

PROSE

PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

April 2023

Director's Reflection



Finally, it seems that Spring has “sprung!” For PROSE, this means a literal shift in gears from winter operations to putting away the snow plow and start spring and summer preparation; from indoor events and recreation activities to planning for summer programs and events.

Our Parks team starts to repair and charge our smart irrigation system (more on that later!) and prep fields so they are ready for our many youth and adult sport groups that rent those spaces.

Our Recreation team starts planning summer programs and events, and our Athletics program kicks off outdoor recreational sport leagues such as adult softball and grass volleyball.

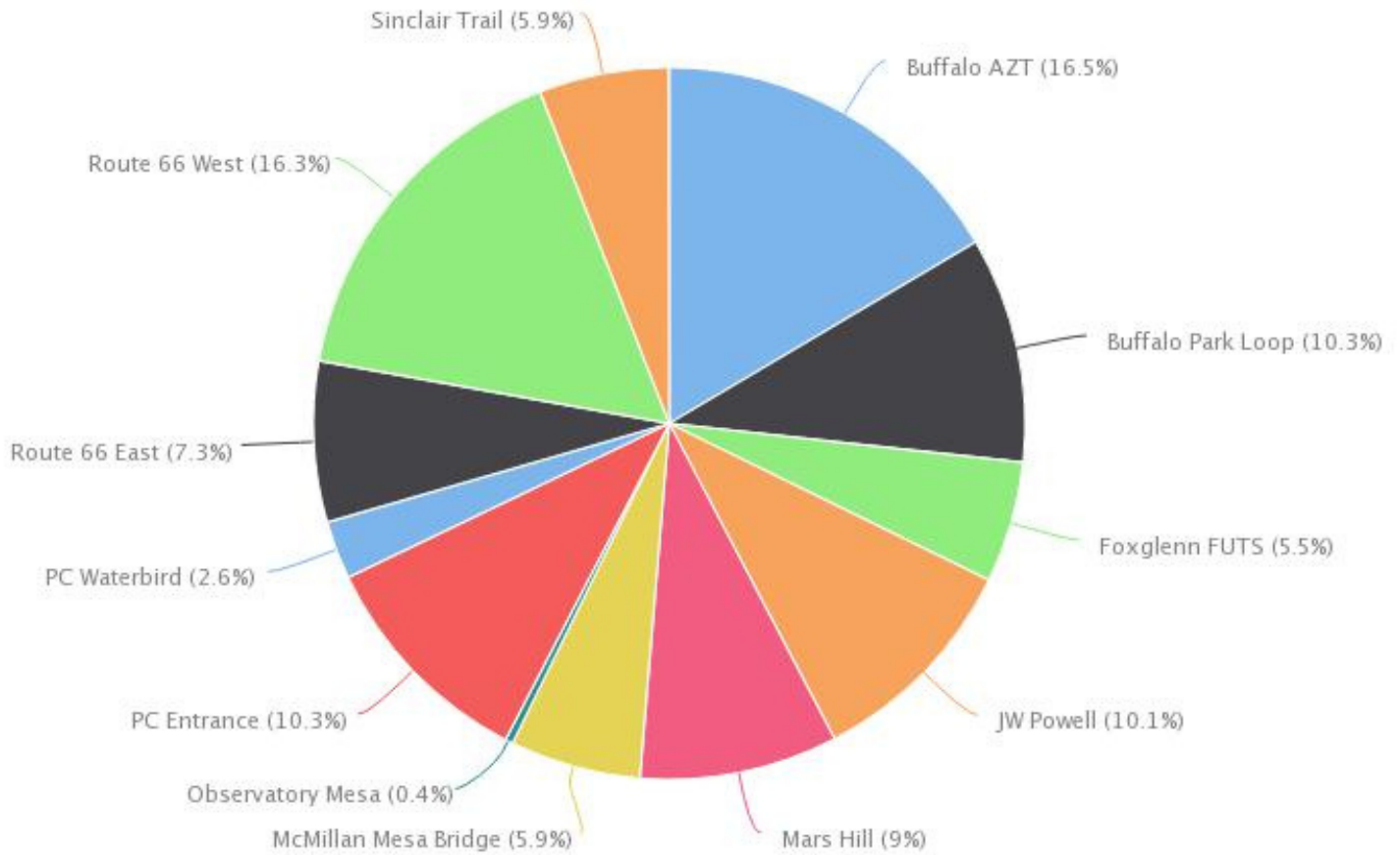
Our Open Space team gets excited to welcome visitors into our natural areas and starts to organize a myriad of education and volunteer events (stay tuned for schedules and how to sign up!).

Our Events team really ramps up with permitting not only private events, but they also now manage field allocations AND plan our own city sponsored events such as Kids to Parks Day, Concerts in the Park, 4th of July, and Parks and Recreation month events.

As you can imagine, all of this takes the dedication and hard work of the entire team, and we all work together as well as with our partners in the city and community to put our best foot forward in spring and summer. We want to celebrate and honor the many beautiful outdoor spaces and engaging programs and events that PROSE has to offer for you, and we invite you, our Flagstaff community, to join us!

