

Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place	Outing Description Winter 2004-2005	Rating, Total Length & Elevation Gain
Tues. Nov 9 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Meeting Ctr. for SW Studies	SO! Meeting at the Center for Southwest Studies at FLC Come experience a virtual reality trek of the Lewis & Clark Expedition created by the eminent scholar, Andrew Gulliford, Director of the Center for SW Studies at Fort Lewis College.	Easy Drive to Fort Lewis College
Wed. Nov 10 9 am Animas City Park 9:30 am Albertson's Lot	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail Choose either Animas City Park to the Mall & back, or Albertson's to the Mall & back. Look for deer, bald eagles & kingfishers. RSVP: Susan Beck-Brown: 375-0948 for Animas City Park start, or RSVP: Joan Huntley: 385-7723 for Albertson's start	Easy + 10.5 miles Flat or Easy 5 miles flat
Friday, Nov. 12 9:00 am Santa Rita Park	Hike Raider's Ridge Loop Starting in Sky Ridge, we connect to the Power Line Trail before a short ascent to Raiders Ridge for the best, close-in views of Durango and the La Plata Mts. Ramble the ups and downs before descending (and hopefully connecting) to complete our loop. Limit: 15. No Dogs. RSVP Trish Pegram: 382-8248 Co-leader: Jan Goldman	Moderate 7 miles 900'
Sunday, Nov. 14 8:30 am Santa Rita 9 @ Mancos, 9:30 @Cortez Welcome Ct	Hike Cannonball Mesa West of Cortez and seven miles beyond Sand Creek Canyon, this hike on Cannonball Mesa offers dynamite views of the Ute Mt. and many ruins. Carpool cost \$7.00. Dogs Ok if friendly. RSVP Keith Hutcheson: 564-0427 Co-leader: Sherry Lombard 375-1820	Easy-Moderate 6-8 miles Min. El. Gain
Monday, Nov. 15 8 am Santa Rita Park 9 am Mustang Gas St Highway 371	Hike Bisti Badlands, NM Hike the Bisti Wilderness (elevation 6400') with its unique rock formations, petrified trees and NO WATER. Desolate but beautiful! Carpool cost \$8.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Ted Keller 382-0556	Easy 5 miles 300'
Wed. Nov 17	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail See Nov 10 for Details	Easy or Easy +
Thursday, Nov. 18 9:00 am Santa Rita Park 9:30 Mancos 112 Sunset Ave.	Off-the-Beaten-Trail Hike in Sand Canyon East Hike the Sand Canyon Trail 4 miles to cross the Canyon and visit the East Ruins and climb down to the bottom of Sand Canyon. Exit the Canyon to McElmo Rd. & back to Trail Head. Limit: 12. Carpool cost \$6.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757	Moderate 7 miles
Saturday, Nov. 20 9:00 am Santa Rita Park	Bushwhack to Carbon Peak, 7844' Starting from La Posta Rd. (6500') near the Animas Air Park turn-off, we hike at a slow pace to a beautiful overlook of the Animas La Plata Project. About 5 hours. Dogs OK. RSVP: Ted Keller 382-0556	Moderate 5 miles 1400'
Friday, Nov. 26 9:00 am Animas Mt. TH	Work Off the Turkey Walk Thanksgiving excess can be walked off by ascending as many feet as you choose. Eager beavers can go all the way in 2½ hours. TH is west of Main, up 32 nd St., then right on 4 th Av to the parking lot. RSVP: Caroline/Graham Murray 375-0454	Moderate <i>Unless you choose to ascend 1500'</i>
Friday, Nov. 26 9:30 am Base of "6-Pack" Lift	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort Gather at the Base of the "6-Pack" lift <i>every Monday and Friday</i> and enjoy the fun. All skiing abilities. No RSVP needed---just show up. The group usually meets at noon for lunch at Dante's on the mountain. Check newspaper or DMR to verify opening date..	You choose.
