

<p>Day, Date, Departure Place &amp; Departure Time</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Outing Description</b> <b>Summer 2014</b></p> <p><a href="#">Printer-friendly version</a></p> <p><a href="#">Logistics, outing rules, meeting places, and difficulty ratings</a></p> <p>Email schedule changes and updates to: <a href="#">Lyle Hancock</a>.</p> <p><b>Schedule changes and trip updates are in red</b></p> <p>If you have received this schedule by mail, please keep in mind that additions and changes are continually being made. Please ask someone with internet access to inform you when these updates occur or go to a friends computer or the library to view the updates at <a href="http://www.seniorsoutdoors.org">www.seniorsoutdoors.org</a>.</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>As we start the new season please review the <a href="#">Guidelines for Outing Participants</a> found on the SO! web site. It contains important information about our requirements and general alpine safety.</p> <p>Meeting Place Abbreviations: ACP: Animas City Park; TC: Trimble Crossing; Tam: Tamarron; DMR: Durango Mountain Resort; SRP: Santa Rita Park; RC: Rec Center</p>	<p><a href="#">Difficulty Rating</a>, Total Length &amp; Elevation Gain</p>
<p>General Announcement</p>	<p>Some of the hikes in this outings schedule show <b><u>MODERATE PACE</u></b>. What does this mean? One of the leaders offers this quote: Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance toward the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vantage point. Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing moment; and the view from the summit will serve as a fitting climax for the journey. Melchert, Harold V. When the leader indicates the hike will be at a moderate pace, it means the leader will set the moderate pace and participants should follow that pace throughout the hike.</p>	
<p>ATTN mountain bikers</p>	<p><b>Intermediate/advanced mountain bikers</b> If you wish to be put on an email list for impromptu group rides(usually weekly), email KT Howard</p>	<p>Mostly harder rides at a faster pace</p>

	at <a href="mailto:kayteenm1@gmail.com">kayteenm1@gmail.com</a> . This is a group of fairly good riders and we generally ride harder single tracks	
<p>Mon Jun 2</p> <p>Every Monday starting April 7 until October weather forces us back to skiing</p> <p>Home Depot south parking lot near nursery</p> <p><b>8:30</b> am</p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> Join us for a bike ride around Durango and see the beauty of the city that no car ride can produce. This is a social ride, and open to all SO'ers, so dust off that Huffy, Road Master or DeRosa and come join the group. This is considered to be an easy ride. If you can hike 5 miles you can ride 15 (1:3 ratio). The ride is just short of 16 miles round trip with a total elevation gain of about 250 ft. This is a no drop ride, meaning we ride as a group and no one is left behind (Semper Fi!). We ride at an easy gate of 10-12 mph. We stop at Bread for coffee/pastries. Leave <b>Home Depot</b> south parking lot at <b>8:30</b> sharp. To see route copy/paste: <a href="http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/337011505">http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/337011505</a> (this link should work but if not dont worry its an easy ride - when open click on <u>View Route: Durango Loop</u> to get close up/elevation stats of route). Bad weather/heavy winds cancels. <b>Helmets and Gloves Required.</b></p> <p>Call Jim Newman at 884-7717, <a href="mailto:Newmanji10@aol.com">Newmanji10@aol.com</a> if there are questions. After July 14, <b>contact Helen Root</b> at <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> or 505-334-1568.</p>	<p>Easy 16 miles 250</p>
<p>Wed Jun 4</p> <p>West end of PJs Grocery Parking Lot at Trimble Crossing</p> <p>9:30 am</p>	<p><b>Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists: NEW</b> This a new ride to the SO! summer schedule, designed for fitness and fun. Goals are twofold: (1) get good exercise and (2) build group road cycling skills. Length of ride will be determined by the group. At the least well head north on Hwy. 550 to the CR 250 intersection at the base of Shalona hill, climb Shalona on 250, then back to PJs traveling south on 250. We can always extend the ride up Hwy. 550 if the group desires. Well spend a little time discussing riding skills before heading out (group etiquette and safety, pace line techniques and communication, the importance of soft pedaling, climbing tips, recovery nutrition,etc.). If everyone already knows all this stuff, well just jump on the bikes and ride. This will be a casual ride not a hammerfest, not a race. Pace will be 15 19 mph, regrouping at the top of Shalona, elsewhere as necessary. Bad weather or wet roads, no ride. If you are interested please email me: <a href="mailto:mbradley@aristotle.net">mbradley@aristotle.net</a> Ill comprise a list so we can call future rides via email. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions: <b>Matt Bradley 501-580-5656.</b></p>	<p>Moderate 19 miles</p>
<p>Thurs Jun 5</p> <p>Every Thursday starting April 10 until weather forces us off the roads.</p> <p>SRP <b>8:30</b> a.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> Join us for a bike ride to Hermosa and return. This is a social ride and considered to be a moderate ride. The ride is about 26 miles round trip, with an elevation gain of about 700 ft. Depending on group wishes, we can extend ride by 5-10 miles by doing an extra loop of Hermosa/Trimble, or to Bakers Bridge. Group decides. We ride at an easy gate of 10-12 mph. This is a no drop ride, meaning we ride as a group and no one is left behind. We stop mid-way at PJ's at Trimble Crossing for coffee/pastries. <b>Meet at Santa Rita Park parking lot next to Visitor Center.</b> We leave at <b>8:30</b> a.m. sharp. To see actual route copy and paste: <a href="http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/363893797">http://www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/363893797</a> (the link should work, but it is not crucial to the ride - when open click on <u>View Route: Hermosa Loop</u> to get close up/elevation stats of route). Bad</p>	<p>Moderate 26 miles 700</p>

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Fri Jun 6 - Sun. Jun 8 Place & time TBD	<b>Rafting &amp; Inflatable Kayaking Class.</b> Learn basic rafting and kayaking on the Animas, and possibly elsewhere depending on water levels, with instructors from San Juan College. Cost approx. \$130-160 including equipment. Limit/min. 10, No Dogs, pre-register ASAP. This is a fun way to start learning about getting on the water with other SO! members.  <b>For additional information and details/RSVP Mary Gillam 946-4746 <a href="mailto:gillam@rmi.net">gillam@rmi.net</a></b>	Easy to Moderate (long days with rests)
Mon Jun 9  ACP 9:00 am	<b>Vallecito Creek Hike.</b> We will drive to the trail head with the goal of climbing the trail as far as we can Depending on snow/mud/water levels - hopefully to the second bridge. Limit 15. Dogs OK. Carpool \$5 <b>RSVP Wayne Bedor <a href="mailto:waynebedor@yahoo.com">waynebedor@yahoo.com</a></b>	Moderate to Hard 10 miles 1,200
Mon Jun 9  SRP 8:00 am	<b>Climb Parrot &amp; Madden Peaks:</b> A warm up hike in the La Plata Mountains. Dogs OK, Carpool \$4 <b>RSVP Bob Thompson 382-9271.</b>	Hard 5 Miles > 3,000
Mon Jun 9	<b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See June 2 for details.	
Tues Jun 10  5:30 pm Social 6:30 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 coffee, iced tea or lemonade, you may bring it for yourself.  Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil.  <b>A-F Appetizers and Chips G-M Salads and side dishes N-R Desserts S-Z Salads and side dishes</b>  In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations and personal checks for the Durango Food Bank.	Easy
Wed Jun 11  RC 8:30 am	<b>WW hike: Jones Creek.</b> From the trailhead, the hike climbs consistently uphill through ponderosa pine, spruce, and fir. Returning along the same route. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader: Shelley Leader 259-9896 <a href="mailto:shelley.leader@yahoo.com">shelley.leader@yahoo.com</a></b> <b>Co-leader: Delores Ladd</b>	Moderate 4 miles 600 gain
Wed Jun 11  West end of PJs Grocery Parking Lot at Trimble Crossing 9:30 am	<b>Bike Ride for Intermediate Road Cyclists:</b> This a new ride to the SO summer schedule, designed for fitness and fun. Goals are twofold: (1) get good exercise and (2) build group road cycling skills. Length of ride will be determined by the group. At the least well head north on Hwy. 550 to the CR 250 intersection at the base of Shalona hill, climb Shalona on 250, then back to PJs traveling south on 250. We can always extend the ride up Hwy. 550 if the group desires. Well spend a little time discussing riding skills before heading out (group etiquette and safety, pace line techniques and communication, the importance of soft pedaling, climbing tips, recovery nutrition,etc.). If everyone already knows all this stuff, well just jump on the bikes and ride. This will be a	Moderate  19 miles

