

PROSE

PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

September 2023

Buffalo Park Accessibility Trail

Congratulations to the Parks Section on their successful completion of the Buffalo Park Accessibility Trail.

The grant funded project included two-miles of trail replacement along with six-pieces of adaptive equipment.

Thank you to those who came out to celebrate on September 13 and the Arizona Daily Sun for their feature on the project.

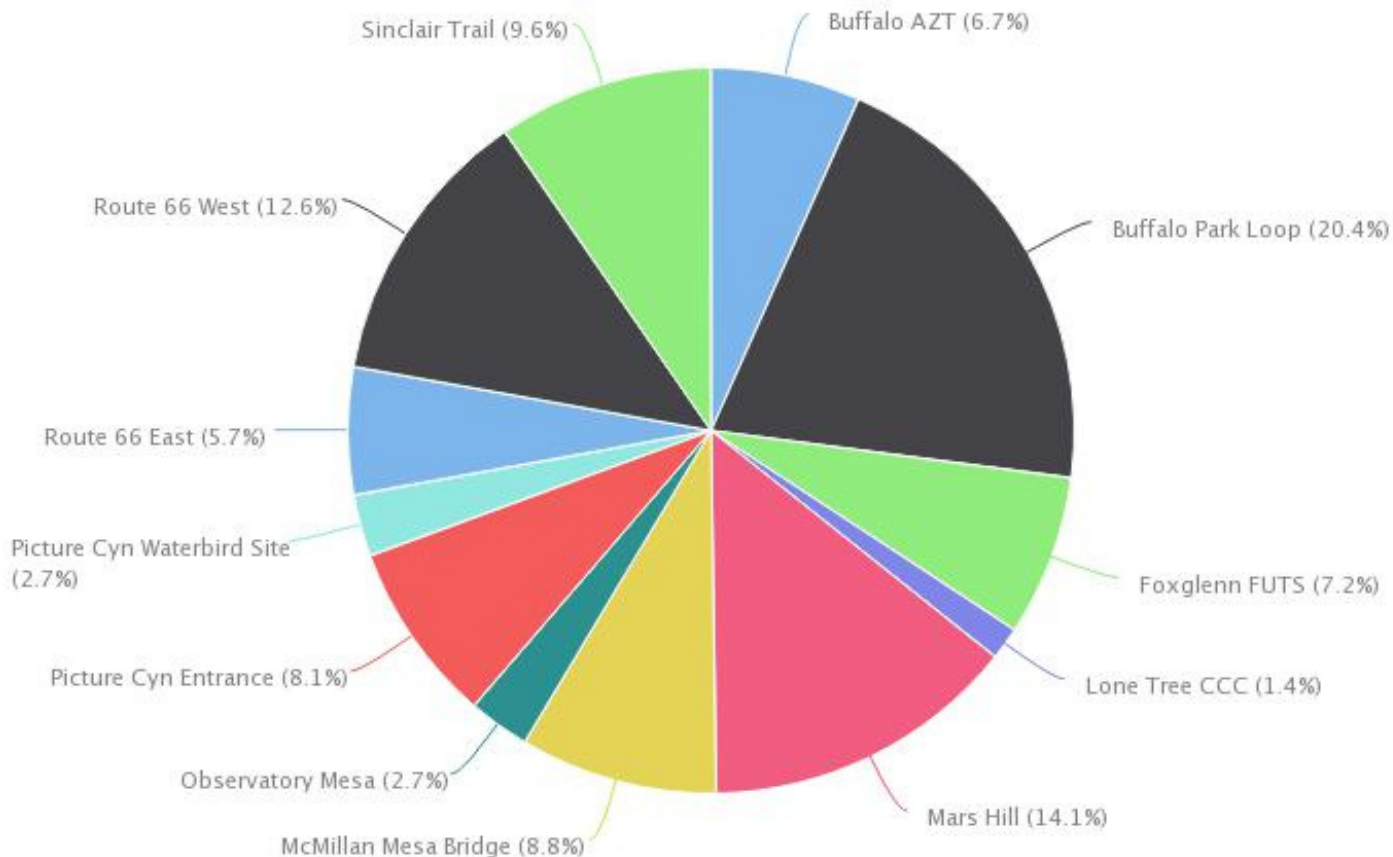


Above: Staff speak with Rachel Simukonda, chairperson of the Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living at the Buffalo Park Celebration
Left: Rachael utilizes a new piece of adaptive equipment
Below: New mile marker signage along the trail



