



- **Priest Gulch - Easy**  
25 miles NE of Dolores on Hwy 145, sign on west side of road. Entire trail is 7.5 miles – go as far as appropriate.
- **Sand Canyon - Easy to moderate**  
Canyons of the Anicents National Monument. From Cortez – 12 miles W on CR G (McElmo Canyon), parking area on north side of road. 6.5 miles one-way – go as far as appropriate.
- **Big Al - Easy (handicap accessible)**  
From Mancos, ¼ mile north on Hwy 184, West Mancos Road, 7 miles to Transfer Campground, trail is across from the east side of the campground. One-half mile. Interpretive signs along trail

### Durango/Bayfield

- **Spud Lake - Easy**  
28 miles north of Durango on Hwy 550, east on Old Lime Creek Road, 3.5 miles, trailhead and parking around corner from lake. 1 mile.
- **Colorado Trail from Junction Creek - Beginning of trail is easy; moderate as go further**  
From Durango, west on 25th street, 3 miles to large parking area on left 21 miles to Kennebec Pass – go as far as appropriate
- **Lackawanna Trail**  
Silverton – from Kendall Mountain Community Center, follow left ski run, and trail will go into woods on left. Trail follows Animas River to the Lackawanna Mill site
- **Vallecito Creek Trail - Moderate**  
From Bayfield, 20 miles north on CR 501, then turn on CR 500 for 3 miles. Enters Weminuche Wilderness (after 0.6 miles), and joins the Colorado Trail and Continental Divide – go as far as appropriate. At 1.5 miles, trail descends to creek.
- **Forebay Lake Trail - Easy**  
Hwy 550 from Durango 18 miles, right at the signs for Haviland Lake and Chris Park. Drive towards Haviland Lake for 1 mile. 1.5 miles

Dear Parents –

Exploring the outdoors with your children is a great way to get exercise, model a healthy lifestyle, and develop a sense of place with the public lands that surround our communities. This “Keepin’ Up” passport-like hiking journal is designed to encourage your family to take four local hikes. When finished, stop by a San Juan Public Lands office (for locations, visit [www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan)) to pick up a small prize.

Enjoy connecting with your family and your public lands.

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### Suggested Family-Appropriate Hikes

Take a jacket, snacks, and water. Be aware of lightning, ticks, and changing weather. Share the trails – watch for mountain bikes or horses, as appropriate. Feel free to record any hike in the San Juan Mountains. These are ones especially great for families.

### Mancos/Dolores

- **Bear Creek - Easy to moderate**  
22 miles NE of Dolores on Hwy 145, sign on east side of road. Entire trail is 13 miles – go as far as appropriate.
- **Boggy Draw - Easy to moderate**  
From Dolores, take Dolores-Norwood Road to CR W. Turn N on W, go several miles – over cattle guard, parking area on left. Total loop – 8.5 miles – go as far as appropriate.

### Pagosa District

- **Piedra River Trail - Easy**  
From Pagosa Springs, Hwy 160 west 2 miles to Piedra Road (CR 600, FDR 631), north. Follow this road for 15 miles to where it crosses the Piedra River. 1.5 to 2.8 miles one way
- **Continental Divide Trail north from Wolf Creek Pass - Easy, becoming more difficult, but begins at 11,620 feet in elevation, so be prepared for hiking at altitude**  
Hwy 160, 23 miles east from Pagosa Springs to top of Wolf Creek Pass at the Continental Divide. Continue a short distance to the first road on the left (FDR 402). Drive about 1.5 miles to its end at the Lobo Overlook and the CDT Trailhead.
- **Fourmile Stock Trail - Easy**  
From Pagosa Springs, west Hwy 160 to Piedra Road (CR 600/FDR 631). Go north on Piedra Road approximately 7 miles to the end of the pavement, cross the cattle guard and turn into the parking area on the left. 1.25 miles one way to Newt Jack Road
- **Buckles/Harris Lake Trails - Easy (Please note that this trail is unsigned)**  
From downtown Pagosa Springs, east on Hwy 160 to the junction Hwy 84. Turn south, 19 miles, east on Buckles Lake Road (FDR 633). 7.5 miles to end. At the sign for V-Rock Trailhead, park, then walk the open rough road that continues to the left and past the toilet. Follow the trail at the road's end to the lakes. 0.5 miles to Buckles Lake, and another 1 mile to Harris Lake



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Hike #3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Sketch or write about your experience:

