



# PROSE

## PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

March 2023

Please extend a warm welcome to the Division's newest team members!

In Parks, we have Brycen Brown, who joined us as a Parks Maintenance Worker. Brycen has a history working in maintenance at a golf course and with utility/underground work literally in the trenches.

Also joining Brycen as a Parks Maintenance Worker is Derrick O'Daniel. Prior to joining the team, Derrick has previous work experience with JoyCone and Coconino County Parks and Recreation.

Rounding out the month, Brandon Prieto joined the team as a Parks Maintenance Worker. Brandon has prior experience as an irrigation technician from his time while in California.

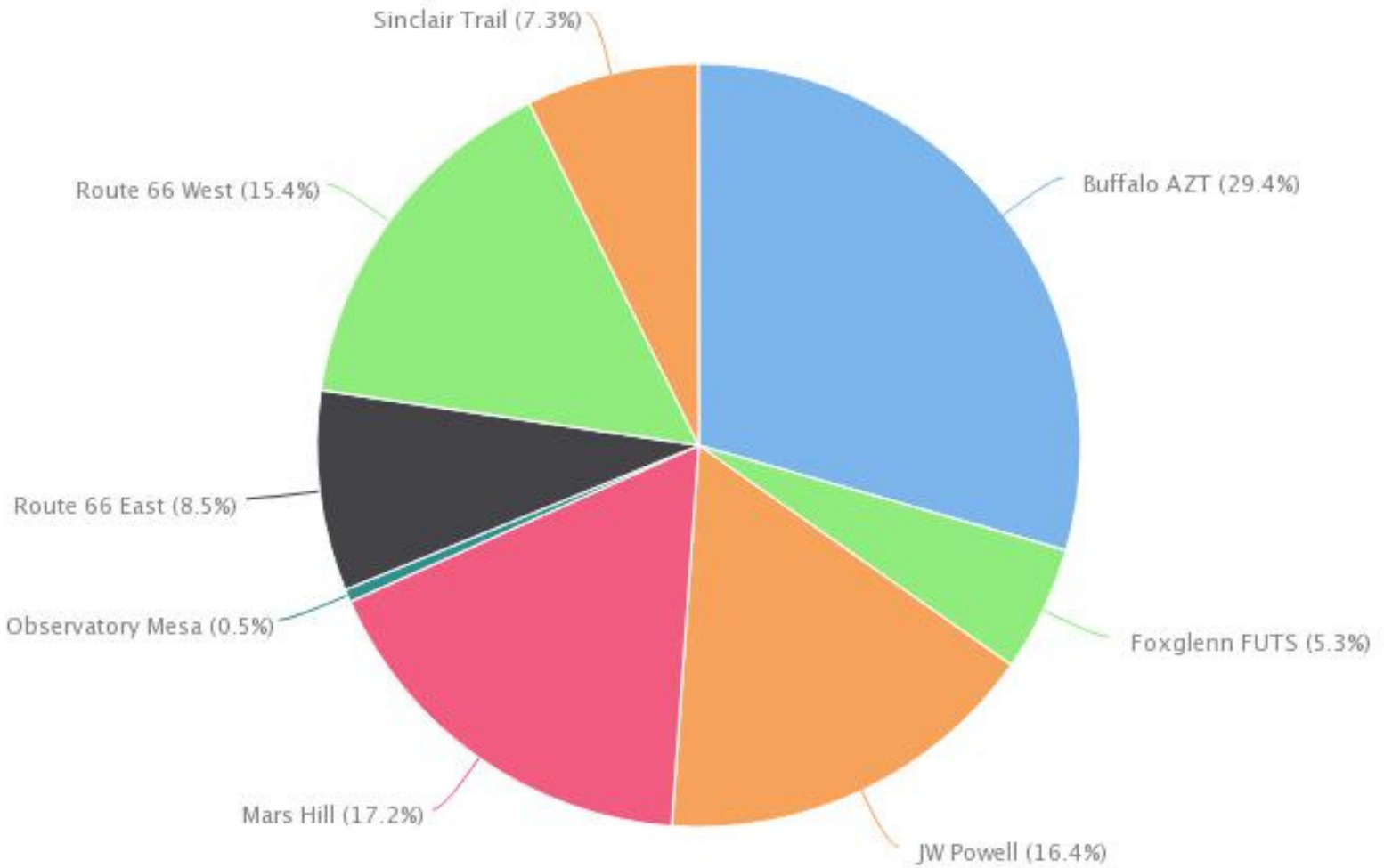
Did you know that PROSE has a partnership with NAU Parks and Recreation Management? This semester's intern is Tobin Nidever who has been working with the Parks team since late January!