Tuesday, Nov. 30 9:00 am Santa Rita Park	Hike the Dry Fork Loop Start hike north of Lightner Creek and travel NW to the Colorado Trail, then east on the Trail to Gudy's Rest. From there it's downhill to the end of the Co. Trail at Junction Creek where cars will be spotted. Carpool cost \$1.00. Call about dogs. RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375-1693	Hard Hike for Moderate Hikers 10 ½ miles 1000'

Wed. December 1	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail See Nov 10 for Details	Easy or Easy +
Tuesday, Dec 7 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am DMR Overflow	Snowshoe Coal Bank Pass toward Spud Mountain. This is a gorgeous up and down hike following a ridge through the woods to a lunch spot with a view. Bushwhacking at 10,600'! 4-wheel drive convenient. Carpool cost \$3.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Randy Waslien 375-2747 Co-leader: Kristen Nielsen	Hard 4 miles up to 1000'
Wed. December 8	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail See Nov 10 for Details	Easy or Easy +
Sat. December 11 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am DMR Overflow	Snowshoe the Co Trail from Little Molas From Little Molas Lake we will take the Colorado Trail west to observe views of Purgatory, Animas Valley and Snowden Mountain area. Distance depends on snow depth. 4-wheel drive convenient. Limit: 12. Carpool cost \$4.00. No Dogs. RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375-1693	Moderate 4-6 miles 1000'
Tues. December 14 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner Rec Center	HOLIDAY POTLUCK Dust off your holiday recipes, practice your "fa-la-la-la's", and work up your appetites, 'tis the Season to be jolly with your SO! friends. Come early for Punch and stay late for seconds. Please bring a dish for 8 with serving utensil & your own table service. <i>A-F Salads G-M Main Dish N-R Desserts S- Z Main Dish</i>	Absolutely No Moderation Allowed!
Wed. December 15	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail See Nov 10 for Details	Easy or Easy +
Thurs. December 16 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am DMR Overflow	Snowshoe Andrews Lake Trail For the hardier group who want to hike up the trail (with some trail-breaking along the way) we'll trek about eight miles. There's an easy option to hike no more than 4 miles around the lake or traipse through the trees, with little elevation gain. Layer clothing and bring lunch & water. Limit: 20. Carpool cost \$4.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Missy Rodey 375-9442	Moderate + 7 -8 miles 400' or Easy Up to 4 miles Min. El. Gain
Sat. December 18 9:00 am Santa Rita Park 9:30 am Mancos	XC-Ski Chicken Creek This can be a 3 to a 9 mile cross-country ski, whatever the group wishes. If there's no snow, we could do a Sand Canyon hike to substitute. But if there is snow, Harry has some extra XC-Ski equipment to loan and lessons are also possible. Limit: 12. Carpool cost \$4.00. No dogs. RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757	Easy or Easy + 3 - 9 miles
Sat. December 18 9:00 am Location TBD Depends upon Snow!	Introduction to Snowshoeing 101 Dell will have different brands of snowshoes to try at some close-in, snowy location. For first-timers or those with limited experience, it's an easy way to practice without a set destination and still be back by noon! 4-wheel drive convenient. Poles optional; but bring water and a snack. Rent snowshoes from Pine Needle Mountaineering at a SO! discount. Carpool cost TBD. Dogs Ok if controlled, but RSVP for them. RSVP: Dell Manners 382-9967	Easy 2 - 3 miles 50'
Wed. December 22	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail See Nov 10 for Details	Easy or Easy +
Tues. January 4 9:00 am Animas City Park	XC-Ski Cascade Creek We will take a leisurely ski up the Cascade Creek Valley sometimes on the ice covered creek searching out pretty new scenes and ice crystals. Some experience expected and skinny-track skis not recommended. Limit: 10. Carpool cost \$2.00. No Dogs. RSVP: Travis Ward 247-1310	Moderate 6 miles Min. El Gain
Wed. January 5	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail See Nov 10 for Details	Easy or Easy +
Thurs. January 6 9:00 am Santa Rita Park	Hike Simon Canyon near Navajo Dam Hike to an early 19 th century look-out tower before scrambling down to a sandy wash that feeds into the San Juan River. Explore side canyon washes with interesting rock formations. Almost as picturesque as Utah. 4-wheel convenient. Limit 16. Carpool \$5.00. No dogs. RSVP: Jan Goldman 385-4724 Co-leader: Norm Goldman	Moderate 5 miles 500'

Sat. January 8 9:00 am Santa Rita Park	Hike Graveyard Canyon in McElmo (south of Cortez) Not as spooky as the name implies. We'll wander the mesas above Sand Canyon to view lesser known ruins and interesting side canyons. The perfect spot for a winter hike. Limit: 12. Carpool cost \$6.00. No Dogs. RSVP: Judy Lane 564-9086	Moderate 5 miles 300'
Sun. January 9 9:00 am Animas City Park	XC-Ski to Elk Park Ski from Silverton down the canyon to Elk Park and back. Ice climbers may have messed up the trail, but we'll hope not. Tea at Howard's afterward. 4-wheel drive convenient. Carpool cost: \$4.00. No Dogs. RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-0009 Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 8 miles 400'
Tues. January 10 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Meeting Rec Center	SO! Meeting with Joe Gigliotti, Computer Instructor, Repairman, and Guru. Joe Gigliotti will talk about "How to protect your computer and yourself." He'll cover Spyware, viruses, Delaware, and more. Don't miss this informative talk. .	
