

Challenging Hikes Available August 1—January 31

Join SCCA for interpretive hikes with information on Visit with Respect, Leave No Trace, Ancestral Pueblo culture, botany, biology, archaeology. These challenging hikes all require scrambling up and down cliff faces and boulders. Not for the faint of heart!



Walk on the Wild Side

You and your guide will navigate the rough and trail-less terrain to experience Southwest Colorado WSA at its finest. Encounter pristine native vegetation, tracks of wildlife and, of course, numerous Ancestral Pueblo sites. How were they able to navigate these areas wearing sandals that we, today, require boots? How were they able to construct amazing structures on boulders and cliffs that survive even today? Your guide will answer these questions and more when you *walk on the wild side!*

- ◆ Guide will meet participants at Round-up Junction to lead to hiking area
- ◆ Distance: 5 miles
- ◆ Suggested time: 6-8 hours
- ◆ Cost: \$275 for up to 4 people, additional \$50 per person over 4
- ◆ Participants responsible for lunch/water/snacks
- ◆ Difficulty: Challenging with maneuvering cliff access and moving through brush; there are undefined social/animal trails to follow in some areas.

Dolores County Adventure Hike



Explore the northernmost parts of Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Your guide will lead you to seldom visited sites of remarkable density. Learn from your knowledgeable guide about the history of the Ancestral Pueblo people who inhabited the Four Corners region. How did these people utilize the geology, plant and animal life, and water sources to not only survive but to thrive in this high-desert area? What can we learn about their culture from the architecture left behind?

- ◆ Guide will meet participants at Dove Creek Superette to lead to parking area for hiking.
- ◆ Distance: 4.5-5 miles
- ◆ Suggested time: 6+ hours
- ◆ Cost: \$275 for up to 4 people, additional \$50 per person over 4
- ◆ Participants responsible for lunch/water/snacks
- ◆ Difficulty: Moderate+ with navigating trail-less areas, rocky, steep inclines

Woods Canyon and Bass Sites

Hike and explore two large Ancestral Pueblo communities. One village is a canyon rim, talus slope, and canyon bottom city with multiple towers, D-shaped structures, and “cliff dwellings.” As you hike the canyon your guide will point out check dams built for soil and water control. Your second large community includes habitation sites from the A.D. 1100s and 1200s; these people likely moved to the canyon rim village in the 1200s as Ancestral Pueblo people aggregated into ever-larger villages.



- ◆ Guide will meet participants at Yellow Jacket Mercantile on Road Y just west of Hwy 491 and lead to parking space on BLM 4528.
- ◆ Suggested Time: 5-6 hours; participants responsible for lunch, water, snacks
- ◆ Cost: \$225 for up to 4 people, additional \$25 per person over 4
- ◆ Difficulty: Challenging with steep downhill and uphill, maneuvering through sites, moving through brush