

Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Outing Descriptions</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">WINTER 2007- 2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Click here for printer-friendly version of this Outings Schedule.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Click here for outings logistics, rules, meeting places, and difficulty ratings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E-mail schedule changes and updates to: mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Participation in Seniors Outdoors! activities by non-members is limited to two outings per year. Visitors who wish to actively participate are expected to join Seniors Outdoors!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outing schedule changes and trip updates are in red.</p>	Rating, Total Length & Elevation Gain
Wed Dec 5 9:30 am Albertsons (SW corner of lot)	<p>Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. 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.</p> <p>For Info, call Joan Huntley at 385-7723 joane@frontier.net</p>	Easy Flat 5 miles
Thur Dec 6 9:30 am Albertsons (SW corner of lot)	<p>Thursday Explorer Hike. This hike will be moderate and tailored to match the day's weather and the group's ability and desire. Plan to return to Albertsons between 3 and 4 p.m. Hike will be led by Ted Keller at 382-0556 at phonefirst@sisna.com. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Just be on time.</p>	Moderate
Fri Dec. 7 9:30 am DMR Bottom of Lift 1	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. Join the group every Monday and Friday through the ski season (snow permitting). All abilities - find a compatible skier. The group usually meets at noon for lunch at Dante's on the mountain. No RSVP needed - just show up.</p>	
Sat. Dec 8 9AM Animas City Park 9:30 AM Tamarron	<p>Snowshoe Snowden Meadows. Join John's annual snowshoe jaunt from Andrews Lake area up to the meadows at the foot of Snowden Peak, with a lovely short scenic canyon along the way. Beautiful, rewarding hike and John always provides surprises and adventures! 4WD conv. Limit 15. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK</p> <p>RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net</p>	Moderate 5-7 miles 700'
Mon Dec. 10 9:30 am DMR Bottom of Lift 1	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. Join the group every Monday and Friday through the ski season (snow permitting). All abilities - find a compatible skier. The group usually meets at noon for lunch at Dante's on the mountain. No RSVP needed - just show up.</p>	
Tues Dec 11 6:30 p.m. Social. 7:00 Dinner	<p style="text-align: center;">SO! General Meeting and Holiday Pot Luck</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bring your own table service and a dish for 8 with a serving utensil A-F Salads G-M Main Dish N-R Desserts S-Z Main Dish</p>	
Wed Dec 12 9:30 am Albertsons (SW corner of lot)	<p>Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. 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.</p> <p>For Info, call Joan Huntley at 385-7723 joane@frontier.net</p>	Easy Flat 5 miles
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Fri Dec 14	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details.</p>	
Sat Dec 15 8:30 pm Silverton	<p>Dinner and Dance at The Imperial Hotel in Silverton. Annual dinner and dance at the old Imperial Hotel in Silverton. Reservations: 387-5527. Dance is at 8:30 pm.</p> <p>Leader: Dell Manners 259-7721 dmanners@sisna.com</p>	
Mon Dec 17	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details.</p>	

Mon Dec 17 9 am Santa Rita Park 9:30 am Harry's in Mancos	XC-Ski Chicken Creek or (if no snow) Surprise Hike Sand Canyon. 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 sherds. Carpool \$6. 4WD tbd. No dogs. Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net	Easy to moderate
Tue Dec 18 8:30 am Animas City Park 9:00 am Tamarron	Snowshoe and XC Ski-Gladstone to Storm Peak Basin. Ski with Howard or Snowshoe with Betsy from Gladstone mine north of Silverton up the county road into beautiful Storm Peak Basin surrounded by majestic peaks. Glorious views. OK for slower hikers/skiers to go at their own pace as far as they wish. Carpool \$10. No dogs. RSVP to Betsy Petersen, Phone # 259-5417 or betsyp@frontier.net	Moderate to hard Elev gain 1000' (most above 11000')