The new Aquatics Coordinator for the Flagstaff Aquaplex, Audrey Curson, began employment on Monday, March 20th. Audrey has already been working at the Aquaplex in the "Guest Services" area since November of 2021. She brings a wealth of Aquatics knowledge and experience to the position, including managing pool operations in Pima County, AZ for the last several years. She also has a current certification as a "Certified Pool Operator" (CPO).

Trail counts on FUTS (includes those in our Open Spaces) for the month of February was 11,473 passersby at the 14 locations listed below. No matter the weather, Flagstaff uses the FUTS!

## Compare Sites

2023-02-01 to 2023-02-28



Site Name	Daily Average
Buffalo AZT	108.6 (29.4%)
Buffalo Park Loop	0 (0.0%)
Foxglenn FUTS	19.6 (5.3%)
JW Powell	60.4 (16.4%)
Lone Tree CCC	0 (0.0%)
Mars Hill	63.4 (17.2%)
McMillan Mesa Bridge	0 (0.0%)
Observatory Mesa	2 (0.5%)
PC Entrance	0 (0.0%)
PC Rio de Flag	0 (0.0%)
PC Waterbird	0 (0.0%)
Route 66 East	31.3 (8.5%)
Route 66 West	56.7 (15.4%)
Sinclair Trail	27 (7.3%)



During the month of February, 33.4 inches of snow accumulation occurred adding to the totals for one heck of a snow season thus far! Staff spent 1,411 hours on snow removal and relocation for the month with approximately 70% of those hours in equipment and 30% on hand work. Some of the challenges encountered with the February snow accumulations were heavily focused on snow storage and lack thereof including on the courtesy berm relocation program.

City of Flagstaff PROSE hosted an Arizona Parks and Recreation Association regional training. This training brought educational content and resources related to the Healthy Play Initiative.

Shout out to PlayCore, Gametime, and Altitude Recreation for their commitment to innovative play.





Flagstaff youth broke free from the hustle and bustle of school this month with a week long spring break. Youth flooded our Recreation centers centers to partake in basketball camp, swimming, ice skating, and more.

Hal Jensen offered a different activity each day engaging 25 youth in cooking, 30 in crafts, and 20 for a bowling and movie field trip!

Spring brings new NAU nursing students to the Joe C. Montoya Community and Senior Center. Students will be on rotation at the facility for five weeks interacting with senior members and the community., This partnership allows students to become comfortable working with the senior population before they enter the work force.



Skaters in green got into Jay Lively for free on St. Patty's Day! Participants of all ages and skill levels took to the ice for a mid-day skate to round out spring break.

On President's Day, the Open Spaces Section hosted 16 high schoolers from Pennsylvania, in Flagstaff to explore and do service projects. Since there was too much snow to do outdoor projects at Picture Canyon, McMillan Mesa, or Observatory Mesa, we set them to shoveling snow away from the bay doors at the Thorpe Park garage! They also cut out over 250 butterflies for the Mayor's Monarch Pledge tabling events, cleaned out the pollinator greenhouse, and made native seed packets for upcoming Invasive Weed Workshops! They were very hard workers, and we greatly appreciate their help. Of course, the garage got snowed in again, but at least there wasn't any more ice underneath it all!



Have you seen the Rio at Picture Canyon? All the precipitation this month has water flowing!



Events and Marketing prides themselves in the partnerships and community connections we make. This summer you can expect to see us partner with the Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance on several events including Kids Squared in June and July. This awesome program provides a free activity every Tuesday and Thursday downtown for children.

We've also partnered with Coconino County Parks and Rec and the Friends of Coconino County Parks to provide a concert on June 28 during our Concerts in the Park series at Peaks View County Park located in Doney Park. We have a feeling you can expect to see more from this partnership this year!



Have you noticed a change in our communication? Our marketing team has been hard at work updating staff guidelines for email font, text size, and creating a uniformed signature. These measures allow us to continue on our mission of inclusivity and uniformity.

Good news for Event Partners! ARPA funding will continue for all at 50% for the upcoming event season. This means historic event partners will have two events covered at full cost and one covered at 50%.

This funding continues to support events impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and their return to business.



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