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Thurs Jun 12	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See June 5 for details.	
Fri Jun 13 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am DMR 9:30 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 \$5 <b>RSVP Betsy Petersen 259-5417 <a href="mailto:betsyp@bresnan.net">betsyp@bresnan.net</a></b>	Moderate (or Easy if turn back early) 7.5 miles 1850
Sat Jun 14 SRP 8:00 am	<b>Gibbs Peak 12,286:</b> We will follow La Plata Canyon Road to the parking near Bedrock Creek. Then hike up the old abandoned mining road avoiding private property and finally leave the old road track and head toward the ridge that climbs northwest to Gibbs Peak. Dogs OK, Limit 12, Carpool \$5. <b>RSVP Rich Butler 970-403-3185 <a href="mailto:rbutler54@gmail.com">rbutler54@gmail.com</a></b>	Hard 8 miles 3,250
Mon Jun 16 ACP 9:30 am Lemon Dam 10:00 am	<b>Lost Lake Mtn Bike Ride:</b> Start at Lemon dam, ride along east side of Lemon up to Florida camp ground then 2 miles of 4WD road to TH. 10 minute walk to lake, lunch and return. Mountain or touring bike required. Carpool \$3. <b>RSVP Olin Kane 375-0060 or <a href="mailto:kanes@frontier.net">kanes@frontier.net</a></b>	Moderate 14 miles 800
Mon Jun 16	<b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See June 2 for details.	
Mon Jun 16 SRP 7:00 am	<b>Exploratory Rico 4 - Peak Loop (12,320):</b> We will drive to Rico and take FS 422 up to the end of the road and head off trail up to Expectation Mountain (12,071), then west as the ridge permits to Anchor Mountain (12,327) then south to Storm Peak (12,095) on the Calico trail and then to Landslip (11,846) where will try to find the easiest way back. This is exploratory in the mountains west of Rico. Carpool \$15. 4WD required. Limit 12, Dogs OK. <b>RSVP Rich Butler 403-3185 <a href="mailto:rbutler54@gmail.com">rbutler54@gmail.com</a></b>	Hard ~7 Miles ~3,000
Wed Jun 18 SRP 7:30 am	<b>Indian Trail Ridge, Kennebec Pass to Bear Creek Trail:</b> We will hike the Colorado Trail along the ridge that connects the Southern San Juans to the La Plata Mountains. Marvel at bookend granitics and horizontal slabs. On the return we stay on the fun boulder strewn ridge until it crosses the Highline Trail and we swing around Taylor Lake. No Dogs, Limit 12, 4WD/HC, Carpool \$6. <b>RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 970-769-7269 <a href="mailto:debra@vanwinegarden.com">debra@vanwinegarden.com</a> Co-Leader Tom Ward 970-459-4312 <a href="mailto:tom@thward.net">tom@thward.net</a></b>	Most Challenging 14 miles 2,100
Wed Jun 18 RC 8:00 am	<b>WW hike: Log Chutes trail.</b> 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 levels out with some up and down along the way, eventually looping back to the trailhead. No dogs. SO! members only. No RSVP <b>Leader: Barb Hancock 764-4531</b>	Moderate 4.6 miles 880

<p>Thurs Jun 19 Pagosa Brewery in Pagosa Sp 8:00 am SRP at 6:45 AM</p>	<p><b>Climb Pagosa Peak:</b> We will meet at the Pagosa Brewery in Pagosa Springs and drive the one hour up to the trail head at Black Mtn Rd. Suggest that the Durango people meet at SRP at 6:45 AM. The last four miles on Black Mtn Rd is a fairly challenging 4WD venture. The hike will take us up canyon quickly gaining altitude and breaking timberline to the summit of Pagosa at 12,640 ft. Ice cream in Pagosa on the way home! Carpool \$10, Limit 12. Dogs OK 4WD/HC</p> <p><b>RSVP Michael Snyder 403-1042 <a href="mailto:comichael57@gmail.com">comichael57@gmail.com</a> .</b></p>	<p>Hard 5-6 miles  2,340</p>
<p>Thurs Jun 19</p>	<p><b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Jun 5 for details.</p>	
<p>Fri Jun 20 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am</p>	<p><b>Upper Elbert Creek Loop</b> Drive behind DMR to the upper trailhead. Hike through an open meadow along Elbert Creek to a ridgeline. Hike along the ridgeline to a <b>scenic overlook</b>. Take shortcut loop on return. Usually great flowers. Carpool \$4. Dogs OK <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate <b>5 miles</b>  <b>650</b></p>
<p>Fri. Jun 20- Sun. Jun 22 Place &amp; time TBD</p>	<p><b>Inflatable Kayaking Class.</b> Beginning to intermediate kayaking on the Animas, and possibly elsewhere depending on water levels, with instructors from San Juan College. Cost approx. \$130-160 including equipment. Limit/min. 10, No Dogs, pre-register ASAP.</p> <p><b>Details/RSVP Mary Gillam 946-4746 <a href="mailto:gillam@rmi.net">gillam@rmi.net</a></b></p>	<p>Easy to Moderate (long days with rests)</p>
<p><b>POSTPONED</b>  Sat Jun 24  ACP 7:30 am TC 7:40 am DMR 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>Spencer Peak (13,087). Postponed due to snow.</b> Carpool to Little Molas Campground. Follow route guide in Pixler to newly named Spencer Peak (formerly 13,087) just south of Grand Turk Peak. There will be some brush, exposed trail and talus. Due to the elevation gain and distance it is rated moderate/hard, but the pace will be moderate. Limit 20. Dogs welcome &amp; please include in RSVP. Carpool \$6 <b>RSVP Jane Marie Johnson <a href="mailto:janemarie@frontier.net">janemarie@frontier.net</a> 828-1012</b> <b>Co-leaders: Marianne Pearlman/Donna Ashmun</b></p>	<p>Hard  At <b>MODERATE PACE</b> 5 miles  2,177</p>
<p>Sun Jun 22 ACP 8:30 am</p>	<p><b>Downhill walk from Little Molas Lake to Andrews Lake.</b> <i>This is an easy downhill walk from Little Molas Lake, along the Colorado Trail a short distance and then thru subalpine forest and meadows to US 550. From there we will walk up a short distance, visit and discuss the East Andrews Fen and walk west to Andrews Lake, where we will have lunch. Flowers will be identified, but not keyed. A car shuttle between lakes will be used. Dog OK. Carpool \$6. Limit 15</i></p> <p><b>RSVP Bob Powell 385-8949 or <a href="mailto:RobertLPowell@durango.net">RobertLPowell@durango.net</a></b></p>	<p>Easy 1.5 miles 150 down, 40 up.</p>
<p>Mon Jun 23</p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See June 2 for details.</p>	
<p>Mon Jun 23 ACP <b>8:00 am</b> TC <b>8:10 am</b></p>	<p><b>Relay Creek/Grayrock Ridge Loop:</b> We will hike up old logging roads to fantastic views and return via different logging roads through lovely forests. Carpool \$6, <b>Limit 25; 3 well-behaved dogs OK</b> <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate 6 miles 1,000</p>



