

Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place	<b>Outing Description</b>  WINTER 2006-2007	Rating, Total Length & Elevation Gain
Tues, Dec 12 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Pot Luck Rec Center	<b>S.O.! General Meeting &amp; Pot Luck</b> Begin the holiday season with your SO! friends. Put bells on your toes & hike to the Rec Center with your favorite holiday dish. Make enough for 8 and also bring your own table service. <b>A-F Salad      G-M Main Dish      N-R Dessert      S-Z Main Dish</b>	
Wed, Dec 13 9:30 am Albertsons (SW corner of lot)	<b>Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail.</b> Every Wednesday through the winter join Joan to walk the River Trail from Albertson's to Durango Mall and back. Enjoy wildlife, river views and companions. No RSVP required. Dogs OK. <b>For Info, call Joan Huntley at 385-7723</b>	Easy Flat
	<b>Christmas Bird Counts</b> Members interested in participating in the Christmas bird counts in Durango and/or Silverton in late December or early January, contact <b>Jim Beatty 385-0184</b> for details.	
Fri, Dec 15 9:30 am Base of 6-Pack	<b>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort.</b> Join the group every Monday and Friday through the ski season. All abilities welcome. Find a compatible skier, greens to blacks. No RSVP needed – just show up at the base of Lift 1 (6-Pack).	
Sat, Dec 16 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 am Tamarron	<b>Spud Lake from Mill Creek.</b> Follow (or create) a custom designed trail from Hwy 550 to Spud Lake including some bushwhacking (a Martin trademark). This hike is rapidly becoming a club favorite. Carpool \$3. Dogs OK. 4WD convenient.  <b>Leader: John Martin 247-2581.</b>	Moderate 4 miles 1,100'
Mon, Dec 18 9:30 am Base of 6-Pack	<b>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort.</b> Every Monday and Friday See Fri, Dec 15th	
Wed, Dec 20	<b>Wednesday Wanderers.</b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Thur, Dec 21 8:00 am Animas City Park 8:20 Tamarron	<b>Birding ( and Snowshoeing) with Beatty</b> Bird finding hike. Drive to Silverton and search for Rosy-finches at town feeders. Drive to Silverton Mountain ski area and search for White-tailed Ptarmigan along the road. Pine Grosbeaks, Red Crossbills and Gray Jays are possible. If snow conditions permit, we may Snowshoe at either Andrews, Molas, or Little Molas Lakes in search of ptarmigan. Participants limited to 8. Must be SO! members. Dogs and cats OK <i>if they wear snowshoes</i> . Carpool cost: \$7 Bring binoculars, field guides, lunch and warm clothing in layers. <b>RSVP: Jim Beatty at 385-0184</b>	Easy to difficult depending on weather and snow conditions.
Wed, Dec 27	<b>Wednesday Wanderers.</b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Sun, Dec 31 8:30 pm in Silverton	<b>New Year's Eve Dance in Silverton at the Grand Imperial Hotel</b> Band: "2 Little O <sub>2</sub> " (too little oxygen). Join the celebration! Dinner and room reservations: 387-5527 <b>Leader: Dell Manners 382-9967</b>	
Wed, Jan 3	<b>Wednesday Wanderers.</b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Wed, Jan 3 9:30-9:30 am Cascade Parking area	<b>Cascade Creek XC-Ski</b> We'll take a leisurely ski up Cascade Creek Valley; sometimes on the ice-covered creek, searching out pretty snow scenes and ice crystals. Some experience required; skinny track skis not recommended. Limited to 10 participants. Carpool cost: \$3. No dogs. <b>RSVP: Travis Ward 247-1310</b>	Moderate+ 6 miles 400'
Fri, Jan 5 6:30 pm Santa Rita Park 7:00 pm at Betty's	<b>Moon Light Snowshoe</b> from Betty's house (bordering Lake Durango, west of town) to view the lake under a full moon. Return to Betty's house for hot chocolate. Limit 10 participants. Carpool: \$1. No dogs. 4WD may be necessary <b>RSVP: Betty Kilpatrick 247-5175</b>	Easy+ 2-3 miles min elev.