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Thurs. January 13 9:00 am Santa Rita Park 9:30 am Mancos	Hike Sand Canyon Hike the easy 5 mile loop or the longer East Rock Creek Loop (7 to 8 miles). If snow, we can switch to XC-Ski Chicken Creek, 3 to 9 miles as needed. Limit: 12. Carpool cost: \$6.00. Dogs OK on the hike. RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757	Easy 5 miles 300'--400' or Moderate 8 miles
Sat. January 15 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am DMR Overflow	Snowshoe Engineer Mountain Hike up from Coal Bank Pass through the woods to Engineer plateau for incredible views. John's hikes always come with options, surprises, and alternate routes---some may opt to bushwhack down! 4-wheel drive convenient. Carpool cost \$3.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: John Martin 247-2581	Hard 6 Miles 1100'
Sun. January 16	Spring Schedule Planning Meeting Without your input it can be difficult to compile a schedule. Now's your chance to participate...lead a hike; suggest a place you'd like to go (fast or slow); volunteer to lead an easy/slower paced hike. The Planning Committee has the ideas, we just need some leaders. Your Name	Your Choice
Tues. January 18 9:00 am Animas City Park	XC-Ski or Snowshoe Gladstone to Storm Peak Basin Ski or snowshoe from Gladstone mine up the county road to the bottom of Storm Peak. The ultimate in winter views. Various paces welcome. Have lunch on Biz's porch. 4-wheel drive convenient. Carpool cost \$6.00. No Dogs. RSVP: Betsy Petersen 259-5417 Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 5 miles 1000'
Wed. January 19	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail See Nov 10 for Details	Easy or Easy +
Thurs. January 20 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am DMR Overflow	Snowshoe Cascade Creek Follow the frozen creek through lovely woods and meadows with gorgeous views of mountains and ridges---maybe frozen waterfalls---a great photo op. 4-wheel drive convenient if 550 is snowy. Carpool cost \$2.00. Dogs OK---if well behaved! RSVP: Marilyn Swanson 247-1768	Moderate 6-8 miles 700'
Sat. January 22 5:30 pm Animas City Park 6:00 pm DMR Overflow	Moonlight Snowshoe & XC-Ski in the Molas Area Watch the nearly-full moon rise over the Gredniers, a breath-taking sight. Bring a snack and warm clothes. Cancelled if cloudy. 4-wheel drive convenient. Carpool cost \$4.00. Dogs OK RSVP: Bill Millener 259-8384 Co-leader: Travis Ward	Easy, Slow Pace Up to 3 miles Minimal El. Gain
Tues. January 25 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am DMR Overflow	Ski or Tele-Ski Molas Back Country Join Randy and Kristen for a day of fun on skis, looking for snowy slopes in the Molas area. 4-wheel drive convenient if 550 is bad. Carpool cost: \$4.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Kristen Nielsen 375-2747 Co-leader: Randy Waslien	Moderate or Your Choice Distance & El Gain Your Choice
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Thurs. January 27 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am DMR Overflow	<i>Snowshoe Purgatory Flats</i> Snowshoe down the Purgatory Trail (across from DMR) to the meadow along Cascade Creek for lunch. Beautiful scenery with a work-out on the climb back up. Carpool cost: \$2.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Randy Waslien 375-2747 Co-leader: Kristen Nielsen	Moderate + 4 miles 400'
Sat. January 29 10:00 am Animas City Park	<i>Animal Tracking on Snowshoes</i> Join Pat Dorsey (or another D.O.W. expert) on a search for lynx, snow shoe hare, and more. Learn to identify winter tracks and how animals survive in a winter habitat. 4-wheel drive convenient. Limit: 15. Carpool cost \$4.00. No Dogs. RSVP: Dave Rich 247-8044	Easy 2-3 miles Minimal El Gain