Wed Dec 19	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Fri Dec 21	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Mon Dec 24	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Wed Dec 26	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Fri Dec 28	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Mon Dec 31	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Wed Jan 2	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Fri Jan 4 9:00-9:30 am Cascade Parking area	Cascade Creek XC-Ski 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: \$4. No dogs. RSVP: Travis Ward 247-1310 tlward@frontier.net	Moderate+ 6 miles 400'
Fri Jan 4	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Sat Jan 5 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am Tamarron	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). Back by popular demand! Specific details for these Saturday snowshoe hikes (destination, description, 4WD, etc) will be e-mailed about two days in advance. Turn backs with a partner may be permitted. Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net	Moderate mostly but a few hard
Sun Jan 6 change to Sat Jan 12	XC-Skiing at Silverton. Change from Sunday, Jan 6 th to Saturday, Jan 12 th . RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-9967 bcwebbe@aol.com Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate
Mon Jan 7 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 Tamarron	Snowshoe Coal Creek Trail. Snowshoe up Coal Creek Trail to just above tree line for awesome views from the meadow North of Engineer Mountain. Plunging downhill into Deer Creek is a possibility. Carpool: \$6. 4WD convenient. Dogs OK RSVP Jim O'Brien 375-1693 jimbrien2@webtv.net	Hard 5 miles 1500'
Mon Jan 7	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Tues Jan 8 6:30 p.m. Social. Rec. Center	SO! General Meeting Nutrition for Active Seniors – What do our bodies need in order to perform at optimal level as we age and change? Presented by Myra Miller RD, MA, CDE, registered dietician and certified diabetes educator at Mercy Regional Medical Center.	
Wed Jan 9	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Fri Jan 11 9:00 am Santa Rita Park 9:30 am Harry's in Mancos	XC-Ski Chicken Creek or (if no snow) Surprise Hike Sand Canyon. 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 backcountry exploring with loads of pot sherds. Carpool \$6. 4WD maybe. No dogs. Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net	Easy to moderate
Fri Jan 11	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Sat Jan 12	Saturday Snowshoe with John. See Jan 5 for details. jmartin@mydurango.net	

Sat Jan 12 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 Tamarron	XC-Skiing at Silverton. Ski from Silverton along the Animas River to Elk Park. Trail may have ruts from off-road vehicles. Return same way with refreshments at Howard's. Some avalanche danger. 4WD convenient. Carpool: \$7. No dogs. Note change of date from Sunday, January 6th. RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-9967 bcwebbe@aol.com Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 8 miles 400'
Mon Jan 14	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Wed Jan 16	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Fri Jan 18	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Fri Jan 18 9:00 am Santa Rita Park	XC-Ski Chimney Rock. We'll ski from the parking area to the Chimney Rock Archaeological site (near Pagosa Springs). Carpool: \$8. No dogs RSVP: Lyle Hancock 764-4531 lylehancock@bresnan.net	Moderate 6 miles 1000'
Sat Jan 19	Saturday Snowshoe with John. See Jan 5 for details. jmartin@mydurango.net	
Mon Jan 21	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Cancelled Mon Jan 21 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am Tamarron	Snowshoe up the beautiful Cascade Creek Valley. The Cascade Creek Snowshoe scheduled for Jan 21 is cancelled due to injury of the trip leader. We'll meander beside or on Cascade Creek, a favorite for snow and ice scenes. Bring your cameras. Carpool: \$4. No dogs. RSVP: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate 5-6 miles 400'
