

Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Outing Description</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Winter 2015-2016</h3> <p>If you have received this schedule by mail, please note that additions and changes are continually being made. Ask someone with internet access to inform you when these updates occur or go to a friends computer or the library to view updates at www.seniorsoutdoors.org.</p> <p>Participation in SO! activities by non-members is limited to two outings per year. Visitors who wish to actively participate are expected to join SO!</p> <p>Leaders: If you have changes to make to an outing please e-mail the amended outing to mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org with a copy to ejbutler12@gmail.com</p> <p>Participants (new & old) as we start the winter season please review the Guidelines for Participants found on the SO! Web Site. It contains important information about our requirements and general alpine safety.</p> <p>Please note that many outings are listed At a moderate pace. This means the <u>Leader sets a MODERATE pace</u> and all participants should respect that no one should sprint ahead of the Leader without the Leaders okay.</p>	Rating, Total Length & Elevation Gain
	<p><u>Avalanche Alpine Safety Reminder:</u> Be aware that Outings in snow conditions in our area could involve avalanche exposure. SO! strongly recommends that participants in winter outings complete an avalanche safety course (Links to a few local ones are: http://www.avyschool.com/ & http://www.hesperusskipatrol.org/ and a free one at http://www.thesanjuans.org/2014/10/avalanche-awareness-class-schedule/). In addition, on some Outings, Trip Leaders may require you to carry a beacon, shovel and snow</p>	

	<p>probe and know their use. Be informed of backcountry avalanche conditions before an outing (check at http://avalanche.state.co.us/, Colorado Avalanche Information Center).</p> <p>Meeting Place Abbreviations: ACP: Animas City Park; TC: Trimble Crossing;</p> <p>Tam: Tamarron; Purg: Purgatory; SRP: Santa Rita Park;</p> <p>RC: Rec Center</p>	
<p>Starting Fri</p> <p>Nov 21 throughout the ski season at</p> <p>Purgatory Resort.</p>	<p>SO! Downhill Ski Group. Meet other SO! skiers and ski with a group at your level on various days throughout the ski season. Skiers and boarders of all abilities welcome. Be sure to check the Purgatory Resort web site for actual opening date.</p> <p>Contact Bruce Rodman at Mtnman16@gmail.com to be placed on the SO! Downhill Ski Group distribution list. Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Self-description of your skier abilities, e.g. intermediate 2) Land line phone number if available. 3) Cell phone number if you carry a cell phone on the mountain. <p>If you are looking for ski companions of similar abilities, then you may email everyone on the distribution list that you are organizing a ski group on days and start times of your choice. Each group will meet at the base of Lift 1 (the Six Pack lift.) Some will coordinate to car pool from Animas City Park. The groups usually meet during the noon hour for lunch on the second floor (bar level) at Dantes when it is open. You could also use the distribution list to arrange trips to other ski areas such as Wolf Creek or Telluride. For more information, contact SO! Downhill Ski Group Coordinator Bruce Rodman at 970-385-7899.</p> <p>On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, John Montle or Betsy Petersen leads a group of advanced intermediate skiers interested primarily in skiing fairly fast on groomed slopes. They will look for you shortly before 0900 at the base of Lift 1 (the Six Pack lift) or sometimes later if</p>	

	<p>arrangements have been made in advance. Communications are generally done via email. These sessions will begin as soon as conditions are judged to be good.</p> <p>Contact John Montle at jjmontle@frontier.net or 970-769-6108, or Betsy Petersen at Betsyp@bresnan.net or 970-259-5417.</p>	
<p>Most Sundays (and possibly other days) throughout the ski season</p>	<p>Backcountry Ski Group. Explore the San Juans with other backcountry skiers. For adventurous backcountry skiers with appropriate equipment (at least 100-68-84 mm sidecut, metal edges, fish scales or non-fish scales). Full skins required, and beacons, shovels & probes required. To be added to a contact list and to get full details of this group, please contact Mike Morrison at morriscm@uwec.edu or 970-884-2572.</p>	<p>1200-1700 elevation gain, variable mileage, moderate pace</p>
<p>Wed Dec 2 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Animas River Trail. Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita to Home Depot and back. May turn back sooner or go on to Escalante subdivision if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>
<p>Sat Dec 5 ACP 9:00 am Tam 9:20 am</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! Bring hot dogs or brats for a cookout. 4WD conv. Carpool \$6. Dogs OK RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 jmartin@mydurango.net</p>	<p>Moderate 5-7 miles 700'</p>
<p>Tues Dec 9 Rec Center Social 6:30 pm Potluck 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO! General Meeting Winter Potluck Social: 6:30 pm Potluck: 7:00 pm</p> <p>Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Salad G-M Main Dish N-R Appetizers S-Z Main Dish In addition to your potluck dish please bring non-perishable food donations or a check for the Durango Food Bank.</p>	
<p>Wed Dec 9 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Animas River Trail. See Dec 2 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy Flat 5-7 miles</p>
<p>Sat Dec 12</p>	<p>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). Specific details for these Saturday Snowshoe hikes (destination, description, 4WD, etc) will be e-mailed about two days in advance. John will announce on which trips</p>	<p>Hard</p>

