

<p>Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outing Description</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winter 2008 - 2009</p> <p>Printer-friendly version</p> <p>Logistics, rules, meeting places, and difficulty ratings</p> <p>E-mail schedule changes and updates to: mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org.</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>Outing schedule changes and trip updates are in red.</p>	<p>Difficulty Rating</p> <p>Rating, Total Length & Elevation Gain</p>
<p>Mon Dec 1 9:30 am DMR Bottom of Lift 1</p>	<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>	
<p>Wed Dec 3</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers. WW?s meet at SW corner of Albertson?s parking lot at 9:30 am to walk the River Trail. No RSVP?s necessary. Dogs OK. Leader: Joan Huntley 385-7723</p>	<p>Easy 5 miles round trip</p>
<p>Fri Dec 5</p>	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)</p>	
<p>Mon Dec 8</p>	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)</p>	
<p>Tues Dec 9 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Potluck Rec Center</p>	<p>SO! General Meeting and Potluck dinner. Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Main G-M Dessert N-R Main S-Z Salad Food Drive In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations for the Durango Food Bank.</p>	
<p>Wed Dec 10</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)</p>	
<p>Thurs Dec 11 1:00 ? 3:00 or 5:00 ? 7:00</p>	<p>New SO! Knitting Group. Get together and knit. Beginners and advanced. Learn how to knit or bring your own project and teach us. Contact Sue Berkhahn 435-260-2675 sueberkhahn@hotmail.com</p>	
<p>Fri Dec 12</p>	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)</p>	
<p>Sat. Dec 13 9AM Animas City Park 9:30 AM DMR</p>	<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 \$4. Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 john@martintelephone.com</p>	<p>Moderate 5-7 miles 700'</p>
<p>Mon Dec 15</p>	<p>Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)</p>	
<p>Tue Dec 16 8:30 am Animas City Park 9:00 am Tamarron</p>	<p>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. No cars sliding into creek this year. Carpool \$7. No dogs. RSVP: Betsy Peterson 259-5417. Leader: Howard Drake</p>	<p>Moderate to hard 1000? (most above 11,000?)</p>
<p>Wed Dec 17</p>	<p>Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)</p>	

Fri Dec 19	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Mon Dec 22	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Fri Dec 26	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Sun Dec 28 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 shards. Carpool \$5. 4WD tbd. No dogs. Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net	Easy to moderate
Mon Dec 29	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Wed Dec 31	Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)	
Wed Dec 31 ? Sat Jan 3 8:00 am Santa Rita Park	New Years at Ward's Cabin. Cross country ski into Wards cabin for one - three nights. The trail in is mostly a gradual climb on little used forest roads. From the cabin there are several gentle ski outings through open aspen and spruce forest. We will organize cooking groups for breakfasts and dinners. A list of suggested gear will be provided. 4WD may be necessary to get to the trailhead. Limit 8. Carpool: \$5. No dogs. Skate skis not recommended. Leader: Travis Ward 247-1310 or tlward@frontier.net Co-leader: La Donna Ward	Hard)for distance) 7.5 miles (one way) 1000?
Fri Jan 2	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Sat Jan 3 9:00 am Animas Cty Park 9:30 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 247-2851 or jmartin@mydurango.net	Moderate mostly but a few hard
Sat Jan. 3 VA Building 878 E. 2 nd Ave. (9 th St. entrance) 6:00 Potluck 7:00 Instruction 7:30 Dance	Contra Dancing: Introducing a new SO! Social Outing! If you?ve never had the nerve to go to a Contra Dance before, now?s the time to give it a try. Contra Dancing is a form of country dancing with called steps. There?s an optional potluck dinner at 6:00, but be there by 7:00 sharp to learn the steps before the dance begins. Easy to learn, partners not necessary. \$10 admission. For information, contact Kay Zillich: 259-6820 zillich@durango.net	Easy
Sun Jan 4 9:00 am Animas Cty Park 9:30 am 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 nice. Carpool \$5. No dogs. RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-9967 or bcwebbe@aol.com. Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 8 miles 400?
