

FESTIVUS WALK THE WALK ACTIVITIES

Thanksgiving Day to New Years Day - November 23 2017 through January 1 2018

PICTURE CANYON SERIES OF 4 WEEKEND WALKS

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER - THANKSGIVING DAY - Start of FESTIVUS

PICTURE CANYON - WALK TO THE WATERFALL

Start Location: Picture Canyon Parking Lot at the end of the Flagstaff El Paso road (Wildcat Water Restoration Plant) off East Route 66 - Located about a mile from the Home Depo Store on Route 66 behind the Flagstaff Mall

Time: 1:00 PM

About 2 total miles as we walk past the new holding pond, education area, restored meander of the Rio de flag, old railroad bridge to Flagstaff's only waterfall and back.

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER - FESTIVUS BLACK FRIDAY - Please note start time change

PICTURE CANYON - MAJOR PETROGLYPH SITE

Start Location: From East Route 66 behind the Flagstaff Mall drive past Home Depot, past Test Drive, past Flagstaff El Paso Road and another 1/2 mile on East Route 66 to Rain Valley Road. Turn left and drive to the Mailboxes (about a 1/2 mile) and park

Time: 9:00 AM

We walk on Friday's during the winter at the Flagstaff Mall from the parking lot behind

Sears, BUT NOT ON BLACK FRIDAY! To much traffic, To many people, To much confusion!

This year we'll be starting from Rain Valley Road on the Arizona/Flagstaff Loop Trail over to

Picture Canyon and its best Petroglyph site. 2 to 3 total miles.

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

PICTURE CANYON - WALK FROM THE SANDY SEEP TRAILHEAD - FESTIVUS

Start Location: Sandy Seep Parking lot.

Directions: Follow 89 past the Flagstaff Mall and Townsend-Winona Road and still on 89 drive for another 1/4 of a mile to the Sandy Seep Trailhead which is at the end of a Forest Service Road on the left side of 89. Turn left off 89 onto the Sandy Seep Trailhead road

Time: 1:00 PM

4 to 5 total miles of waking on the Arizona and Flagstaff Loop Trail to Picture Canyon and back. We'll be using the Equestrian Bypass of the Arizona Trail

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

PICTURE CANYON TRAVERSE - FESTIVUS

Start Location: Picture Canyon Parking Lot at the end of the Wildcat El Paso Road off East Route 66

Time: 1:00 PM

About 3 total miles of walking using the canyon's first completed loop trail from the parking lot and ending in the parking lot. During the way we'll see the education area, pond, Waterfall, remains of the train trestle, bridge over the restored meander of the Rio de Flag,

Major Petroglyph Site, Native American ruin, and the overlook view of the waterfall.

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Walk Into Winter

Start Location: Adult Center located at 234 Thorpe Road near the lighted Tennis Courts in Thorpe Park

Time: 9:00 PM

Our usual 3 miles walk in and around that neighborhood. Everybody Welcome!

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Meet Me Downtown at Heritage Square -Walk or Run - FESTIVUS ACTIVITY

Start Location: Heritage Square

Time: 5:15 PM

Restaurant Discounts - Prizes - Good Fun

For More Complete Information Look to the "Meet Me Downtown "web site

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2017

Walk Into Winter

Start Location: Flagstaff Mall in the parking lot behind Sears next to the Flagstaff Mall Food Court Entrance

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 total miles of walking in and around that area. Everybody Welcome!

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2018

TOUR OF THE THE FLAGSTAFF RECYCLE CENTER - FESTIVUS EVENT

Start location: Sam's parking lot in the southeast corner of that lot alongside of Babbitt Drive

Start Time: 2:45 PM

This is walk conducted by the Willow Bend Environment Education Center and we have to be at the front gate of the Recycle Facility on Butler (Across from the Taco Bell) by 3:00 PM.

So why is a tour of the recycle center a FESTIVUS activity? What with all the waste produced by the season the Flagstaff Recycle Center is the perfect place to see what happens to some of it at least.

For those willing we will walk down to the I-40 pond and wetland afterward and maybe see a duck or two.

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

Willow Bend Environmental Center - FESTIVUS EVENT

Holiday Gift Making - Fun for the whole family

Location: 703 Sawmill Drive.

Park your car in the Police Station Parking Lot and walk west to Willow Bend
Especially designed for kids, but adults will have fun there too. Excellent way to get
into the spirit of the season

Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

This is a free event. Look to their web site for details about this valuable Flagstaff
asset.