Wed Jan 23 8:00 am Animas City Park 8:30 am Cascade curve	XC-Ski Cascade Creek Frozen Waterfall. We will take a long (6 miles) xc-ski trip up Cascade Creek to lunch by a frozen waterfall. We will probably take turns breaking trail most of the way. Solitude Guaranteed! No dogs. Limit 8 RSVP: Travis Ward 247-1310 tlward@frontier.net	Hard 12 miles 1000'
Wed Jan 23	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Thur Jan 24 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30am Needles Store	Castle Rock Snowshoe/Hike. This popular hike follows switchbacks and Elbert Creek to a cabin and meadow, then climbs to Castle Rock (lunch spot) for a beautiful mountain and valley views. Carpool: \$4 Dogs OK. 4WD convenient if Hwy 550 is snowy Leader: Clark Lagow 259-9337 clagow@rmi.net	Moderate- 4 miles 1500'
Fri Jan 25	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Sat Jan 26	Saturday Snowshoe with John. See Jan 5 for details. jmartin@mydurango.net	
Mon Jan 28	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Tue Jan 29 12:30 pm Santa Rita Park 12:45 Redding's	Snowshoe and Hot Chocolate. From the Redding's home on Lightner Creek Road, we'll trek up a fairly steep hill to explore a level area and then return for hot drinks. Carpool: \$1. No dogs. Limit 15 RSVP: Ann or Steve Redding 247-3451 ann@up-the-creek-in-durango.com	Moderate Rolling terrain 900'
Wed Jan 30	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Fri Feb 1	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Sat Feb 2	Saturday Snowshoe with John. See Jan 5 for details. jmartin@mydurango.net	
Sun Feb 3 Cancelled Timberline Academy	Snowdown ULLR Ski Race. CANCELLED- due to too much snow. Teams of four 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. RSVP: Dell Manners 259-7721 dell.manners@gmail.com	Easy Fun Challenging
Rescheduled Sun. March 2 8:30 am Animas City Park	XC-Ski Red Mountain to Ironton. Rescheduled XC-Ski from Red Mountain Pass down an old railroad grade to Ironton. Cars will be spotted for shuttle back up the mountain. All downhill on unbroken snow. Refreshments at Howard's after. Carpool: \$9. 4WD nice. No dogs Rescheduled RSVP: Co-Leader: Connie Webbe 382-0009 bcwebbe@aol.com Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 4 miles -1500'
Tues Feb 5 9:00 am Animas City Park	Snowshoe at Little Molas Lake. Start at Little Molas turnoff and snowshoe along road to intersection of Colorado Trail and proceed to ridge along the Colorado Trail. Great winter views of Purgatory, Twilights and Snowdon Mountain. Distance will depend on snow levels. Carpool: \$6. Dogs OK. 4WD nice. Limit 12 RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375-1693 jimbrien2@webtv.net	Hard 5-6 miles 1000' max
Wed Feb 6	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Thursday Feb 7	XC-Ski Andrews Lake to Lime Creek Road. This is a gentle, mostly downhill	Moderate

9:00 am Animas City Park 9:45 am Andrews Lake	cross-country outing through fairly open terrain. Some turns are possible but not necessary. Not for beginners however. No turn backs. Carpool: \$6. Sled dogs only. Limit 10 RSVP Travis Ward 247-1310 tlward@frontier.net	3+ miles
Fri Feb 8	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Sat Feb 9	Saturday Snowshoe with John. See Jan 5 for details. jmartin@mydurango.net	
Mon Feb 11 9:00 am Santa Rita Park 9:30 am Harry's in Mancos	XC-Ski Chicken Creek or (if no snow) Surprise Hike Sand Canyon. If there is snow in the La Plata, we'll ski Chicken Creek for 3-9 miles. If no snow, we'll head to Sand Canyon for miles of backcountry exploring with loads of potshards. Carpool: \$6. 4WD maybe. No dogs. Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net	Easy to moderate
Tues Feb 12 6:30 p.m. Social. Rec. Center	SO! General Meeting Wildflowers in the 4 Corners – presented by Al Schneider, webmaster for www.swcoloradowildflowers.com . Please have questions ready for him regarding flowers, trees, shrubs and plants in our area.	