Sun. January 30 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am DMR Overflow	<i>Snowshoe Snowden Meadows</i> Join John for his annual snowshoe jaunt from Andrews Lake up to the meadows at the foot of Snowden Peak with a fabulous short canyon on the way. Always expect an adventure with John! 4-wheel drive convenient if 550 is snowy. Limit 15. Carpool cost \$4.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: John Martin 247-2581	Moderate 5-7 miles 700'
Tues. February 1 9:15 am @ Animas City Park, 10 am @ Andrews Lake Entrance	<i>Snowshoe Andrews Lake Area</i> Enjoy the beauty and views around Andrews Lake while taking a gentle stroll on snowshoes to a scenic lunch spot. Carpool cost \$4.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Liz Cahill 247-0160	Easy-Moderate 4 miles 500'
Wed. February 2	<i>Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail</i> <u>See Nov 10 for Details</u>	Easy or Easy +
Thurs. February 3 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am Needles Store-550	<i>Snowshoe Castle Rock</i> This annual favorite follows switchbacks and Elbert Creek to a cabin and meadow then climbs to Castle Rock where we eat lunch and enjoy spectacular mountain & valley views. Carpool cost \$2.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: John Montle 259-9469	Hard Hike for Moderate Hikers 4 miles 1500'
Sun. February 6 9:00 am Animas City park 9:30 am DMR Overflow	<i>Snowshoe to Spud Lake from Mill Creek</i> Becoming an annual favorite, this custom-designed snowshoe trail to Spud Lake involves some bushwhacking (what do you expect from John?) 4-wheel drive convenient if 550 is snowy. Carpool cost \$3.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: John Martin 247-2581	Moderate + 4 miles 1100'
Tues. February 8 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Meeting Rec Center	<i>SO! Meeting with Dr. John Withers, MD</i> Dr. Withers will discuss "Medical care in Durango: The Transitions". An important topic for all of us, even when we are in good health and "great shape".	
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Thurs. February 10 9:00 am Santa Rita Park	<i>XC-Ski & Snowshoe Beaver Meadows</i> Jim will lead a XC-Ski through Beaver Meadows 8 miles east of Bayfield. Snowshoe in a second group at a slower pace. Carpool cost \$4.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Jim Shadid 884-4612 <i>Need a co-leader to meet group at S.R.Park</i>	Moderate 5-6 miles Min. El. Gain
Sat. February 12 9:00 am Santa Rita Park 9:30 am Mancos, 112 Sunset	<i>Hike Ruin Canyon</i> Hike to ruins in Ruin Canyon. We'll bushwhack down the Canyon....not much trail hiking...to see several interesting sites. Limit: 12. Carpool cost \$8.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Harry Hance 533-9757	Moderate 5-6 miles 600'
Sun. February 13 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am DMR Overflow	<i>Snowshoe & XC-Ski Engineer Mt. Trail above Cascade, "Larkspur Lane"</i> Ski or snowshoe through woods & meadows until we want to stop (for lunch?) Then ski or snowshoe down the slopes & meadows. Should be good for snowshoe "plunging". 4-wheel drive convenient. Carpool: \$3.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Kristen Nielsen 375-2747 Co-leader: Randy Waslien	Moderate Up to 4 miles Up to 1000'
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Wed February 16 to Fri. February 18 9:30 am 2/16 Rec Center Lot	Mountain Belle Hut near Red Mt. Pass Back by popular demand! Backpacking is required to reach the hut either with snowshoes or skis (with skins). The rest of the time is yours to enjoy the snow, a book, or just the view. The hut has electricity, stove, mattresses, & best of all, an indoor toilet. Cooking will be set up in groups. Stay one or two night, but be out on Friday the 16 th . Cost is \$19/night. 4-wheel drive convenient. Limit: 8/night. Carpool cost \$6.00. No Dogs. RSVP: John Martin 247-2581	Moderate 1 mile 800'