Sun, Jan 7 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 Tamarron	<b><i>XC Ski to Elk Park.</i></b> Ski from Silverton down the canyon to Elk Park and return. Ice climbers may have messed up the trail but we hope not. Tea at Howard's after. Early turn-backs OK. No dogs. Carpool \$7. 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy. <b>Leader: Howard Drake. RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-0009</b>	Moderate to Hard 8 miles 400'
Tues, Jan 9 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Meeting Rec Center	<b><i>SO! General Meeting</i></b> Are you sticking to your New Year's resolutions? Dick Shappell, our speaker, will give us the benefits of proper diet and exercise. Dick has a doctorate degree in exercise science and is Professor Emeritus of Oxford College of Emory University. He will follow his talk with a question/answer session.	Not to be missed. See You at the Senior Center
Tues, Jan 9 8:00 am Santa Rita Park	<b><i>Bird Finding Hike.</i></b> Drive to Montezuma County to look for waterfowl, gulls and raptors. Areas covered will be Totten, McPhee and Narraguinnep reservoirs. Participation limited to 8, must be SO! members. Bring binoculars, field guides, lunch and warm clothing in layers. Carpool: \$10. No dogs or cats. <b>RSVP: Jim Beatty 385-0184</b>	Easy +
Wed, Jan 10	<b><i>Wednesday Wanderers.</i></b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Thurs, Jan 11 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am Needles Store (parking area to the south)	<b><i>Castle Rock Snowshoe/Hike.</i></b> This popular hike follows switchbacks and Elbert Creek to a cabin and meadow, then climbs to Castle Rock (lunch spot) for beautiful mountain and valley views. Carpool: \$3. Dogs OK. 4WD convenient if Hwy 550 is snowy. <b>Leader: Clark Lagow 259-9337</b>	Moderate + 4 miles 1500'
Sat, Jan 13 9:00 am Animas City Park	<b><i>Saturday Snowshoe with John.</i></b> Specific details for these Saturday show shoe hikes (destination, description, miles and elevation, 4WD, carpool cost, etc) will be e-mailed about two days ahead! Turn backs with a partner may be permitted. Dogs OK. <b>Leader: John Martin 247-2581</b>	Easy to moderate -
Mon, Jan 15 9 am Santa Rita Park	<b><i>XC-Ski Chicken Creek or (if no snow) Surprise Hike Sand Canyon.</i></b> If there is snow in the La Platas, we'll XC-ski Chicken Creek for 3-9 miles. But if no snow, we'll head to Sand Canyon for miles of back country exploring with loads of pot shards. Carpool: tbd. 4WD tbd. No dogs. <b>Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757</b>	
Tues, Jan 16 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 Tamarron	<b><i>Silverton Snowshoe Race Trail.</i></b> Start at Kendall Mt. ski area and snowshoe along race trail. The trail is for a 5 K or 10 K race. We can go to Arastra Gulch or up the mountain trail and loop back to the trail head. The up the mt. loop is the 10 K trail. To Arastra Gulch is extending the 5 K trail but is a flatter trail. Racers try to run the 5 K trail in one hour or less. Carpool: \$7. No dogs. <b>Leader: Howard Drake RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-0009</b>	Easy to Moderate 8-10K min elev.