Compare Sites

2023-03-01 to 2023-03-31



Site Name	Daily Average
Buffalo AZT	89.1 (16.5%)
Buffalo Park Loop	55.4 (10.3%)
Foxglenn FUTS	29.7 (5.5%)
JW Powell	54.4 (10.1%)
Lone Tree CCC	0 (0.0%)
Mars Hill	48.6 (9.0%)
McMillan Mesa Bridge	32.1 (5.9%)
Observatory Mesa	1.9 (0.4%)
PC Entrance	55.5 (10.3%)
PC Rio de Flag	0 (0.0%)
PC Waterbird	14.3 (2.6%)
Route 66 East	39.3 (7.3%)
Route 66 West	87.8 (16.3%)
Sinclair Trail	32 (5.9%)

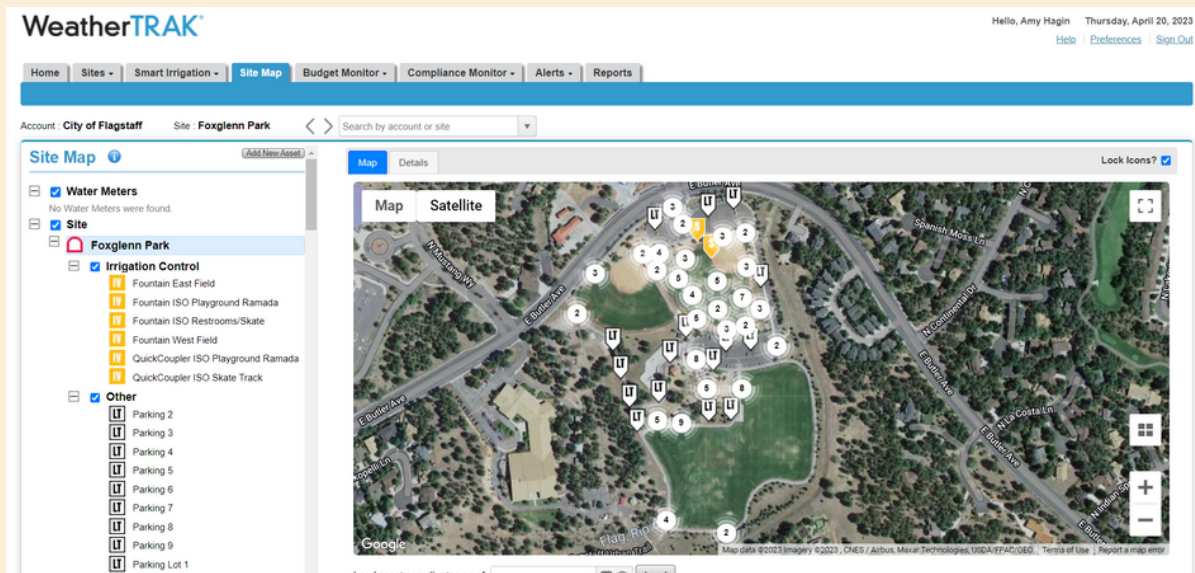
Trail counts on FUTS and in Open Space for the month of March was 16,745 passersby at the 14 locations listed above. That is an uptick of 35% from February even though we still had plenty of snow cover!

What is so “smart” about irrigation?

The smart irrigation system that PROSE ventured into in 2019, involves many parts and pieces and yes, it is smart! The WeatherTRAK system is an award-winning line of controllers, flow products and cloud-based central management for the Parks team to help the with water usage which in essence is operational savings.

Now for the smart part...Parks staff have live information plus the ability to mitigate issues remotely. The system understands when rainfall or high wind days are ahead in the forecast making adjustments through the flow sensor. The overall management of drought conditions is enhanced when utilizing this system plus it has the ability to reduce landscape runoff by 71%!

PROSE is excited to make this initial system setup even more robust through the collaboration with the Sustainability Office and Noresco later this year.



Components of the smart water irrigation system.

This month PROSE and Sustainability started building the new Hal Jensen Community Garden!

Work will continue over several weeks and include the installation of raised garden beds, paths, and new art pieces.

A huge thank you to the amazing volunteers with Terra BIRDS, Native Americans for Community Action, NAU SSLUG Garden, and Flagstaff Foodlink whose contributions are making this garden grow.



Watch our Garden Grow

Flagstaff Sustainability Office

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Hal Jensen Community Garden

coming May 2023

A look Ahead

The Flagstaff Aquaplex will be closed April 30 through May 11 for their annual maintenance closure. Projects will include tile work, flooring repairs, and pool drainage and repair.

Jay Lively Activity Center will be closed May 8 through May 22 for their annual maintenance closure. Projects during the closure include a facility deep clean, repairs to the garage door, exterior light replacement, and much more.

Click Here To Register



Ready to set and spike? Hit one outta' the park? Look no further, registration is now open for Adult Grass Volleyball and Adult Softball.

Don't wait too long, spots are filling fast!

Together with the AZ Trail Association, the Open Spaces section organized and hosted the first northern Arizona Outdoor Educators meeting. For quite a while, who knew that there were many organizations doing outdoor and environmental education with kids, and it was time to get everyone together so that we could meet, learn what each other does, and brainstorm on ways we can partner and collaborate. It was a very productive meeting, with 27 attendees in person! We are working on next steps for this coalition, including working groups. Our next meeting will be Monday June 5, 2023 from 10am-noon.



Participants at the Outdoor Educators meeting.



Flooding on the trail to deep water pond.

With the heavy rain we received in early April, the Rio de Flag in Picture Canyon flooded, making it impossible to use the trail toward the Deep Water Pond and the footbridge. It started to recede, but with the abrupt high temperatures, the snow melt increased the flooding even more.

The trails on the north/west side of the canyon are dry and usable, but we have not been able to assess the trails on the south/east side.

April has Events and Marketing in full swing planning the next wave of activities. We have a jam packed summer of events including Kids to Parks Day, Concerts in the Park, Parks and Recreation Month, and even a 4th of July laser light show with our partners at Coconino County Parks and Recreation.

Stay tuned for the upcoming event season calendar release!



**The 13th Annual
Kids to Parks Day
is May 20, 2023**

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Join us Saturday, May 20 for Park Quest: a Geocaching Adventure.



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Who knows, you might even get a new PROSEpective!