Sat. February 19 8:30 am Animas City Park	SC-Ski Red Mountain to Ironton Ski from Red Mountain down railroad grade to Ironton. We'll spot cars to shuttle. All down hill on unbroken snow unless Dottie breaks trail earlier. Tea at Howard's afterward. 4-wheel drive convenient. Carpool cost \$6.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-0009 Co-leader Howard Drake	Moderate 4 miles -1500'
Mon February 21 To Fri. February 25 DMR	Downhill Ski DMR, Snowmasters Classic Session A 5-day skiing and social event for those skiers 50+ from all over the US. Package A includes daily continental breakfasts and 2 wine & cheese parties. Package B also includes 3 half-day ski lessons. Get a brochure in advance by calling Matt at DMR, or register at 8 am, Feb. 21, 3 rd Floor, Double Diamond Room RSVP: Matt at DMR 385-2149 Contact: Dell Manners 382-9967	All Levels
Tues. February 22 10:00 am Animas City Park 10:30 @ Haviland	Snowshoe Haviland Lake Join Judy and Ed for a snowshoe "clomp" in the Haviland Lake area. . Carpool cost \$2.00. Dogs OK. RSVP: Judy Rosenthal 385-4754 Co-leader: Ed Rosenthal	Easy + 4 miles Min. El. Gain
Wed. February 23	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail See Nov 10 for Details	Easy or Easy +
Wed. February 23 5:00 pm Animas City Park	Full Moon Snowshoe & XC-Ski at Molas Pass Ski, snowshoe, and/or eat on Molas waiting for the moonrise. Check to see if it's clear in Silverton even if it's cloudy in Durango. 4-wheel drive convenient. Carpool: \$4.00. No Dogs. RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-0009 Leader: Howard Drake	Easy Distance—up to You Min. El. Gain
Heads Up for Future Events		
Thurs. & Friday, March 3 & 4	Downhill Ski Telluride, Stay in Rico Take advantage of the ski package offered by the Rico Hotel: breakfast/hot-tub/free shuttle to Telluride/41% off lift tickets/room rate \$42.50/person plus \$20 extra person. Check out www.ricohotel.com for ski package details and make your own reservations. Create your own winter triathlon by staying for the weekend and snowshoeing and xc-skiing. Carpool cost \$10.00. Dogs OK but call first. RSVP: Dell Manners 382-9967 Make reservations ASAP	Your Choice!
Sat. &/or Sunday March 5 & 6	Snowshoe & X-C Ski Rico/Lizard Head Area Come either day or stay overnight at the famous Rico Hotel. Saturday we'll trek the Ryman Creek Trails south of Rico. X-C ski or SS up the picturesque trail for 2 miles or ascend the hill on snowshoes and traverse the pine covered plateau before bushwhacking down to the creek trail for the meander back to the car. On Sunday you can play on your X-C skis on the gentle hills & meadows below Lizard Head, or explore on snowshoes to the base of Lizard Head. Stay at the Rico Hotel (such fun!) 1-800-365-1971 or www.ricohotel.com . Carpool cost \$10.00. Dogs OK but call first. RSVP is essential by February 14! RSVP: Dell Manners 382-9967 Co-leader: John Martin 385-5515	Easy 4 miles 30' or Hard 6 miles 1800'

The Outings Committee members who put together this Outing Schedule are: Jan Goldman, Betsy Petersen, Connie Webbe, Trish Pegram, Sharron Chambers, Pat Hayes, and Caroline & Graham Murray. They appreciate your suggestions, ideas, willingness to help with and lead outings, enthusiasm while on outings, and natural leadership skills that show up when needed.

The Outing Schedule is formatted & typed by Sharron Chambers (who will rigorously deny this fact when mistakes are found).