DMR <b>8:30 am</b>		
Wed Jun 25 RC 8:15 am Fire Station @ Florida Road/CR 234 8:30 am	<b>WW hike: Red Creek Trail</b> Approximately 10 miles from Durango on Florida Rd. Out and back hike along Red Creek Poles helpful for several creek crossings. Turn backs OK with partner. No dogs. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader: Rod Hartnett</b> 970-764-4478	Easy 5 miles 300-700
Thurs Jun 26	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Jun 5 for details.	
Fri Jun 27 ACP 8:0 am	<b>Cascade Creek Waterfall Hike:</b> We will hike up the Cascade Creek trail and visit Engine Creek Falls, and the two lowest Cascade Creek Falls. There is an option to leave the trail, cross the creek, and get under the upper falls. Limit 15. Dog limit 3. Carpool \$4.  <b>RSVP Travis Ward</b> <a href="mailto:tlward@frontier.net">tlward@frontier.net</a>	Moderate at moderate pace  8 miles  1,000
Sat Jun 28 SRP 8:30 am	<b>Downhill walk from Windy Gap to Twin Lakes.</b> <i>This is an easy off-trail downhill walk from Windy Gap down to Twin Lakes thru subalpine meadows and open forests. We will have lunch on a knoll just above the lakes that provides an excellent view of Mt. Hesperus. Flowers will be identified, but not keyed. The geology of the multi-layered Hesperus laccolith will be described. A car shuttle will be used. High clearance vehicles preferred, but not required on one short road. Dogs welcome. Carpool \$8. Limit 15.</i>  <b>RSVP Bob Powell 385-8949 or</b> <a href="mailto:RobertLPowell@durango.net">RobertLPowell@durango.net</a>	Easy 2 miles 350 down.
<b>Cancelled</b>  <del>Sat Jun 28</del> Tues Jul 1  Meeting time and place TBD	<b>Sangre de Cristos, Blanca group: Mt Blanca &amp; Ellingwood Pt</b> <b>CANCELLED</b>  <b>DAY 1:</b> We will drive ~ 3.5 hrs to the trailhead reaching navigable roads end and begin backpacking on 4WD road towards Lake Como. Depending on where we park, we will hike approx 10.6 mi with 3900 ft gain and make camp.  <b>DAY 2:</b> Starting early, we will pack up and move to our permanent base camp at Blue Lakes, 12,500 ft. From here we can Summit Blanca, 14,435 ft ( 3.0 mi/2000ft ) or Ellingwood Pt, 14,042 ft, (3.0 mi/2000 ft )group decisin. The Blanca route will be the traditional Northwest Face class II, and the Ellingwood Pt will be the Southwest Ridge, class III.  <b>DAY 3:</b> R & R  <b>DAY 4:</b> Whichever peak the group decided to climb on Day 2, we will summit the other this day, pack out, and drive home.  Carpool Cost: TBD Limit 8. Dogs OK 4WD/HC A MUST  <b>THIS TRIP HAS CLASS III ROUTES AND IS NOT SUGGESTED FOR INEXPERIENCED HIKERS.</b>  <b>RSVP: Michael Snyder 403-1042</b> <a href="mailto:comichael57@gmail.com">comichael57@gmail.com</a>	Most Challenging up to 10.6 miles/day 3,900/day backpacking & 3.0 miles/day 2,000/day peak ascents  Class III & II
<b>Cancelled</b>	<b>Climb Half Peak (13,841)Cancelled due to snow:</b> From 11,520 in Minnie Gulch, continue up track to 12,700. Intersect Cont. Divide Trail, following it 5 miles to the south ridge of Half. Negotiate a .25 mile knife ridge on way to	Most Challenging 15 miles

<p>Sun Jun 29 ACP 6:30 am TC 6:40 am DMR 7:00 am</p>	<p>summit. All but last 1.5 miles is fast trail walking. Abundant wildlife; unique panoramic. If youve been looking at this distinctive mountain from afar, heres your chance to visit. Carpool \$10, 4WD, Limit 10, No dogs. <b>RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269</b> <a href="mailto:debra@vanwinegarden.com">debra@vanwinegarden.com</a> <b>Co-leader Tom Ward 459-4312</b> <a href="mailto:tom@thward.net">tom@thward.net</a></p>	<p>4,300 Exposure</p>
<p><b>Sun June 29</b> <b>Rescheduled from</b> <b>Jun 18</b> <b>SRP 7:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>Indian Trail Ridge, Kennebec Pass to Bear Creek Trail:</b> We will hike the Colorado Trail along the ridge that connects the Southern San Juans to the La Plata Mountains. Marvel at bookend granitics and horizontal slabs. On the return we stay on the fun boulder strewn ridge until it crosses the Highline Trail and we swing around Taylor Lake. No Dogs, Limit 12, 4WD/HC, Carpool \$8. <b>RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 970-769-7269</b> <a href="mailto:debra@vanwinegarden.com">debra@vanwinegarden.com</a> <b>Co-Leader Tom Ward 970-459-4312</b><a href="mailto:tom@thward.net">tom@thward.net</a></p>	<p>Most Challenging  14 miles  2,100</p>
<p>Mon Jun 30 ACP 7:00 TC 7:10 DMR 7:30</p>	<p><b>Lost Lake - Whitehead Trail loop:</b> Starts at Deer Park, is partially on trails and is mostly above timberline. Carpool \$9, 4WD Lo/HC, Limit 10, Dogs OK <b>RSVP Dan Honig</b> <a href="mailto:dhonig@animas.net">dhonig@animas.net</a></p>	<p>Hard 9-10 miles ~2,500</p>
<p>Mon Jun 30</p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Jun 2 for details.</p>	
<p>Wed Jul 2 RC 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Haviland Lake to Forebay Lake.</b> The trail starts at the parking lot across from Haviland Lake and goes past a beaver pond, through an open meadow and forest, over to Forebay Lake and back. There will be an option to take a short, off trail route from the lake for a view of the Animas River. Poles may be handy for the creek crossing and the off trail option. No Dogs. RSVP non-members only.  <b>Leader: Dorothy Bregar, 385-1814,</b> <a href="mailto:dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com">dorothy.bregar@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p>Easy 3 miles minimal elevation</p>
<p>Wed Jul 2 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p><b>Hike to Ice Lakes and Island Lake.</b> This is a perennial favorite for the spectacular mountain scenery, beautiful alpine lakes and abundant wildflowers. Carpool \$8. Limit 15. Dogs ok.  <b>RSVP Jeff Bailey</b> <a href="mailto:jewlbailey@yahoo.com">jewlbailey@yahoo.com</a> 970 764 8120</p>	<p>Hard, 6.5 miles 2,850</p>
<p>Thurs Jul 3</p>	<p><b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Jun 5 for details.</p>	
<p><b>Sat Jul 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Rescheduled From Jun 21</b> ACP 7:30 am TC 7:40 am DMR 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>Spencer Peak (13,087).</b> Carpool to Little Molas Campground. Follow route guide in Pixler to newly named Spencer Peak (formerly 13,087) just south of Grand Turk Peak. There will be some brush, exposed trail and talus. Due to the elevation gain and distance it is rated moderate/hard, but the pace will be moderate. Limit 20. Dogs welcome &amp; please include in RSVP. Carpool \$6  <b>RSVP Jane Marie Johnson</b> <a href="mailto:janemarie@frontier.net">janemarie@frontier.net</a> <b>Cell: (727) 410-2318</b></p>	<p>Hard At <b>MODERATE PACE</b> 5 miles 2,177</p>

