 14 miles 2,500'
Wed Sept 8 RC 8:30 am	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 \$3. Leader Chris Wiehage 259-0882 RSVP non-members only	Easy 3 miles minimal elev. gain

<p>Fri Sept 10 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p>Climb Handies Peak (14,048) via Grouse Gulch Backpacker magazine calls Handies the most scenic of Colorado's 14'ers, and it's in our own backyard. Avoid the long drive over Cinnamon Pass and get a better workout by doing the Grouse Gulch route. 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 4,400 feet of climbing. Most of the route is above tree line, so we need an early start to minimize monsoon problems. The route is long with a lot of vertical, but the gradient is friendly, so it is not as hard as you might think. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$8. No dogs RSVP Leader Charlie Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com</p>	<p>Most Challenging 8 miles 4,400'</p>
<p>Fri Sept 10 RC: 8:30 am TC: 8:40 am DMR: 9:00 am</p>	<p>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. Pack a lunch and gear appropriate for rain or cold. Poles nice but not necessary. This can be a busy trail. Carpool \$5. Dogs on leashes or left at home. RSVP Leader Nancy Mead 259-5978 nancy.a.mead@att.net</p>	<p>Option 1: Moderate 5-6 miles 700' Option 2: Moderate 8 miles 700'</p>
<p>Sat Sept 11 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 am</p>	<p>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 \$5. Dogs OK. RSVP Leader John Martin 247-2581 john@martintelephone.com</p>	<p>Moderate 4-5 miles 1,000'</p>
<p>Sun Sept 12 to Tues Sept 14 8:00 am RC</p>	<p>Car Camp in the Hammond Canyon area to see the Hammond Canyon Ruin. We will drive over on the 12th, go into the canyon on the 13th and return home on the 14th. There may be some day hikes on the 1st and 3rd days. It is a 1,900' drop into the canyon and 1,900' gain coming out. This is in the NE section of Cedar Mesa in Utah. RSVP Leader Jim Shadell 769-3772 shadki@durango.net</p>	<p>Hard 9 miles 1,900'</p>
<p>Mon Sept 13 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am</p>	<p>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. This is a hard hike, as all the vertical is above 12,500 ft. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$8. Dogs OK. RSVP Leader Clark Lagow 259-9337 clagow@rmi.net</p>	<p>Hard 7 miles 3,000'</p>
<p>Tues Sept 14 5:30 pm New Member Orientation 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Potluck RC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO! General Meeting and Fall Potluck at Rec Center New Member Orientation 5:30 pm Social: 6:30 p.m. Potluck: 7:00 p.m.</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>Wed Sept 15 8:30 am SW corner of Albertson's parking lot</p>	<p>WW hike: Hoffhein's to Gudy's Rest This is an in and 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 Point. and the La Plata Mountains. Hike crosses DOW land. Leaders Tom and Lydine Hannula 884-9052 RSVP non-members only</p>	<p>Moderate 4 miles 800'</p>
<p>Thurs Sept 16 ACP 7:00am TC 7:10am DMR 7:30am</p>	<p>Hike Spencer Basin and Highland Mary Lakes Start at 10,800' and hike via Spencer Basin to an unnamed pass at 12,700' southwest of Sugarloaf Mt. Return via a ridgeline to Highland Mary Lakes and return to vehicles. Views are spectacular. Carpool \$8. Dogs OK RSVP Leader Ray Baranowski 259-9522 wraybar@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Moderate 5.8miles 1,900'</p>

Sat Sept 18 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	Climb 13,300' Peak overlooking Columbine Lake on the southeast end We will drive to the Chattanooga Curve northwest of Silverton and climb up the north side of Mill Creek. We then traverse to the lake and circle around to the south side. From there we will scramble to the summit. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$7. Dogs OK. RSVP Leader Bob Thompson 382-9271	Most Challenging 8 Miles 3,000'
Wed Sept 22 RC: 8:30 am	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 along the way. The trail passes some old remains of ranch buildings and some clusters of aspen (this may possibly be later modified to a through hike to Lightner Creek Road). Leader Barb Hancock 764-4531 RSVP non-members only	Easy 5 miles 300'
Wed Sept 29 8:30 am SW corner of Albertson's parking lot	WW hike: Perins City ruins Follow railroad grade in Twin Buttes area to the ruins of old Perins City. Explore the ruins (or just rest). We will return via the old wagon road. Bring a light snack. We should be back for lunch. Dogs must be on lease. Leader Ray Walker 382-7662 RSVP non-members only	Easy/Moderate 4 miles 500'
Last week of September or first week of October	Three-Day Backpack to Escalante area of Utah We will backpack the Boulder Mail Trail, Death Hollow and go down to the Escalante River. Details will be on the Fall schedule. RSVP Leader Jim Shaddell 769-3772 shadj@durango.net	Hard

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