Mon Jan 5	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Wed Jan 7	Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)	
Thurs Jan 8 9:00 am Animas City Pk	Snowshoe Haviland Lake / Chris Park. Enjoy the winter beauty along the scenic Haviland Lake loop. 4WD nice. Carpool: \$3. Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate 4 miles Up to 500?

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Sat Jan 10	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). (See Jan 3.)	
Mon Jan 12	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Mon Jan 12 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 shards. Carpool \$5. 4WD tbd. No dogs. Leader: Harry Hance 533-9757 hhance@webtv.net	Easy to moderate
Tues Jan 13 6:30 p.m. Social. Rec. Center	SO! General Meeting Rafting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge of Alaska ? Experience the amazing landscapes and animals that make the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge an American and world treasure. Through a slide presentation, Denis Stratford, a local rafting enthusiast, will share his experiences on two river trips along the eastern and western boundaries of ANWR.	
Wed Jan 14	Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)	
Thurs Jan. 15 9:00am Santa Rita Park 10:00am Beaver Meadow Rd & Hwy 160	XC Ski Beaver Meadows: Join Jim at this lovely meadow 8 miles east of Bayfield for a XC adventure on backcountry trails. Co-leader needed to meet group in town and bring the trip bag. Carpool \$5 Dogs OK 4WD necessary. RSVP: Jim Shadid: 884-4612 shadid@wildblue.net	Hard 6-7 Miles Moderate elevations
Fri Jan 16	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Sat Jan 17	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). (See Jan 3.)	
Sun Jan 18 9:00 am Animas City Park	XC Ski Cascade Creek. Cross Country ski up the road to Cascade Creek. Then follow the creek and enjoy the beauty. Some experience is required. Skinny track skis not recommended. Carpool: \$3 Leader: Sue Berkhahn 435-260-2675 Co-Leader: Jan Collins 382-0211	Moderate 6-8 miles 500?
Mon Jan 19	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Tues Jan 20 9:00 am Animas City Pk 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: \$3 Dogs OK. 4WD convenient if Hwy 550 is snowy Leader: Clark Lagow 259-9337 clagow@rmi.net	Moderate- 4 miles 1500?
Wed Jan 21	Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)	
Fri Jan 23	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Sat Jan 24	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). (See Jan 3.)	
Sun Jan 25 9:00 a.m. Santa Rita Park	XC-Ski Chimney Rock. We will ski on the access road from State Highway 151 to the Anasazi ruins near Chimney Rock. Picnic lunch at the fire tower. Carpool: \$7. No dogs. RSVP: Lyle Hancock 764-4531 or lylehancock@bresnan.net	Moderate 7 miles 1000?
Mon Jan 26	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Tues Jan 27 9:30 am Animas City Pk	Snowshoe @ Chris Park. Leisurely Snowshoeing around the Chris Park area. Wonder the winter woods. Carpool: \$3. Leader: Carol Milliet 259-0496	
Wed Jan 28 5:30 pm	SO! Board Meeting	
Wed Jan 28	Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)	
Thurs Jan 29 9:00 am, Fire Station #5	Snowshoe - First Fork Red Creek Trail. Snowshoe as far as you like, from easy to hard, (maximum elevation gain 1,900 feet, maximum distance 3.5 miles one way), turn backs as desired.	Moderate 7 miles 1900?

(CR240/234), or trailhead 9:15 am	Carpool: \$1 Limit 15, no dogs, 4WD convenient but not necessary. Brooks Taylor, durangofolk@frontier.net or 382-0165 (24 hour advance notice please)	
Fri Jan 30	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Sat Jan 31	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). (See Jan 3.)	