<p>thru Sat Mar 5</p> <p>ACP 9:00 am</p> <p>Tamarron</p> <p>9:20 am</p>	<p>an avalanche beacon is highly recommended. A shovel will be required on all trips. More importantly, you need to know how to use them. Turn backs with a partner may be permitted. Carpool \$3-\$8, depending on destination. Dogs OK</p> <p>RSVP: John Martin 970-749-4056 or mudpatch22@gmail.com</p>	<p>1000+ ft.</p> <p>3+ miles</p>
<p>Mon Dec. 14</p> <p>Chapman Hill</p> <p>10:30-11:45 am</p>	<p>Skating at Chapman Hill Rink. Join Nancy Mead for ice skating at the Chapman Hill Rink. Cost is \$6, \$5 for seniors (60+). Skate rental is \$3. No RSVP required.</p> <p>For info call Nancy Mead 259-5978 or 403-2630</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Wed Dec 16</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Animas River Trail. See Dec 2 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance.</p> <p>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>
<p>Sat Dec 19</p>	<p>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.</p>	
<p>Mon Dec. 21</p> <p>Chapman Hill</p> <p>10:30-11:45 am</p>	<p>Skating at Chapman Hill Rink. Join Nancy Mead for ice skating at the Chapman Hill Rink. Cost is \$6, \$5 for seniors (60+). Skate rental is \$3. No RSVP required.</p> <p>For info call Nancy Mead 259-5978 or 403-2630</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Wed Dec 23</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Animas River Trail. See Dec 2 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance.</p> <p>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>
<p>Sat Dec 26</p>	<p>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.</p>	
<p>Wed Dec 30</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Animas River Trail. See Dec 2 No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance.</p> <p>For info call Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>
<p>Sat Jan 2</p>	<p>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.</p>	
<p>Sun Jan 3</p> <p>ACP 9:00 am</p> <p>TC 9:15 am</p>	<p>XC Ski from Silverton to Elk Park. Ski down Animas Canyon to Elk Park and return. Afterwards Howard will serve tea and snacks at his home in Silverton. Carpool \$6. No dogs. 4WD preferable.</p>	<p>Moderate XC</p> <p>8 miles</p> <p>400'</p>

	<p>Leader: Howard Drake.</p> <p>RSVP: Connie Webbe at 382-0009 or cawebbe@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Wed Jan 6</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>
<p>Sat Jan 9</p>	<p>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.</p>	
<p>Sat Jan 9</p> <p>Twin Buttes Trailhead</p> <p>10:00 am</p>	<p>Snowshoeing 101 for beginners and others. Join Dell and Burt to learn the ins and outs and ups and downs of snowshoeing. Practice will be near Dell's home on mostly flat terrain. Bring snacks or lunch, water, snowshoes, poles, gaiters and winter snow boots or heavier hiking boots that are appropriate for snowshoeing. If you need snowshoe rentals, call Dell for suggestions. Parking for Twin Buttes Trailhead is just west of the Giant gas station on west US 160.</p> <p>Carpool \$2. No limit. Dogs OK.</p> <p>RSVP to leader: Dell manners at 385-0533 or dmanners@sisna.com</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Short distances</p> <p>Minimal elevation gain</p>
<p>Mon Jan 11</p> <p>9:00 am ACP</p>	<p>Moderate snowshoe in vicinity of Andrews Lake. Exact route will depend on snow conditions. Expect to spend about four hours on the trail.</p> <p>Carpool \$5, Limit 12, No dogs, 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy.</p> <p>RSVP Charles Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>8 miles</p> <p>400-800</p>
<p>Tues Jan 12</p> <p>Rec Center</p> <p>Social 6:30 pm</p> <p>Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SO! GENERAL MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Culture, Countryside and Castles of Croatia.</p> <p>Mary Anne Nelson and Bill Palmer - mokie@frontier.net 970-259-9153</p>	
<p>Cancelled</p> <p>Wed Jan 13</p> <p>SRP 9:00 am</p>	<p>Snowshoe Sheep Springs Canyon: An easy snowshoe 5 miles west of The Double Tree Hotel off Hwy 160. Carpool \$2, 4WD not needed, Dogs OK if trained to not step on snowshoes</p> <p>Bill Cartwright 903-9620 avpm@animas.net</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>3 4 miles</p> <p>200 ft.</p>
<p>Wed Jan 13</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p>WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5-7 miles</p>
<p>Sat Jan 16</p>	<p>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.</p>	