	<b>Co-leader: Marianne Pearlman</b>	
Mon Jul 7	<b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Jun 2 for details.	
Mon Jul 7 SRP 7:00 am	<b>Climb Centennial Peak (13,062):</b> Allow 1.5 hours to drive to the 10,900 TH. Enjoy the well-trodden trail as it passes through a subalpine forest with woodland flowers to the Sharkstooth-Centennial saddle, 11,936. Leave the trail and climb .7 mile over a mix of tundra and steep boulders on an exciting ridge to summit, aided by a good climbers trail. Remarkable view from this banded mountain of neighboring peaks on the western massif of the La Platas. Carpool \$8. Limit 12, Dogs OK. <b>RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269</b> <a href="mailto:debra@vanwinegarden.com">debra@vanwinegarden.com</a>	Moderate Pace 4.5 miles 2,200
Tues Jul 8 Rec Center Social 6:30 pm Mtg. 7:00 pm	<b>SO! General Meeting</b> <b>MISSIONARY RIDGE FIRE of 2002.</b> Perspectives from a Vallecito resident who stayed, by pilot, photographer and author <b>Bob Thompson</b> . Bob has written a book about his experiences and has fantastic pictures to help him narrate the events. <b>No Dogs, No Limits, No Carpool, No 4-WD</b>	
Tues Jul 8 SRP 9:00 am TH 9:15 am	<b>Barnroof Point</b> - Fairly easy climb up a well-defined trail to the west end of the mountain with a short scramble to get on top. Half mile of bushwhacking to get to Barnroof point after a relatively easy 1 mile hike toward the east end of the mountain. No dogs. Carpool \$2 <b>Leader: Wayne Bedor 764-4089</b> <a href="mailto:waynebedor@yahoo.com">waynebedor@yahoo.com</a> <b>Co-leader: Bruce Rodman</b>	Moderate 5 miles 1,900
Wed Jul 9 RC 8:30 am.	<b>WW hike: Colorado Trail 2<sup>nd</sup> TH to Gudy's Rest</b> 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 Gudys Rest. The return is along the same route. No Dogs. RSVP non-members only <b>Leader: Dale Suran and Dee Rodman 382-9600</b>	Moderate 5+ miles 1,000 gain
Thurs Jul 10	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Jun 5 for details.	
Fri Jul 11 8:00 am ACP 8:10 am TC 8:30 am DMR	<b>Hike McMillan Peak (12,804)</b> This loop hike begins above Red Mountain Pass, continues into lovely US Basin, climbs to the ridge and culminates with lunch atop McMillan Peak. Great reward for the uphill climb! Wildflowers are usually abundant! Descent will be by a different, more direct route. Snow unlikely this year. <u>Moderate pace.</u> 4WD necessary. Carpool \$9. <b>Well-behaved</b> dogs OK. Limit 20. <b>RSVP Betsy Petersen 259-5417</b> <a href="mailto:betsyp@bresnan.net">betsyp@bresnan.net</a>	Moderate At <b><u>MODERATE PACE</u></b> 3.8 miles 1,400
Sun Jul 13 ACP 6:30 am	<b>Sheridan Mountain (12,795) via Endlich Mesa:</b> Hike is truly worth the jarring, slow drive to Endlich Mesa TH, 11,280. Pleasant walking on beautiful trail to within .7 mile, 700 feet of summit. Flowers are unspeakably outrageous. Spheroidal boulders, summit staircase on good rock, glaciated granitic sheets dotted with ponds, expansive tundra. Rain postpones to September. Carpool \$7. 4WD/HC, Limit 10, No dogs. <b>RSVP Tom Ward 459-4312</b> <a href="mailto:tom@thward.net">tom@thward.net</a>	Most Challenging 14 miles 2,660



	<b>Co-leader Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269</b> <a href="mailto:debra@vanwinegarden.com">debra@vanwinegarden.com</a>	
Mon Jul 14	<b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Jun 2 for details.	
Mon Jul 14 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	<b>West Lime Creek:</b> We will hike along West Lime Creek for about 3 miles seeing many waterfalls. Last quarter mile is an easy bushwhack to the last waterfall. Carpool \$6, <b>Limit 25; 3 well-behaved dogs OK</b> <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948</b> <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a>	Moderate 6 miles 1,100
Tues - Wed Jul 15,16  Tues Jul 15 TH parking for Cataract Gulch 6:30 am  Wed Jul 16 junc. Henson & North Henson Creek roads 6:30 am	<b>Lake City area hikes:</b> (1) Boulder Gulch & Pk 13,795 (2) Horseshoe Basin to UN 13,688B  <b>Boulder Gulch &amp; Pk 13,795</b> Exploratory - will go up north portion of Boulder Gulch to the Handies - 13,795 ridge and then along ridge to Pk 13,795. 4WD Lo/HC, Limit 10, Dogs OK  <b>Horseshoe Basin to UN 13,688B</b> --- bushwhack into Horseshoe Basin. Henson Creek will need to be forded at the start. UN 13,688B & Gravel Mtn (13,577) are accessed by climber's & miner's trails from Horseshoe. Limit 10, Dogs OK <b>RSVP Dan Honig</b> <a href="mailto:dhonig@animas.net">dhonig@animas.net</a>	Hard ~8 miles ~3,500'  Hard 6-8 miles ~3,500'
Wed Jul 16 RC 8:00 a.m.	<b>WW hike: Jacobs Cliffs / Dalla Park</b> 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 ascend gradually into Dalla Park, eventually crossing the old road and hiking through oak brush and large boulders. The return follows the same route. Dogs OK but have a leash. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader: Jim Shadell</b> <a href="mailto:shadelljim@gmail.com">shadelljim@gmail.com</a>	Easy 4 miles 400 gain
Thurs Jul 17	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Jun 5 for details. <b>Contact: Helen Root</b> <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> 505-334-1568.	
Thurs Jul 17 ACP 7:30 am	<b>Hike Burnt Timber Trail and meadows.</b> <i>This trail climbs steadily up through ponderosa, aspen and spruce forests for about 2.2 miles, at which point we will then climb up through meadows and drainages for about 1 mile to the top of the ridge, where we will meet the Lime Mesa Trail. We will travel northeast on the Lime Mesa Trail until it meets up with the Burnt Timber Trail. We will then circle back to the Burnt Timber Creek crossing and retrace our route back down to the trailhead. Turn-backs with a partner are OK before we reach Burnt Timber Creek, but we will have to stay together once we leave the trail. Limit 15. Carpool \$6. Dogs on leash OK</i>	Hard 10.5 miles 2,500

	<b>RSVP Nancy Mead <a href="mailto:nancy.a.mead@gmail.com">nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</a> or 259-5978.</b>	
Sat Jul 19 - Tues Jul 22  Meeting time and place TBD	<p><b>Sangre de Cristos, Crestone group: Mt Creston, Crestone Needle, Humbolt Pk</b></p> <p><b>DAY 1:</b> We will drive ~ 5 hrs to the South Colony Lake trailhead and begin backpacking on 4WD road towards So Colony Lake. Depending on where we park, we will hike approx 8.0 mi to 11,660ft and make camp at Lower So Colony Lake.</p> <p><b>DAY 2:</b> Starting early, we will summit Humblot Pk, 14,064 ft, (2.8 mi/2400 ft ), as a warm up hike.</p> <p><b>DAY 3:</b> Starting early, we will summit Crestone Pk, referred to as The Peak, 14,294 ft, (4.6 mi/3850 ft ), Route will be up the South Face II slope.</p> <p><b>DAY 4:</b> R &amp; R</p> <p><b>DAY 5:</b> Starting early, we will summit Crestone Needle, 14,197 ft, ( 2.6 mi/2550f ft ), backpack out, and drive home. Again, we will use the South Face II route.</p> <p>Carpool Cost: TBD Limit 8. Dogs OK 4WD/HC</p> <p><b>THIS TRIP HAS CLASS III ROUTES AND IS NOT SUGGESTED FOR INEXPERIENCED HIKERS.</b></p> <p>RSVP Michael Snyder 403-1042 <a href="mailto:comichael57@gmail.com">comichael57@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Most Challenging up to 8.0 miles/day 2,900/day backpacking &amp; 4.6 miles/day 3,850/day peak ascents</p> <p>Class III</p>
Mon Jul 21	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See June 2 for details. <b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> 505-334-1568.</b></p>	
Wed Jul 23 SRP 7:00 a.m.	<p><b>WW Special event Hike: Hope Lake</b></p> <p>After much coaxing Tricia has agreed to lead us on a hike to Hope Lake. Trailhead is by Trout Lake in the Lizard Head area--20 miles south of Telluride. Unlike the usual WW hikes this will be an all day activity. It will be a 2-hour drive each way. Need high clearance vehicle for last 3 miles. Beautiful views, wild flowers and lake. No dogs. <b>Please RSVP</b> and try to arrange your carpool ahead. Carpool \$15</p> <p>RSVP Tricia Bayless 799-4535</p>	<p>MODERATE 7 miles 1,150'</p>
Wed Jul 23  <b>5:30</b>	<p><b>SO! Board of Directors Meeting: Rich &amp; Betsey Butler's home</b></p> <p><b>RSVP: <a href="mailto:ejbutter12@gmail.com">ejbutler12@gmail.com</a> or call 970-403-3185</b></p>	<p>easy! ~ 7 miles 1,000 ft. from town</p>
Thur Jul 24 <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Jun 5 for details. <b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> 505-334-1568</b></p>	
Fri Jul 25 ACP 7:00 am	<p><b>Tower Mountain via Velocity Basin</b> - Follow old mining trails and use trails. Climb to the ridge above Velocity Basin and then follow the ridge</p>	<p>Hard 6 miles</p>

<p>TC 7:10 a.m. DMR 7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>to Tower. Some bushwhacking and scrambling required. 4WD required. Carpool \$8 <b>RSVP Bill Cagle <a href="mailto:cagle81301@yahoo.com">cagle81301@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<p>2,300</p>
<p>Sat Jul 26  ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p><b>Swamp Pass and V2 (13,309)</b> Start at upper Ice Lake Trailhead (cross under waterfall) and then hike via the Ice Lake to Island Lake Hard Rock route. Steep section just below the pass then a short walk to V2. Good views! Limit 15 due to parking at TH. Dogs OK but note steep drop-offs on pass; include in RSVP. No 4WD needed. Carpool \$8 <b>RSVP Jane Marie Johnson <a href="mailto:janemarie@frontier.net">janemarie@frontier.net</a> 828-1012</b> <b>Co-leader: Judy Mack</b></p>	<p>Hard <b><u>MODERATE</u></b> <b><u>PACE</u></b> 6 miles 3,000</p>
<p>Sun. Jul 27 ACP 7:30 am TC 7:40 am DMR 8:00 am</p>	<p><b>Hike to Silver Lake with New Ice Crystal Cave Option.</b> 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 &amp; 500 elevation). Flashlights needed for ice cave. 4WD necessary, Limit 15 for ice cave option. Dogs OK, but RSVP. Carpool \$9. <b>Leader: Howard Drake but RSVP to Connie Webbe 382-0009</b></p>	<p>Hard 3 miles 1,000 1,500</p>
<p>Mon Jul 28 <b>8:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Jun 2 for details. <b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> 505-334-1568.</b></p>	
<p>Mon Jul 28 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p><b>Little Molas/Colorado Trail:</b> We will follow well-defined and reasonable switch backs from the trailhead up to the Colorado Trail. The trail becomes relatively flat for the remainder of the hike. Beautiful vistas and nice flowers along the way. Early turn backs with a buddy okay. Carpool \$6, <b>Limit 25; 3 well-behaved dogs OK</b> <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate 8 miles 700</p>
<p>Mon Jul 28  ACP 6:30 am</p>	<p><b>Climb Snowden Peak (13,077):</b> The first mile or so is good trail from Andrews Lake, then use-trail ending in a steep, scrabbly slope, then up the N. ridge, scrambling with some exposure to the summit. We will return via the south ridge that has its own interesting problems. We will then traverse below the mountain through a pretty area of shallow lakelets and pour-offs to return to the use trail. No dogs. Limit 10 Carpool \$7 <b>RSVP Lynn Coburn 247-0914 <a href="mailto:harrisoncoburn@gmail.com">harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p>Most challenging 7-8 miles 2,300 with some exposed scrambling</p>
<p>Wed Jul 30 RC 8:30 DMR 9:00</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Engineer Mt. From Coal Bank Pass</b> This hike offers abundant wildflowers and beautiful vistas. The trail ascends a grassy slope into spruce-fir and passes by two small lakes. At 2.5 miles the trail exits the woods into the tundra where there are wildflowers. We will stop to rest, lunch, enjoy the views and descend along the same trail. We will not be climbing to the peak. Dogs OK but must have a leash. RSVP non-members only. Carpool \$5. <b>Leader: Marianne Pearlman 375-9257 Co-leader Jock Deswart</b></p>	<p>Moderate 5 miles 1,308</p>
<p>Thurs Jul 31 <b>8:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Jun 5 for details. <b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> 505-334-1568.</b></p>	