Early Feb (dates tbd) call Travis for dates	XC Ski to Ward's Cabin. Cross country ski into Wards cabin for one - three nights. The trail in is mostly a gradual climb on little used forest roads. From the cabin there are several gentle ski outings through open aspen and spruce forest. We will organize cooking groups for breakfasts and dinners. A list of suggested gear will be provided. 4WD may be necessary to get to the trailhead. Limit 8. Carpool: \$5. No dogs. Skate skies not recommended. Leader: Travis Ward 247-1310 or tlward@frontier.net Co-leader: La Donna Ward	Hard (for distance) 7.5 miles (one way) 1000?
Sun Feb 1 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 unless Dottie breaks the trail early. Refreshments at Howards?s after. Carpool: \$7. 4WD nice. No dogs. RSVP: Connie Webbe 382-9967 or bcwebbe@aol.com. Leader: Howard Drake	Moderate 4 miles -1500?
Mon Feb 2	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Tues Feb. 3 9:00 am Santa Rita Park	XC-Ski La Plata Canyon: Join Wayne on an easy XC ski trip up La Plata Canyon. Carpool: \$1 No Dogs RSVP: Wayne Bedor: 769-6548 waynebedor@yahoo.com	Easy 4 miles 400?
Wed Feb 4	Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)	
Thur Feb 5 9:00 am Animas City Pk	Snowshoe Cascade Creek. We?ll meander beside or on Cascade Creek, a favorite for snow and ice scenes. Carpool: \$3 Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com	Moderate 5-6 miles 400?
Feb. 6 ? Feb. 8 7:00 am Durango Rec. Center	XC Skiing on Grand Mesa: 35K of groomed (classic and skating) trails on nice, rolling terrain. Both the grooming and snow are usually excellent and you don?t have to be a really experienced skier to have a good time. You can choose what difficulty loop you would like to try. The elevations vary between 10,000? ? 10,800?. There are also possibilities for ungroomed, backcountry skiing or snowshoeing. We will spend two nights either at Spruce Lodge on the Mesa, or down in Cedaredge. Leave Durango at 7:00, have breakfast in Ouray or Montrose. Contact Lynn for lodging info. Commit early, because the lodge fills up! Donation for trail grooming is suggested. Carpool: \$15 4WD Convenient. No Dogs. RSVP: Lynn Coburn and Merle Harrison: 247-0914; harrisoncoburn@gmail.com	Easy to Hard depending on trail chosen. Distance and Elevation: your choice
Fri Feb 6	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Sat Feb. 7 10:30 am Animas City Park 10:50 Tamarron	Snowshoe the Cascade-Forestry Camp location: Join Warren for a moderately hilly snow shoe hike located about ½ mile north of the Cascade trail turn-off. We?ll be out about 2 hours. Wear layered clothing and bring energy snacks, water, and sunscreen. Carpool \$3. No dogs. 4WD convenient RSVP: Warren Levingston 769-1437 kosmichiker@gmail.com	Moderate 2 miles Rolling Terrain
Sat Feb 7 VA Building 878 E. 2 nd Ave. (9 th St. entrance) 6:00 Potluck 7:00 Instruction 7:30 Dance	Contra Dancing: Introducing a new SO! Social Outing! If you?ve never had the nerve to go to a Contra Dance before, now?s the time to give it a try. Contra Dancing is a form of country dancing with called steps. There?s an optional potluck dinner at 6:00, but be there by 7:00 sharp to learn the steps before the dance begins. Easy to learn, partners not necessary. \$10 admission. For information, contact Kay Zillich: 259-6820 zillich@durango.net	Easy

Mon Feb 9	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Mon Feb. 9 6:00 pm Animas City Pk 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: \$5. 4WD nice. Dogs OK. RSVP: Bill Millener 259-8384 millener@bresnan.net	Easy ? 3 miles Minimal gain
Tues Feb 10 6:30 p.m. Social. 7:00 pm Rec. Center	SO! General Meeting Sacred Places and Tribal Preservations by Andrew Guillford, FLC professor of SW Studies and History along with a book signing of his latest book, <u>Sacred Objects and Sacred Places: Preserving Tribal Traditions</u>	
Wed Feb 11	Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)	
Feb. 12 9:30 am Animas City Park 10:00 am Trail head	XC Ski E. Vallecito Lake Area: Track or skate ski the groomed trails on the East side of Vallecito Lake at your own pace. Jim will be glad to give some lessons to those who need them on both skate skiing or classic skiing. A donation to support trail grooming can be donated at the trailhead. Co-leader needed to meet group in town and bring the trip bag. Carpool: \$3 Dogs OK 4WD convenient RSVP: Jim Shadid: 884-4612 shadid@wildblue.net	Easy to Mod. 2-8 Miles Minimal Elevation
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Tues Feb 17 9:00 am Animas City Park	Snowshoe at Lime Creek. Enjoy a scenic Snowshoe in the Lime Creek Valley with views of the Twilights. 4WD convenient if snow is heavy for the 100-yard drive-off HWY 550. Carpool: \$5. Limit 12. Dogs OK RSVP: Jim O'Brien 375-1693.	Moderate 5-6 miles 500?