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

"IT'S ELEMENTAL" FINE CRAFT SHOW AND SALE - FESTIVUS ACTIVITY

Location: Coconino Center for the Arts

On Ft Valley Road next to Sechrist School and Behind the Flagstaff
Pioneer

Museum

Time: 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM

Handmade Arts and Fine Crafts from the workshops of local artists.

I'll be there at Noon and I hope you'll join me.

Shouldn't miss event!

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

FLAGSTAFF WINTER WONDERLAND AND TREE LIGHTING - FESTIVUS
ACTIVITY

Location: Heritage Square

Time: 3:00 PM Music and Carolers

Hot Chocolate and S'Mores

5:30 PM Annual Tree lighting and arrival of Santa Claus on a Fire
Truck

Community Celebration of the Holiday Season

I'll be there at 5:00 PM and I hope you'll join me for this annual Flagstaff event!

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

FLAGSTAFF FRIENDS OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC - FESTIVUS EVENT - Contra
Dancing

Location: Mountain Charter School

311 West Cattle Drive

In Ponderosa Trails Neighborhood off Lake Mary Road

Time: 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Newcomer's lesson

7:30 PM - 10:30 PM Dance

ADMISSION: \$10.00

For more complete information look to the web site: Flagstaff Friends of Traditional
Music

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

Walk The Walk with Snow Shoe Option - Weather Dependent - FESTIVUS Event

Start Location: Fox Glenn Park on Butler in the front (along Butler) parking lot.

Time: 1:00 PM

About 3 total miles of walking on the FUTS behind the Park

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

Walk Into Winter

Start Location: Adult Center

Time: 9:00 AM

About three total miles of walking in and around that neighborhood

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

Meet Me Downtown at Heritage Square - Walk or run - FESTIVUS EVENT

Time: 5:15 PM

For more complete Information Look to the "Meet Me Downtown" web site

Restaurant Discount - Prizes - Good Fun

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

Flagstaff Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

Location: City Hall in the City Council Chambers

Time: 4:30 PM

Discussion of Flagstaff Bicycle issues

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

Friends of the Rio de Flag - Pot Luck Dinner

Location: Adult Center

Time: 6:00 PM

Annual Pot Luck Dinner for the friends of the Rio de Flag.

Check their web site for more details and don't forget to bring something good to eat.

Look at the Friends of the Rio de Flag web site for more information

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

Walk Into Winter

Start Location: Adult Center

Time: 9:00 AM

About three total miles of walking in and around the surrounding neighborhood

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER - FESTIVUS EVENT

Christmas at the Peaks Arts and Craft Show

Location: Peaks

31500 N. Winding Brook Road off of Ft Valley Road across from the
Museum of Northern Arizona

Time: 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Wonderful handcrafted items event. I'll be there at noon and I hope you will be too!

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER - FESTIVUS ACTIVITY

Downtown Christmas Parade

Location: Beaver & Elm

Time: 6:00 PM the Walk the Walk Groupies will gather the Beaver & Elm corner to watch the parade

That's right folks due to some unforeseen circumstances we won't be in the winter parade this year, but that doesn't mean we won't be out there cheering on our friends and neighbors who will be. They deserve our support and as is our usual activity after the last float, organization presentation and other finishing activities of the parade we'll rush over to the Kick-stand coffee house on Humphreys for a Hot Chocolate (or two).

Join us!

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

Walk The Walk or Snow Shoe - depending on the weather - FESTIVUS EVENT

Continental Neighborhood

Start Location: East End of Butler Avenue parking area

Time: 1:00 PM

About 3 total miles of walking or snow shoeing in that area in a highly wooded area

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Walk Into Winter - Our annual cold weather madcap& Hat competition - FESTIVUS EVENT

Start Location: Adult Center

Time: 9:00 AM

Join us and wear your worst (or best) winter cap or hat and be judged by your fellow participants. Buy one, decorate one or get one out of the trash, but show up with yourself and wearing your entry. Winner gets all the free accolades (read insults) we can heap on their "donned" heads. And yes, we will do our three miles of walking on this day also.

The decision of the judges in this competition is final. Perhaps not the best decision ever made, but nonetheless final. All complaints will be noted and immediately forgotten!