<p>Fri Aug 1</p> <p>ACP 6:30 am</p> <p>TC 6:40 am</p> <p>DMR 7:00 am</p>	<p><b>Blair Gulch - Spencer Basin through Hike:</b> Blair Gulch &amp; Woodchuck Basin to the Kendall Pk - Round Mtn Pass is primarily off-trail. The route from the pass to the Arrastra - Spencer Basins Divide is on sketchy miner's trails. The route down Spencer is on a good trail. Peak options along route are: Round Mtn (12,912) - easy, &lt;200' vertical, Kendall Pk (13,451) - steep ridge with good footing, 700' vertical, Hazelton Mtn (12,527) - some scrambling, 250' vertical 4wd shuttle (or, preferably, key exchange) required. Carpool \$8, 4WD Lo/HC, Limit 10, Dogs OK</p> <p><b>RSVP Dan Honig <a href="mailto:dhonig@animas.net">dhonig@animas.net</a></b></p>	<p>Hard</p> <p>9-10 miles</p> <p>~2,500</p>
<p>Mon Aug 4</p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Jun 2 for details.</p> <p><b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a></b> 505-334-1568.</p>	
<p>Mon Aug 4</p> <p>ACP 6:00 am</p>	<p><b>Rhoda-Verde-CDT Loop.</b> This hike is intended for those with lots of stamina, but not necessarily lots of speed. Be forewarned, however, it is a very long hike with significant vertical. Starting at the Highland Mary trailhead we will pass through Spencer Basin on good trail, then go off trail over a pass between Rhoda Peak and Whitehead Peaks, continue to Verde Lake off-trail, then hook up with the Continental Divide trail to form a big loop back to the trailhead. Most of the route is rolling tundra with exceptional views. 4WD necessary. Carpool \$9. No dogs. Limit 10</p> <p><b>RSVP Charlie Berglund 247-9747 <a href="mailto:chasberglund@msn.com">chasberglund@msn.com</a></b></p>	<p>Most Challenging</p> <p>13 miles</p> <p>2,500</p> <p>Moderate Pace</p>
<p>Wed Aug 6</p> <p>RC 8:30 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Lower Hermosa Creek-</b> 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. Dogs on leash only. RSVP non-members only.</p> <p><b>Leader: Warren Levingston 769-1437</b></p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>4 miles</p> <p>500</p>
<p>Thurs Aug 7</p> <p>ACP 6:30 am</p> <p>TC 6:40 am</p> <p>DMR 7:10 am</p>	<p><b>Hike to Anvil Mt.</b> We will start from Cement Creek Rd and follow the road to the Niagara mine. From the mine there is a trail that eventually gains the Anvil Mtn. ridge. Once on the ridge, we can climb to the top of Anvil. A trail follows the Anvil ridge <b>and we will follow the ridge to either the north or south depending on the weather. We will descend back to the Niagara mine. A stop at Smedleys after the hike is optional.</b> Carpool \$8. Limit 12. Dogs OK (limit 3 and must be leashed or under voice control).</p> <p><b>RSVP Darrell Maddox 303-775-3208 <a href="mailto:maddox0204@msn.com">maddox0204@msn.com</a></b></p> <p><b>Co-Leader: Jeff Bailey</b></p>	<p><b>Most Challenging</b></p> <p>8 - 9 miles</p> <p>~2,650'</p>
<p>Thurs Aug 7</p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Jun 5 for details.</p> <p><b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a></b> 505-334-1568.</p>	
<p>Fri Aug 8</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p> <p>TC 7:10 am</p> <p>DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p><b>Blackhawk Ridge:</b> We will hike the section of the Colorado Trail that starts at Hotel Draw and ends at Blackhawk Ridge. Lovely creeks, forests and fantastic views. Carpool \$8, HC/4WD needed. <b>Limit 25; 3 well-behaved dogs OK</b></p> <p><b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>8 miles</p> <p>1,600</p>

<p>Sat Aug 9</p> <p>ACP 7:00 am</p> <p>TC 7:10 am</p> <p>DMR 7:30 am</p>	<p><b><i>Columbine Lake (12,685) via Upper Ophir Pass Road</i></b>  A new route to stunning turquoise Columbine Lake starting closer to Ophir Pass than the lower route. Hike parallel to 679, then a short steep ascent to meet the normal route in the open valley for the remainder of the hike. Limit 15. Dogs welcome but include in RSVP. HC/4WD. Carpool \$9</p> <p><b>RSVP Jane Marie Johnson <a href="mailto:janemarie@frontier.net">janemarie@frontier.net</a> 828-1012</b></p> <p><b>Co-leaders: Penny Jones/Donna Ashmun</b></p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p><b><u>MODERATE PACE</u></b>  7.25 miles  2,012</p>
<p>Sat Aug 9 - Tues Aug 12 Meeting time and place TBD</p>	<p><b><i>Sangre de Cristos, Kit Carson group: Kit Carson Pk &amp; Challenger Pt</i></b></p> <p><b>DAY 1:</b> We will drive ~ 3.75 hrs to the base of the Sagre de Cristos and begin hiking up the beautiful Willow Creek drainage. Good campsites can be found at 7.4 miles with a 2400ft elevation gain.</p> <p><b>DAY 2:</b> Starting early, we will summit both Challenger Pt, 14,081 ft, and Kit Carson Pk, 14,165 ft, (4.2 mi/3600ft ), using the West Ridge II Route.</p> <p><b>DAY 3:</b> Pack out and drive home.</p> <p>Carpool Cost: TBD Limit 8. Dogs OK 4WD/HC</p> <p><b>THIS TRIP HAS CLASS III ROUTES AND IS NOT SUGGESTED FOR INEXPERIENCED HIKERS.</b></p> <p><b>RSVP Michael Snyder 403-1042 <a href="mailto:comichael57@gmail.com">comichael57@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p>Most Challenging up to 7.4 miles/day 2400/day backpacking with 4.2 miles/day 3600/day peak ascents</p> <p>Class III</p>
<p>Mon Aug 11  <b>8:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b><i>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</i></b> See June 2 for details.  <b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> 505-334-1568.</b></p>	
<p>Tues Aug 12  Rec Center  Social 6:30 pm  Mtg. 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b><i>SO! General Meeting</i></b></p> <p><b>Eating for Good Health: Avoid disease and medications through healthful eating habits.</b> Marija Helt, microbiologist and medical researcher, will share information on nutrition for seniors in terms we can understand. No limits, No dogs, No 4WD.</p>	
<p>Wed Aug 13  RC 8:30 am  TC 8:45 am  DMR 9:00 am</p>	<p><b><i>WW hike: Spud Lake</i></b> - 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. Dogs on leash only. <b>RSVP non-members and those meeting at TC and DMR.</b> Carpool \$5  <b>Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b></p>	<p>Easy  3 miles  440</p>
<p>Thurs Aug 14  <b>8:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b><i>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</i></b> See Jun 5 for details.  <b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> 505-334-1568.</b></p>	
<p>Fri Aug 15</p>	<p><b><i>Highland Mary Lakes/Continental Divide Trail Loop:</i></b> A rewarding and scenic hike past alpine lakes, through a high tundra basin, on a trail</p>	<p><b>Hard</b>  <b>9 miles</b>  2,000</p>



ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	with spectacular valley and mountain views. There are waterfalls along most of the journey. Poles are helpful for creek crossings. Carpool \$9, 4WD needed, <b>Limit 15; 3 well-behaved dogs OK</b> <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a></b>	
Sat Aug 16  ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	<b>Royal Tiger - Dives Basins through Hike:</b> Route will go up Royal Tiger and over Peak 13,304 & Little Giant Peak (13,416). It is mostly off-trail until we drop into Dives. There is a small scrambling section on the ridge between the peaks and also on the descent from Little Giant. Short 4wd shuttle required. Carpool \$8, 4WD Lo/HC, Limit 10, Dogs OK <b>RSVP Dan Honig <a href="mailto:dhonig@animas.net">dhonig@animas.net</a></b>	Hard 6-8 miles ~2,500
Mon Aug 18 <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Jun 2 for details. <b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> 505-334-1568.</b>	
Mon Aug 18  ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	<b>Rolling Mountain</b> An easier option from the back side. We will start from the end of South Mineral Creek Road and follow FS Trail 507 then veer off and climb up the back side. Great vistas. Opt to explore additional nearby summits. Some scrambling. 4WD required. Carpool \$9 <b>RSVP Bill Cagle <a href="mailto:cagle81301@yahoo.com">cagle81301@yahoo.com</a></b>	Hard 6 miles 3,000+
Wed Aug 20 RC 8:00 am DMR 8:30 am	<b>WW hike: Cascade Village</b> - The hike begins behind the condos in Cascade Village. The trail ascends immediately and then winds gently through an aspen forest and goes down to a meadow along the Cascade Creek. Views of Engineer Mountain and Grizzly Peak along the way. RSVP non-members only. Dogs on leash only. Carpool \$4  <b>Leader: Tricia Bayless 799-4535</b>	Moderate 5 mi RT to meadow 6 mi RT to creek 400'
Wed Aug 20	<b>SO! Outings Committee Meeting</b>	
Thurs Aug 21 <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Jun 5 for details. <b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> 505-334-1568.</b>	
Fri Sun Aug 22 -24 Backpack SRP time TBD	<b>Climb Mount of the Holy Cross (14,005):</b> On day 1 we will leave early and drive to the trailhead, which is about 12 miles SW of Minturn, CO. We will backpack in about 3.5 miles to East Cross Creek and camp there in one of the 10 designated campsites. On day 2 we climb Holy Cross, which will be about 6 miles RT, and roughly 3400 ft. We will camp at East Cross Creek a second night, and leave early for the long drive back to Durango. There is 1,000 of vertical assent on the way out. Carpool TBD, Dogs OK. Limit 6.  <b>RSVP Sandy Hoagland 247-3678 <a href="mailto:swhoagy@live.com">swhoagy@live.com</a></b>	Hard 12 miles 5,625 Over 3 days
Mon Aug 25 <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Jun 2 for details.	

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Wed Aug 27 SRP 8:30 am	<b>WW hike</b> : Big Canyon to Skull Rock - Big Canyon trailhead parking is next to Durango Motor Company and Durango Toyota (across highway from Walmart). Hike up/back Big Canyon, plus several loop trails including Skull Rock, Sidewinder, Carbon Junction, and South Rim. Dogs on leash only. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leader:Tom &amp; Lydine Hannula 884-9052</b>	Moderate 5 miles 800
Thurs Aug 28 <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Jun 5 for details. <b>Contact: Helen Root</b> <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> 505-334-1568.	
Fri Aug 29 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	<b>Hike Spirit Gulch semi loop:</b> Starting at Red Mtn. Mining Overlook just north of Red Mtn. Pass, go west and north via Commodore Gulch to Spirit Gulch and then down to Highway 550 via McIntyre Gulch via old gated mining roads now closed to vehicles, with a short car shuttle all on pavement. Carpool \$9, <b>Limit 25; 3 well-behaved dogs OK</b> <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948</b> <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a> , <b>co-leader Carl Gutknecht</b> , <a href="mailto:carlgut008@gmail.com">carlgut008@gmail.com</a>	Moderate 7 miles 1,300
Sat Aug 30 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	<b>Hike to the Old Hundred Boarding House.</b> This spectacular old miners boarding house is perched on the side of Galena Mountain. It was recently restored as an historic landmark. The trail is loose and/or steep in places but not long and affords great views. We will do it at a <b>moderate pace</b> . The final (optional) scramble from the trail down to the boarding house is narrow, steep, and loose with some exposure but is well worth it. Poles helpful. 4WD/HC necessary. Carpool \$9. No dogs to the boarding house. <b>RSVP John Martin 247-2581</b> <a href="mailto:jmartin@mydurango.net">jmartin@mydurango.net</a>	Moderate 4 miles 1,000 Hard for scramble to boarding house
Sun, Aug 31  ACP 7:00 TC 7:10 DMR 7:30	<b>Proposal Peak Circumnavigation:</b> Emery & Proposal peaks will be circumnavigated starting from Minnehaha Basin. The route includes 5 passes, 4 basins, 3 peak options, 2 tarns, and, for rockhounds, 1 "pyrite" mine. Primarily off-trail. Moderate pace. Dogs OK . Peak options: Proposal Pk (13,330') --- ~ 300' vert. Emery Peak (13,310') --- ~ 600' vert. Bonita Peak (13,286') --- ~ 600' vert.  Carpool TBD, 4WD Lo/HC, Limit 10  <b>RSVP Dan Honig</b> <a href="mailto:dhonig@animas.net">dhonig@animas.net</a>	Hard ~ 6 miles ~2,200 (plus options)