Wed Jan 20 8:00 am ACP 8:20 am TC	Backcountry ski into McMillan bowl. This is intermediate terrain above Red Mountain Pass (above St Paul lodge). The area has great snow and avalanche danger is usually low. Need climbing skins and be able to make turns on intermediate terrain. Beacons and shovels recommended. Carpool \$9. No dogs. Limit 12 RSVP: Jeff Bailey 764-8120 or jewlbailey@yahoo.com Co-Leader: Darrell Maddox	Advanced XC ski skills needed
Wed Jan 20 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Thurs Jan 21 Nordic Center at Purgatory 10:30 am	Classic XC-Ski /Skate ski Clinic: The Nordic Center at Purgatory is offering a classic cross-country ski clinic or a skate ski clinic to members of SO! There will be two classic classes: one for beginners and the other for intermediate skiers who wish to improve their cross-country skills. The skate ski clinic will be for those who have some experience with classic XC. NOTE: Beginners should sign up for the classic clinic. Equipment rentals are available onsite. The classes are \$15. If you need to rent equipment, it's an extra \$10 for classic and \$15 for skate equipment. Please come 20 minutes early if renting. There are picnic tables along the trails for people who want to bring a sack lunch and enjoy the beautiful trails after the clinic. The Nordic Center is located across the highway and about 1/3 mi. north from Durango Mountain Resort. Carpool \$4. Limit - 30 RSVP: Sue Agranoff 946-9946 sagranoff@alum.mit.edu Please RSVP ASAP so that the Nordic Center can arrange for enough instructors.	
Sat Jan 23	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.	
Mon Jan 25 SRP 9:00 am	Cross Country Skiing Trip to Lower La Plata Canyon. We will drive to the parking lot at the beginning of the canyon and then ski on the road up to the old stone chimney. If snow conditions are unfavorable for skiing, then we will use snowshoes along the creek bed. Turn backs with a partner will be OK. Carpool \$3. No limit. Dogs OK. RSVP to leader: Travis Ward 247-1310, or tlward@frontier.net.	
Wed Jan 27 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Sat Jan 30	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.	
Wed Feb 3 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Sat Feb 6	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.	

Mon Feb 8 9:00 am ACP	Moderate snowshoe above Little Molas Lake. Exact route will depend on snow conditions. Expect to spend about four hours on the trail. Carpool \$5, No dogs, 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy. RSVP Charles Berglund 247-9747 chasberglund@msn.com	Moderate 8 miles 1000
Tues Feb 9 Rec Center Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm	SO! GENERAL MEETING Learn about building and maintaining trails in Colorado from Trails 2000 and the Colorado Trail and how you can participate in their programs.	
Wed Feb 10 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Sat Feb 13	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.	
Sun Feb 14 ACP 8:30 am TC 8:45 am	XC Ski from Red Mountain to Ironton. Ski downhill from Red Mountain Pass down railroad grade to Ironton Park. We'll park cars for shuttling. Entire route is downhill, probably on unbroken snow. . Afterwards Howard will serve tea and snacks at his home in Silverton. Carpool \$8. No dogs. 4WD preferable. Leader: Howard Drake. RSVP: Connie Webbe at 382-0009 or cawebbe@gmail.com	Moderate XC 4 miles Downhill 1500'
CANCELED Tue Feb 16 8:00 am ACP 8:20 am Tamarron	Backcountry ski into McMillan bowl. This is intermediate terrain above Red Mountain Pass (above St Paul lodge). The area has great snow and avalanche danger is usually low. Need climbing skins and be able to make turns on intermediate terrain. Beacons and shovels recommended. Carpool \$9. No dogs. Limit 12 RSVP: Darrell Maddox damaddox@elskies.com or 303-775-3208. Co-Leader: Jeff Bailey	Advanced XC ski skills needed
Wed Feb 17 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Sat Feb 20	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.	

Wed Feb 24 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Wed Feb 24	Outings Committee Meeting	
Sat Feb 27	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.	
Wed Mar 2 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Sat Mar 5	Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin). See Dec 12 for details.	
Tues Mar 8 Rec Center Social 6:30 pm Potluck 7:00 pm	SO! General Meeting Spring Potluck Social: 6:30 pm Potluck: 7:00 pm Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Main Dish G-M Salad or side N-R Main Dish S-Z Dessert In addition to your potluck dish please bring non-perishable food donations or a check for the Manna Soup Kitchen.	
Wed Mar 9 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
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Wed Mar 23 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles
Wed Mar 30 SRP 9:30 am	WW hike: Animas River Trail See Dec 16. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: Eric Pahlke 247-1130	Easy Flat 5-7 miles

The Outings Committee members who put together this Outing Schedule are: Rich Butler, Olin Kane, Clark Lagow, Sherry Suenram, Harding Cure and Bob Powell. 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.