Wed Feb 18	Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)	
Thur Feb 19 9:00 am Animas City Pk	XC Ski Crater Lake Trail. Ski above Andrews Lake to the plateau and beyond for awesome views. Experience required. Not a groomed trail. Carpool: \$5. Leader: Sue Berkahn 435-260-2675	Moderate 6-8 miles 600?
Fri Feb 20	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Sat Feb 21	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). (See Jan 3.)	
Mon Feb 23	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Tue Feb 24 9:00 am, Fire Station #5 (240/234), or trailhead 9:45 am	XC ski Vallecito Lake East. Groomed trails, easy to moderate (maximum elevation gain 300 feet, maximum distance 10 miles total), turn backs as desired. Carpool: \$ 3 Limit 15, no dogs, 4WD convenient, donation for trail upkeep appreciated. Brooks Taylor, durangofolk@frontier.net, or 382-0165 (24 hour notice please)	Easy to moderate 10 miles 300?
Wed Feb 25	Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)	
Fri Feb 27	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Sat Feb 28	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). (See Jan 3.)	
Mon Mar 2	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Tues Mar. 3 9:00 am Animas City Park	Missionary Ridge Snowshoe/Hike. New hike this year. We will start at the trailhead at the end of silver Mesa Road (aka Durango Hills Road). We will go up the maintenance road to the communication tower, and then along the ridge for a while and then East to the maintenance road and back to the trailhead. No dogs. 4WD required. Carpool \$1. RSVP: Charles Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com	Moderate- ~6 miles 1300?
Wed Mar 4	Wednesday Wanderers. (See Dec 3, 2008)	

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Sat Mar 7	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). (See Jan 3.)	
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Sun Mar 8 3:00 pm	All You Need to Know to Start Biking. Walt Abel will teach you all you need to know to get involved with bicycle riding for the upcoming spring and summer seasons. RSVP: Walt Abel 882-2490 or 382-8120 . Call for location and directions.	
Mon Mar 9	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Tues Mar 10 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Potluck Rec Center	SO! General Meeting and Potluck dinner. Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Salad G-M Main N-R Dessert S-Z Main Food Drive In addition to your potluck dish, please bring non-perishable food donations for the Manna Soup Kitchen.	
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Fri Mar 13	Downhill Skiing at Durango Mountain Resort. (see Dec 1, 2008)	
Sat Mar 14	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). (See Jan 3.)	
Fri Mar 20 ? Sun Mar 22 9:00 am Animas City Park	Hike and camp at Arches National Park. Escape the cold and snow at Arches National Park, Utah. Camp in the group campground or stay at a Moab motel. Drive over Friday, hike that afternoon and Saturday, return Sunday. No dogs. Leader: Bill Cagle 385-4566 or cagle81301@yahoo.com RSVP: Sherry Suenram 259-5259	Moderate
	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 schedule are: Jan Collins, Olin Kane, Clark Lagow, Sherry Suenram, Lani Graham and Dorothy Bregar. 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.