Wed, Jan 17	<b><i>Wednesday Wanderers.</i></b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Thur, Jan 18 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 am Tamarron	<b><i>Snowshoe Crater Lake Trail.</i></b> Snowshoe above Andrews Lake to the plateau for awesome views and lunch before the trek down. Carpool: \$6. No dogs. 4WD if Hwy 500 is snowy. <b>Leader: Betty Kilpatrick 247-5175</b>	Moderate 4-5 miles 500'
Sat, Jan 20 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 am Tamarron	<b><i>Snowshoe the CO Trail from Little Molas.</i></b> From Little Molas Lake we will take the CO Trail west for views of Purgatory, Animas Valley and Snowden Mt. area. Distance depends on snow depth. Limit 10 participants. Carpool: \$6. 4WD convenient. No dogs. <b>RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375-1693.</b>	Moderate + 4-6 miles 1000'
Sun, Jan 21 8:30 am Animas City Park 8:50 am Tamarron	<b><i>XC-Ski Red Mountain.</i></b> Drive to Red Mt. Pass, ski up to and over saddle by Red Mt. and down to Larkmine Road ending at the Silverton Mt. parking area. Car shuttle necessary. Adventurous for moderate skiers. Skins may be needed if road is icy. Carpool: \$9. No dogs. 4WD convenient. <b>Leader: Howard Drake RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-0009</b>	

Tues, Jan 23 9:00 am Fire Station #5 9:15 am Trailhead	<b><i>Snowshoe First Fork of Red Creek.</i></b> This outing is ideal for beginners (early turn back) to experts (Missionary Ridge, exhaustion). Of course, snowshoeing is dependent on adequate snow fall. Limit 12 participants. 4WD convenient. Call about dogs. Fire Station # 5 is on Florida Rd just past Edgemont Ranch at the junction of CR 234 <b>RSVP: Brooks Taylor 382-0165 or e-mail <a href="mailto:urangofolks@frontier.net">urangofolks@frontier.net</a></b>	Easy to hard 7 miles max 1900' max
Wed, Jan 24	<b><i>Wednesday Wanderers.</i></b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Thur, Jan 25 9:00 am Santa Rita Park 10:00 am Bottom of Beaver Meadow Rd	<b><i>XC-Ski Beaver Meadows.</i></b> Join Jim at this lovely meadow 8 miles east of Bayfield for a moderate XC adventure. Limit 10 participants. Carpool: \$6. Dogs OK. 4WD necessary. <b>RSVP: Jim Shadid 884-4612</b>	Moderate 5-6 miles min elev
Sun, Jan 28 9:00 am	<b><i>Snowshoe with John</i></b> See Sat, Jan 13. <b>Leader: John Martin 247-2581</b>	Easy to moderate -
Tues, Jan 30 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 am Tamarron	<b><i>XC-Ski to the benches above Little Molas Lake.</i></b> Ski up to the benches, have lunch and then ski down. 4WD (if necessary). Carpool: \$6. No dogs. <b>Leader: Betty Kilpatrick 247-5175</b>	Moderate 4-5 miles 500'-1000'
Wed, Jan 31	<b><i>Wednesday Wanderers.</i></b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Wed, Jan 31 9:30 am tbd	<b><i>XC-Ski Workshop for New XC Skiers.</i></b> Clinic for new skiers or those wanting to brush up on skills. Mary Handrick, an experienced teacher, will introduce (or re-introduce) you to cross country in an area suitable for both beginning and returning skiers. "Back Country Experience" offers a discount rental package for those SO! members without equipment. No dogs. <b>RSVP: Mary Handrick 382-8765</b>	Easy +
Thurs, Feb 1 9 am Animas City Park 9:20 am Tamarron	<b><i>Molas Area Snowshoe</i></b> Join Norm for a day of fun in the Molas area with great views and scenery and a surprise destination (depending upon Norm's frame of mind) Dogs OK. 4WD convenient if Hwy 550 is snowy. <b>Leader: Norm Stern 385-8554</b>	Moderate + 5-7 miles up to 1000'
Sun, Feb 4 12:30 pm Timberline Academy	<b><i>Snowdown ULLR Ski Race.</i></b> Teams of 4 on 10' long skis made from 2 X 4's will race (or stumble) to the finish line. Call Dell and sign up for the team event of the year. Carpool on your own. No Dogs. <b>RSVP: Dell Manners 382-9967</b>	Easy Fun & Challenging
Sun, Feb 4 8:30am Animas City Park 8:50 am Tamarron	<b><i>XC-Ski Red Mt. to Ironton</i></b> Ski from Red Mt. down the railroad grade to Ironton. We'll spot cars to shuttle. All downhill on unbroken snow. Tea at Howard's after. Carpool: \$9. No dogs. <b>Leader: Howard Drake</b> <b>RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-0009</b>	Moderate 4 miles -1500'
