



PUBLIC TRAILWORK EVENTS

Thursday, September 14

Dawn Patrol Diggers at Twin Buttes 9am to 12pm. Please Sign Up:
<https://www.durangotrails.org/sign-up-for-trailwork/>

(September 13 private event with Animas High School)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY TRAIL EVENTS

Valkyrie Multi Sport Event September 16

Proceeds benefit Durango Trails

Visit us at the Beer Garden at Santa Rita

If you can help, please email us by Wednesday, September 13

<https://valkyrierelay.com/>

Durango Derby taking place on area trails on September 23

Chili Chase Run held on trails in Overend Mountain Park October 14

Benefitting Durango Trails and hosted by Backcountry Experience

Chili Chefs are needed to compete for best chili contest

Contact Backcountry Experience for more info: 970-247-5830

Trail News



Trailwork is taking place in the Meadow thru September 15

Please be aware of equipment, crews and volunteers working on stewardship and maintenance projects

Give them a wave, say Hi and thank you:)

In addition, as part of the development of the at Durango Mesa Park, the trail building contractor will be working at the Horse Gulch trailhead to provide a new trail connection to the trailhead. Construction is scheduled to start **Tuesday, September 12** and will continue into the following week. A portion of the trailhead parking lot will

be closed to public use during construction. Please consider parking on the neighborhood streets on the west side of E 8th Avenue. Public pedestrian and bike access to Horse Gulch Road will be maintained during the construction.

Back to SchooP Program Announced

The City of Durango, the La Plata County Humane Society, Visit Durango and Durango Trails are launching a Back to SchooP program to encourage area pet owners to pick up after their pet and remind them that City and County ordinances require dogs be on leash in Horse Gulch, Overend Mountain Park, Dalla Mountain and Animas Mountain.

“We notice a number of dogs off-leash that may leave trail users a present without the owners noticing or schooping the pile. Trailheads and sections of trails are littered with dog waste that affects our water, wildlife, other dogs and trail users,” according to Scott McClain, Interim Parks and Recreation Director with the City of Durango.

“Durango is a dog-loving place, and we also love our trails and open space. To prevent issues with trail users and wildlife, dogs must be leashed in our area open spaces and owners must pick up their dog’s waste,” said Clint Garrett, Animal Protection Supervisor with the La Plata County Humane Society. “Reports of unleashed dogs will be treated as a ‘dog at large’ under Durango City Ordinance 4-41 and the owner is subject to a citation, fine and court costs.”

The City of Durango website also states: “Pet waste bags and garbage receptacles are provided throughout our parks and trailheads. Be sure to carry extra bags and don't forget to grab your filled bags on your way back to the trailhead if you'd set your bag by the side of the trail.”

Poop from pets can carry germs like bacteria and parasites that can make people and other pets sick, contaminate waterways and harm the environment, per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Colorado is the poopiest "Dog Poop State," according to research done by Protect My Paws. Do your part to make Durango the exception to this unfortunate trend.

There is an off-leash dog park located 0.1 mile west of the intersection of Hwy. 160 West and Hwy. 550, on the south side of Hwy. 160 West.

Remember, don't be a poop and get back to the schoop (and leash)!

Back To School

**SCOOP THE POOP!
TAKE THE BAG WITH YOU!**



✦ PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER! ✦

You are **REQUIRED** to leash your dog
in City Open Space:

Horse Gulch, Overend Mountain Park,
Dalla Mountain Park, Animas Mountain



Sponsor Appreciation Corner

C&J Gravel Products, Inc is a locally owned and family-run business based in Durango for over 40 years. As a family owned business supporting the community and giving back has been central to the company's success. We partner with Durango Trails because their mission to plan, build and maintain trails; educate trail users and create connections aligns with us and our staff. They build world class trails and we deliver world class service. All of the interactions we have with customers and what they create for trail users build community. We feel blessed to live in a community where such things matter

and are valued. We will continue to support Durango Trails because they deliver tangible results that provide everyone with a higher quality of life.



Hunting Season Awareness: Wear Orange

Season Dates Overview	2023	2024
Archery		
Deer/elk (west of I-25 and Unit 140)	Sept. 2–30	Sept. 2–30
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 1–27 and Nov. 8–30 and Dec. 15–31	Oct. 1–25 and Nov. 6–30 and Dec. 15–31
Moose	Sept. 9–30	Sept. 7–30
Pronghorn (bucks only)	Aug. 15–31	Aug. 15–31
Pronghorn (either sex)	Sept. 1–20	Sept. 1–20
Muzzleloader (by draw only)		
Deer/elk /moose	Sept. 9–17	Sept. 14–22
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 14–22	Oct. 12–20
Pronghorn	Sept. 21–29	Sept. 21–29
Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose		
Moose	Oct. 1–14	Oct. 1–14
Limited elk (1st season)	Oct. 14–18	Oct. 12–16
Deer/elk (2nd season)	Oct. 28–Nov. 5	Oct. 26–Nov. 3
Deer/elk (3rd season)	NEW ^Oct. 28–Nov. 1 Nov. 11–17	Nov. 9–15
Limited deer/elk (4th season)	NEW ^Nov. 11–15 Nov. 22–26	Nov. 20–24
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 28–Nov. 7	Oct. 26–Nov. 5
Late plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Dec. 1–14	Dec. 1–14

Congratulations, Sepp!

Durangoan Sepp Kuss makes history as the first American male in a decade to wear a leader’s jersey at a grand tour at the Vuelta a España. Sepp is a Durango Devo alum who grew up training on the area trails.



DURANGO TRAIL LOVE

THE TRAILS LOVE YOU  LOVE THEM BACK

-  SAY HI
-  ANNOUNCE YOURSELF
-  PICK UP AFTER YOURSELF
-  KEEP DOGS ON A LEASH
-  STAY ON THE TRAIL
-  GIVE UPHILL TRAFFIC THE RIGHT OF WAY
-  GIVE BACK
-  CHECK CONDITIONS

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The bike mechanic was a scary man. He was just always a little crank-y.

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