Compare Sites

2023-08-01 to 2023-08-31



Site Name	Daily Average
Buffalo AZT	112.9 (6.7%)
Buffalo Park Loop	346 (20.4%)
Foxglenn FUTS	121.6 (7.2%)
JW Powell	0 (0.0%)
Lone Tree CCC	24.5 (1.4%)
Mars Hill	238.4 (14.1%)
McMillan Mesa Bridge	149 (8.8%)
Observatory Mesa	46.5 (2.7%)
Picture Cyn Entrance	136.9 (8.1%)
Picture Cyn Waterbird Site	46.5 (2.7%)
Route 66 East	96 (5.7%)
Route 66 West	213 (12.6%)
Sinclair Trail	162.8 (9.6%)

Trails Count

The month of August stayed the course with a daily average of 1700 commuters and users along the FUTS.

The Aquaplex Anniversary Membership Drive, which occurred September 7-9, brought in \$31,345.32 with a total of 253 passes sold. Congratulations to the Aquaplex team for their hard work leading up to and during the membership drive. Miss the sale? Don't worry, the next membership drive will take place in January.



Night Court began this month at Hal Jensen Recreation Center. The program partners with the Flagstaff Police Department to play 5x5 basketball with youth grades 6th-12th.

Night Court will occur the third Friday of each month from 9:00pm-11:00pm.

Below: Erika Rose Alexander teaching youth during an acting workshop

Erika Rose Alexander hosted a youth acting workshop at Hal Jensen teaching participants vocal exercises, how to project their voices, and improv.

Erika is a Flagstaff native, American actress, writer, producer, entrepreneur and activist best known for her roles as Pam Tucker on *The Cosby Show* and Maxine Shaw on the sitcom *Living Single*.



Plein Air in Open Spaces!



Fri 9/22 3-5pm
Buffalo Park
Sat 9/23 10am-2pm
Wheeler Park
Sat 9/30 10am-noon
Picture Canyon

Art supplies and easels provided!
All ages and abilities welcome!



Open Space has been hard at work pulling weeds before seeds drop. They wrapped up the Wednesday Weed Pull events and will continue with occasional volunteer events as they come.

Open Space submitted another application for the Heritage Grant Fund to extend our educational programs and received approval for an ELC AmeriCorps position. More educational events are on the horizon!



Above: Volunteers with knapweed
Above Right: before weed pull
Below Right: after weed pull

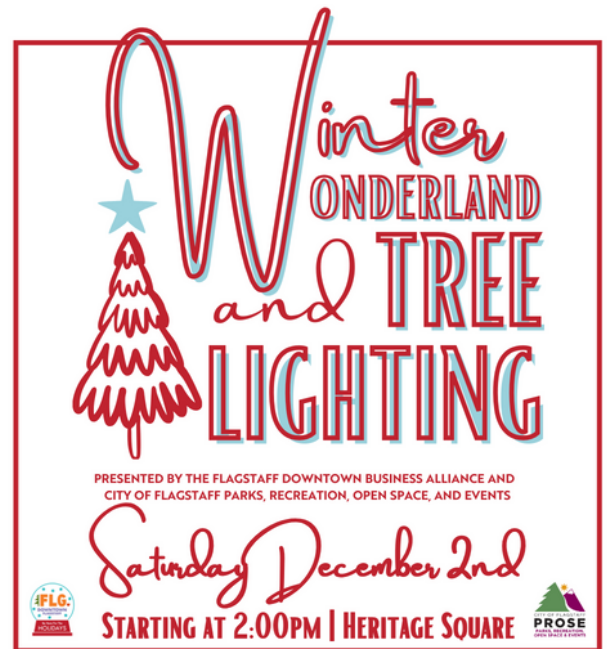


Above: Students participate in warm-up stretches with Phoenix Suns dancers.

The Phoenix Suns and APS hosted a Phoenix Suns Court Take Over and Clinic on Monday, September 25, 2023.

The take over was a long overdue celebration of the court resurfacing done at Ponderosa Park. FUSD students along with the general public came out and participated in basketball drills, dancing, and more!

Save the date for the annual Winter Wonderland and Holiday Tree Lighting. A partnership with the Downtown Business Alliance brings the community a free event full of music, crafts, yummy treats, and a visit from Santa to light the tree!



Upcoming Events in Flagstaff

First Friday Art Walk
October 6
Heritage Square

Oktoberfest
October 7
Wheeler Park

Flagstaff Community Market
Sunday Morning
City Hall Parking Lot

Flagstaff Urban Flea Market
October 14
City Hall Parking Lot



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