Wed, Feb 7	<b><i>Wednesday Wanderers.</i></b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Thur, Feb 8 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 am Tamarron	<b><i>Snowshoe the High Country.</i></b> Trish will lead a wander through the woods west of Hwy 550 beyond Molas Lake towards Silverton. There will be views, hopefully fresh powder and stops for oxygen. Carpool cost: \$6. Dogs OK. 4WD convenient if Hwy 550 is snowy. <b>Leader: Trish Pegram 382-8248</b>	Easy + 3-4 miles Min elev
Sat, Feb 10 9:00 am	<b><i>Snowshoe with John</i></b> See Sat, Jan 13. <b>Leader: John Martin 247-2581</b>	Easy to moderate -

Thurs, Feb 13 6:30 pm - Social 7 pm - Meeting Rec Center	<b>SO! General Meeting</b> “Photographing Rock Art” by John Ninnemann, Dean of Natural and Behavioral Sciences at Fort Lewis College. We are fortunate to live in a place rich with history and very accessible remnants of the past cultures that once flourished here. Among these “artifacts” are wonderful artistic works chipped into or painted onto the canyon walls. In addition to enjoying the artistry, this “rock art” has much to teach us about the people who once lived in the Four Corners area. As a photographer, John will discuss the process of recording images of these treasures and discuss some hopefully helpful tips. We will then see some examples and try to place the images in the context of the cultures that produced them	
Wed, Feb 14	<b>Wednesday Wanderers.</b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Thurs, Feb 15 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 am Tamarron	<b>Snowshoeing the Haviland Lake Area.</b> Come join us for a lovely snowshoe hike in the Haviland Lake area, to be determined by the leader. Carpool: \$3. Dogs OK <b>Leader: Gordon Greve 382-8097</b>	Moderate 3-5 miles 100’-300’
Fri, Sat, Sun Feb 16, 17, 18	<b>Silverton Snow Scape.</b> (Kendall Mt. ski area, east of town) Sat – snowshoe race and XC-skiing. Sat night – Dance at Grand Imperial Hotel. Sun – XC-ski race <b>Info</b> – Contact the Silverton Chamber of Commerce at 387-5654 or <a href="http://WWW.SILVERTONCOLORADO.ORG">WWW.SILVERTONCOLORADO.ORG</a> for exact times, fees and places.	
Sat, Feb 17	<b>Valentines Dinner/Dance in Silverton at the Grand Imperial Hotel.</b> Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 pm; Dance 8:30 - ? Dinner \$18 per person; rooms \$40. For reservations call 387-5527. <b>RSVP: Roger Dunbar 375-7676 Co-Leader: Dell Manners 382-9967</b>	
Sat, Feb 17 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 am Tamarron	<b>Annual Engineer Mt. Snowshoe.</b> From Coal Bank Pass, hike the trail (if we find it) through the woods to Engineer Plateau for incredible views. Return via the trail (moderate) or take the optional route down – bushwhack and plunge down into Coal Creek (hard). Carpool: \$5. Dogs OK. 4WD convenient if Hwy 550 is snowy. <b>Leader: John Martin 247-2581</b>	Moderate with hard option 6 miles 1100’
Sun, Feb 18 2:00 pm	<b>Outings Committee Meeting.</b> Plan the spring schedule, March 13 through mid-June. Encompasses late show outings and early hikes. We enjoy early outings in New Mexico and southern Colorado and Utah. If you’d like to lead a venture, contact any one on the Outings Committee: <b>Outings chair, Sharron Chambers 259-9271, lightenerload@earthlink.net, or Coordinator, Wally Schmidt 385-1804, nojunkmail@durango.net</b>	
Tue, Feb 20 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 am Tamarron	<b>XC-Ski at Gladstone, north of Silverton.</b> Start at Gladstone mine and ski up the road past Biz’s cabin to lake at bottom of Storm Peak. If the ski area people have the road closed, we can ski up behind the mine to Ben Barn’s cabin. The roads can be snow shoed also. Limit 15 participants. Carpool: \$8. No dogs. 4WD necessary. <b>Leader: Howard Drake RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-0009</b>	Moderate to hard 4 miles 500’
Wed, Feb 21	<b>Wednesday Wanderers.</b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Thurs, Feb 22 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 am Tamarron	<b>Snowshoeing Andrews Lake Ridge.</b> We’ll snowshoe to Andrews Lake and the low ridges beyond into a winter wonderland. Some breaking of trail possible. Layer clothing and bring poles (optional), water and lunch. Limit 15 participants. Carpool: \$6. No dogs. 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy. <b>RSVP: Missy Rodey 375-9442</b>	Moderate + 6-7 miles 500’
Sat, Feb 24 9:00 am	<b>Snowshoe with John</b> See Sat, Jan 13. <b>Leader: John Martin 247-2581</b>	Easy to moderate -