Mon Sept 1 <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Jun 2 for details. <b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a></b> 505-334-1568.	
Wed Sept 3 SRP 8:30 am	<b>WW hike: Hoffheins to Gudys Rest</b> This is an In & out hike with constant 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. Dogs on leash only please. RSVP non-members only. <b>Leaders: Tom and Lydine Hannula 884-9052</b>	Easy About 5 miles 700'
Thurs Sept 4 <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Thursday Bike Ride From Santa Rita Park.</b> See Jun 5 for details. <b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a></b> 505-334-1568.	
Thurs Sept 4 ACP 6:00 am	<b>Climb Vermillion &amp; Fuller Peaks (13,894):</b> We will start up the Clear Lake road shortcut & hike up the Ice Lake Basin Trail to Fuller Lake. Then there is a steep talus climb to the Saddle between Fuller (13,761) and Vermillion (13,894). To reach Vermillion there is a difficult, but short exposed scramble, up a couloir to the top. Fuller is a relatively easy walk up. Those who do not wish to climb Vermillion can do Fuller and wait in the saddle for the others. Carpool \$9, 4WD HC required, Limit 10, No dogs. <b>RSVP Lynn Coburn 247-0914 <a href="mailto:harrisoncoburn@gmail.com">harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</a></b>	Most Challenging 9 miles 4,000
Sat Sept 6 ACP 7:00 am TC 7:10 am DMR 7:30 am	<b>Climb Grizzly Peak (13,378)</b> Hike to the base of Grizzly Peak to enjoy meadows, lakes and great views. A few stretches of the trail are on shale. We will then begin the climb of Grizzly Peak, which takes us up a steep rocky couloir, and then a short stroll to the top as Pixler says. The view from the top is spectacular. We may split into two groups with a moderate option to explore the area around the lake, or perhaps hunt for mushrooms. 4WD necessary (12 miles on Cascade Divide Rd). Carpool \$8. Dogs OK to meadow, but not to the peak. <b>RSVP Lynn Coburn 247-0914 <a href="mailto:harrisoncoburn@gmail.com">harrisoncoburn@gmail.com</a></b>	Hard 7 miles 2,750  Meadow option is moderate
Mon Sept 8 ACP 7:00 am	<b>Hike to and Climb Half Peak (13,841):</b> This hike is intended for those with lots of stamina, but not necessarily lots of speed. Be forewarned, however, while the route is not steep, it is a very long hike with significant vertical. ill climb Half Peak from Minnie Gulch. The route is almost entirely above treeline and includes a short, 3 <sup>rd</sup> class scramble with some exposure to the summit. Come prepared for a long day and, considering the time of year, bring warm clothing. Carpool \$10,4WD/HC, Limit 10, No Dogs <b>RSVP Charlie Berglund 247-9747 <a href="mailto:chasberglund@msn.com">chasberglund@msn.com</a></b>	Most Challenging 14 miles 4,600 Moderate Pace
<b>New Hike</b> Mon Sept 8 ACP 7:00 am DMR 7:30 am	<b>Climb 13,087 Spencer Peak.</b> Carpool to Little Molas Campground. Follow route guide in Pixler to newly named Spencer Peak (formerly just marked 13,087) just south of Grand Turk Peak. There will be some brush, exposed trail and talus slope. Because of the elevation gain and distance, it will be a hard hike, though the pace will be moderate. Limit 20. No dogs. Carpool \$7. <b>RSVP Leader: Marianne Pearlman 375-9257</b>	Hard, but at moderate pace. 5 miles 2,177
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Tues Sept 9 ACP 8:30 TH 8:45	<b>Haflin Creek</b> - Climb Haflin Creek Trail to Missionary Ridge. Well-defined trail with beautiful views of the Animas Valley Carpool \$2  <b>Leader: Wayne Bedor 764-4089</b> <a href="mailto:waynebedor@yahoo.com">waynebedor@yahoo.com</a>	Hard 5 miles 2,800
Wed Sept 10 ACP 6:30	<b>Mountain View Crest to Needleton Overlook (12,719) and beyond:</b> Park off the Missionary Ridge Road at 11,200, 1.5 miles shy of Lime Mesa TH. Climb off-trail to intersect the Lime Mesa Trail, heading north 3 miles to edge of Crest. Walk off-trail visiting 4 high points along the way. Witness the 4,000 foot plunge from Needleton to the Animas River. Last 3 miles is exploratory. Carpool \$7. 4WD/HC for rough road, Limit 10, No dogs. <b>RSVP Debra Van Winegarden 769-7269</b> <a href="mailto:debra@vanwinegarden.com">debra@vanwinegarden.com</a>  <b>Co-leader Tom Ward 459-4312</b> <a href="mailto:tom@thward.net">tom@thward.net</a>	Most Challenging 13 miles 2,660
Wed Sept 10 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR 8:30 am	<b>WW hike: Easy Way to Castle Rock</b> Well drive behind DMR to access the trailhead to the Castle Rock Overlook, hiking over easy rolling terrain to see the beautiful views. Carpool \$5, 4WD <b>Limit: 25 hikers and 3 dogs..</b>  <b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948</b> <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a>	Easy 4 miles 500
<b>Sept 16</b> <del>Tues Sept 10</del> New Member Orientation 5:30 pm Social: 6:30 pm Potluck: 7:00 pm  Rec Center	<b>Moved to Sept 16</b> <b>SO! General Meeting</b> <b>Fall Potluck</b> New Member Orientation 5:30 pm Social: 6:30 pm Potluck: 7:00 pm Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Desert G-M Main Dish N-R Salad S-Z Main Dish  In addition to your potluck dish please bring non-perishable food donations and personal checks for the Manna Food Kitchen.	Very Easy 0 Miles 0
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Thurs Sep 11 7:00 a.m. Santa Rita Pk	<b>Quartz Lake</b> - South San Juan Wilderness SE of Pagosa Springs. From the notch at Quartz Ridge we will access the ridge and work our way along the ridge, then drop down to the lake, returning via the lake trail. Great views. Some scrambling on the ridge. Limit 15. Carpool \$12  <b>RSVP Bill Cagle</b> <a href="mailto:cagle81301@yahoo.com">cagle81301@yahoo.com</a>	Hard 9 miles 3,000

<p>Fri Sept 12 ACP 8:00 am TC 8:10 am DMR <b>8:30</b> am</p>	<p><b>Cascade Creek Loop (starting at Cascade Village):</b> This hike starts from the water tank at Cascade Village and goes up the south side of Cascade Creek for about five miles through a dense forest to a spectacular waterfall. We will ford the creek and return along the north side. Bring water shoes and hiking poles to ford the creek. A short car shuttle will be needed. Carpool \$4, <b>Limit 25; 3 well-behaved dogs OK</b></p> <p><b>RSVP Susan Beck-Brown 375-0948 <a href="mailto:sbeckbrown@yahoo.com">sbeckbrown@yahoo.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate 10 miles 900</p>
<p>Sat Sept 13-Wed Sept 17 Meeting time and place TBD</p>	<p><b>Climb Mt Elbert &amp; Mt Massive: DAY 1:</b> We will arrive and camp at the Elbert/Massive base camp campgrounds , (Halfmoon Campground) on Monday and remain for the duration of the trip as summit trailheads are next door. First night will be a shared appetizer event.</p> <p><b>DAY 2:</b> Mt Elbert is the highest peak in CO and the Rockies with 14,433 ft and Mt Massive a close second highest at 14,421 ft. We will approach Elbert from the standard North Elbert trailhead with 9 miles/4,400 ft elevation gain.</p> <p><b>DAY 3:</b> Wednesday, we will summit Massive from the North Halfmoon Creek Trailhead with 6.2 miles/3960 ft elevation gain.</p> <p><b>DAY 4:</b> Optional day to climb La Plata Pk, 14,336 ft, from the Lake Creek Trailhead, (10.0 mi/5000 ),or climb Mt Yale,14,196 ft, from the Denny Crk Trailhead, ( 7.0mi/4300 ). Either trip would require a short drive to trailhead and decision to climb will be up to group.</p> <p><b>DAY 5:</b> Return home stopping for breakfast in Buena Vistayeah!</p> <p>Early morning starts will be required due to long mileages/weather. Return home on Thursday, 9/16. Firewood will be appreciated, please let me know if you can bring.</p> <p><b>RSVP Michael Snyder 403-1042 <a href="mailto:comichael57@gmail.com">comichael57@gmail.com</a></b></p> <p><b>Co-leader: Clark Lagow 759-3325 <a href="mailto:clagow@rmi.net">clagow@rmi.net</a></b></p>	<p>Most Challenging</p> <p>6-9 miles/day 4,400/day</p>
<p>Mon Sept 15</p>	<p><b>Monday Durango Area Bike Ride From Home Depot.</b> See Jun 2 for details. <b>Contact: Helen Root <a href="mailto:helen@northandroot.com">helen@northandroot.com</a> 505-334-1568.</b></p>	
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<p><b>The Outings Committee members who put together this Outing Schedule are: Rich Butler, Olin Kane, Clark Lagow, Sherry Suenram, KT Howard and Bob Powell. They appreciate your suggestions, ideas,</b></p>		



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