Wed Feb 13	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Fri Feb 15	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Tue Feb 19 10:00 am Animas City Park 10:30 am Haviland Lake	Snowshoe Haviland Lake. Join Warren for an easy snowshoe in the Haviland Lake area. We'll take either the XC trail or the route nearer the lake picnic area depending on the snow. Wear layered clothing and bring snacks and water. Carpool: \$3. No dogs. 4WD recommended RSVP: Warren Livingston 769-1437 kosmichiker@gmail.com	Easy 4 miles flatish
Wed Feb 20	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Fri Feb 22	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Sat Feb 23	Saturday Snowshoe with John. See Jan 5 for details. jmartin@mydurango.net	
Mon Feb 25 9:00 am Animas City Park	Snowshoe the Pioneer Trail near Edgemont. 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 Leader: Dell Manners 259-7721 dell.manners@gmail.com	Easy 2.5 miles 500'
Tue Feb 26	Outings Committee Meeting	
Feb 27-29 Change to March 12 - 14 9:00 am Animas City Park	Hike and Camp at Arches National Park. Change dates to March 12 - 14 Escape the cold and snow at Arches National Park, Utah. Camp in the park's group campground or stay in a Moab motel. Drive over Wednesday, hike that afternoon and Thursday. Return Friday. No dogs Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate
Wed Feb 27	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Fri Feb 29	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Sat Mar 1	Saturday Snowshoe with John. See Jan 5 for details. jmartin@mydurango.net	
Rescheduled to Sun March 2 8:30 am Animas City Park	XC-Ski Red Mountain to Ironton. XC-Ski from Red Mountain Pass down an old railroad grade to Ironton. Cars will be spotted for shuttle back up the mountain. All downhill on unbroken snow. Refreshments at Howard's after. Carpool: \$9. 4WD nice. No dogs. RSVP: Co-Leader: Connie Webbe 382-0009 bcwebbe@aol.com Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 4 miles -1500'
Mon. Mar 3	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Mar 4 Change to Mar 11 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am Tamarron	Snowshoe above Little Molas Lake. Change date to March 11. We'll take a different route than normal. Great views. Distance depends on snow depth. Carpool: \$6. No dogs. 4WD nice. Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate 5 miles 1000'
Wed Mar 5	Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail. See Dec 12 for details.	
Fri Mar 7	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Sat Mar 8	Saturday Snowshoe with John. See Jan 5 for details. jmartin@mydurango.net	

Sat. March 8 Santa Rita 8:30 a.m. or Harry's house in Mancos at 9:00 a.m.	Visit Lowry Ruins Drive to Pleasant View to Howard's trailer, 15367 Road CC. Then drive on Road CC nine miles to the Lowry Ruins. Explore ruins and then hike four miles around the edge of the mesa. Return to Howard's for birthday cake to celebrate Howard's 77 th birthday. RSVP Harry Hance – 533-9757	
Mon. Mar 10	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Tues. Mar 11 9:00 am Animas City Park 9:30 am Tamarron	Snowshoe above Little Molas Lake. Note change of date from March 4. We'll take a different route than normal. Great views. Distance depends on snow depth. Carpool: \$6. No dogs. 4WD nice. Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate 5 miles 1000'
Tues Mar 11 6:30 p.m. Social. 7:00 Dinner Rec. Center	SO! General Meeting and Pot Luck Bring your own table service and a dish for 8 with a serving utensil. We will also be collecting food for the Food Drive, so bring non-perishable foods. A-F Main Dish G-M Salad N-R Main Dish S-Z Dessert	
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Fri Mar 14	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. See Dec 10 for details	
Sat Mar 15	Saturday Snowshoe with John. See Jan 5 for details. jmartin@mydurango.net	
Wed Mar 19 6:00 pm Animas City Park 6:30 pm DMR	Moonlight Snowshoe and XC-Skiing at Molas. Enjoy the full moon rising over the Grenadiers. Cold air and warm camaraderie. Bring warm clothing and a snack. Cancelled if cloudy. Carpool: \$6. 4WD nice. Dogs OK. RSVP: Bill Millener 259-8384 millener@bresnan.net	Easy – 3 miles Minimal
Wed Mar 26	Highway 550 Cleanup Meet at Hermosa Conoco at 9:00 a.m. Join other SO! volunteers to help cleanup our two sections of Highway 550 RSVP Marv Dworkin at 259-9434 mpdworkin@gobrainstorm	Easy
	CHECK YOUR E-MAIL FOR E-OUTINGS "Last Minute Outings" may be added to complement our printed schedule via e-mail, so check them out. Leaders will follow the same guidelines and safety precautions (radios, first-aid kits, etc.) as regularly scheduled outings. If you know members who do not have e-mail, please pass along the info about the outings to them. And if you'd like to lead an outing but didn't get it into the schedule in time for printing, contact the SO! E-mail coordinator at mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org with all the information, and then arrange (with the preceding and following trip leaders on the schedule) to pick up and drop off the trip bag. For those of you who have hectic schedules and cannot commit to lead a few months in advance, or for a fill-in outing when others must be cancelled, it's not too late to lead at the last minute.	

The outings Committee members who put together this Outing Schedule are: Jan Collins, Olin Kane, Clark Lagow, Sherry Suenram, Dorothy Bregar, and Russ Szelag. 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.