Mon-Wed Feb 26-28 9:00 am Santa Rita Park	<b>Escape the Cold and Snow at Arches National Park.</b> Car camp and hike Arches National Park, UT. Camping in park in group area or stay in motel in Moab. Drive over Monday. Hike that afternoon and Tuesday. Return Wednesday. <b>Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566</b>	Moderate
Wed, Feb 28	<b>Wednesday Wanderers.</b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy

Fri, Mar 2 9:00 am Fire Station #5 9:30 am Trailhead	<b>XC-Ski Vallecito Lake East.</b> Ski at your own pace along the eastern shore of Vallecito Lake. Mostly groomed two-track. Donation for trail grooming suggested. Limited to 15 participants. Carpool: \$3. No Dogs. 4WD convenient. Fire Station # 5 is on Florida Rd just past Edgemont Ranch at the junction of CR 234 <b>RSVP: Brooks Taylor 382-0165 or <a href="mailto:durangofolks@frontier.net">durangofolks@frontier.net</a></b>	Easy 4 miles min elev
Tues, Mar 6 9:00 am Animas City Park	<b>Snowshoe the Pioneer Trail near Edgemont.</b> This new close-to-town trail accesses Missionary Ridge but we'll only trek up the trail for a mile or so and return. Carpool: \$1. No dogs. <b>Leader: Dell Manners 382-9967</b>	Easy + 2.5 miles 500'
Wed, Mar 7	<b>Wednesday Wanderers.</b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Sun, Mar 11 9:30 am Animas City Park 9:45 am Fire Station #5	<b>XC-Ski Vallecito Lake with Jan.</b> The Sunday ski along the eastern shore of the lake will be on groomed trails. A donation for trail grooming is suggested. Ski at your own pace. Carpool: \$3. Dogs OK. 4WD convenient Fire Station # 5 is on Florida Rd just past Edgemont Ranch at the junction of CR 234 <b>Leader: Jan Collins 382-0211</b>	Easy + 4-8 miles min elev
Tue, Mar 13 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Meeting Rec Center	<b>SO! General Meeting/Pot Luck</b> Celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Bring your favorite Irish dish (no green beer) to the Pot-Luck. You can get ideas by googleing "Irish recipes" on the Internet if you need help. Bring a dish for 8, a serving utensil and your own table service. <b>A-F Salad      G-M Main Dish      N-R Dessert      S-Z Main Dish</b>	
Wed, Mar 14	<b>Wednesday Wanderers.</b> See Wednesday, Dec 13 for details.	Easy
Wed, Mar 14 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:20 am Tamarron	<b>Snowshoe up the Beautiful Cascade Creek Valley.</b> We'll meander beside or on Cascade Creek, a favorite for snow and ice scenes so you might bring your camera. Carpool: \$3. No dogs. 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy. <b>Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566</b>	Moderate + 5-6 miles 400'
Tues, Mar 20 8:00 am Santa Rita Park	<b>Bird Finding Hike.</b> Drive to Navajo Reservoir and Watchable Wildlife area on the Piedra River. Look for waterfowl, gulls and migrating land birds. Continue on to lakes around Pagosa Springs to search for gulls and waterfowl. Limit 8 participants (SO! members only). Carpool: \$12. No dogs or cats. <b>RSVP: Jim Beatty 385-0184</b>	Easy + (uneven terrain)
	<b>CHECK YOUR E-MAIL FOR E-OUTINGS</b>  "Last Minute Outings" may be added to complement our printed schedule via e-mail, so check them out. Leaders will follow the same guidelines and safety precautions (radios, first-aid kits, etc.) as regularly scheduled outings. If you know members who do not have e-mail, please pass along the info about the outings to them. And if you'd like to lead an outing but didn't get it into the schedule in time for printing, contact the Outings Chair, Sharron Chambers, 259-9271, <a href="mailto:lightenerload@earthlink.net">lightenerload@earthlink.net</a> , or the E-Mail Coordinator, Brooks Taylor, 382-0165, <a href="mailto:durangofolk@frontier.net">durangofolk@frontier.net</a> , with all the information, and then arrange (with the preceding and following trip leaders on the schedule) to pick up and drop off the trip bag. For those of you who have hectic schedules and cannot commit to lead a few months in advance, or for a fill-in outing when others must be cancelled, it's not too late to lead at the last minute.	

The Outings Committee members who put together this Outing Schedule are: Sharron Chambers, Betsy Petersen, Connie Webbe, Clark Lagow, Dan Honig, Graham Murray, and Ed Osterman. 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.

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