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

MEET ME DOWNTOWN AT HERITAGE SQUARE - Walk or Run - FESTIVUS ACTIVITY

Start Location: Heritage Square

Time: 5:15 PM

Do a walk. Route map provided. Restaurant Discounts - Prizes and Good Fun
For more information go to the "Meet Me Downtown" web site

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

Location: City Hall in the City Council Chambers

Time 4:30 PM

Discussion of Flagstaff Pedestrian Issue

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

GRAND MENORAH LIGHTING AT CITY HALL - FESTIVUS EVENT

Location: Flagstaff City Hall

Time: 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM

This is a Heart Warming event of the season filled with Gentle Understanding. Traditional food snacks, good conversation and historical references

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

Walk Into Winter

Start Location: Flagstaff Mall in the parking lot behind Sears near the Entrance into the food court

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 miles of walking in and around that area

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

WALK THE WALK with a Snow Shoe Option - Weather Dependent - FESTIVUS EVENT

Start Location: Jay Lively Skating Rink on Turquoise Road

Time: 1:00 PM

Let's explore the back route into Buffalo Park on a social path leading to the FUTS

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS LUMINARIES - FESTIVUS EVENT

Start Location: Marshall School Parking lot on the corner of Bonito and Thorpe Road

Time: 6:00 PM

Walk through the Coconino Estates Neighborhood following the 7000 candles in bags route for about 3 total miles. This is the 36th year of this annual event and every year it grows.

Over 300 homes participate with decorations, fire pits and best of all - friendly neighbors that line the route with Christmas songs, encouragement and hot chocolate.

A live band will perform at Nat White's house and a live Nativity Scene at the Freer's home.

Be sure to remind me to tell you the story about the reluctant donkey who was in the nativity scene a few years ago and didn't wish to be there one moment longer.

Thanks once again to the organizers Bruce and Laurie Steinhaus and all who helped with this wonderful event.

TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER - DOGGY APPRECIATION DAY - FESTIVUS ACTIVITY

Walk Into Winter

Start location: Adult Center

Time: 9:00 AM

Before we start we'll take a few minutes to extra pet our furry friends who escort us every Tuesday on our walk in and around the Adult Center. They are very special and deserve a take home snack for the holidays.

WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

Meet Me Downtown at Heritage Square - Walk or Run - FESTIVUS ACTIVITY

Start location: Heritage Square

Time: 5:15 PM

Do a walk! Map provided! Restaurant Discounts! - Prizes! - Good Fun!

For more information go to the Meet Me Downtown web site

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER - PRETZEL APPRECIATION DAY - FESTIVUS ACTIVITY

Walk In Winter (Winter starts officially on 21 December)

Start Location: Flagstaff Mall in the parking lot behind Sears near the Food Court Entrance

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 total miles of walking in and around that area

AFTERWARD We will go have a fresh giant pretzel or two in the Flagstaff Mall

Food Court to celebrate good walking friends and the holidays

Everybody Welcome

SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER

Walk the Walk with a Snow Shoe option - Weather Dependent -FESTIVUS EVENT

Start Location: FMPO/ Arizona Trail Parking Lot

Directions: Out Lake Mary Road to the Flagstaff City Limits where the road becomes paved County Road # 3. Drive past the first Lake Mary and just before the second Lake Mary Dam there is a paved road off to the left up to the top of Anderson Mesa. Turn left and follow that road to the top where the parking area is located. The sign along County Road #3 is marked FMPO & Marshall Lake - 2 Miles

Time: 1:00 PM

About 3 total miles to the Lake Mary Overlook area and back to the cars using a section of the Arizona Trail on Anderson Mesa

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

Walk The Walk with a snow shoe option - Weather Dependent - FESTIVUS ACTIVITY

Start location: In the parking area of the old Forest Service Facility located on Lake Mary Road across from the John Wesley Powell Blvd

Time: 1:00 PM

A walk or snow shoe along the Pullian Airport runway

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY - FESTIVUS EVENT

WALK THE WALK with Snow Shoe Option - Weather Dependent

Start Location: BASIS School Parking Lot on McMillan Mesa

Time: 1:00 PM

About 3 total miles toward the Catholic Church overlook

TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER

Walk In Winter

Start Location: Adult Center

Time: 9:00 PM

About 3 total miles of walking in and around the surrounding neighborhood

WEDNESDAY 27 DECEMBER

Meet Me Downtown at Heritage Square - Walk or Run - FESTIVUS EVENT

Start location: Heritage Square

Time: 5:15 PM 5:00 PM

Do a walk! Map provided! Restaurant Discounts! Prizes! Good Fun!

For more information look to the Meet Me Downtown web site

FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER

Walk In Winter

Start location: At the Flagstaff Mall behind the Sears parking lot next to the Food Court Entrance

Time: 9:00 AM

About 3 total miles of walking in and around that area. We can always walk in the mall if the weather is awful, but that is never our first choice.

SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER

Walk The Walk with a SnowShoe Option - Weather dependent - FESTIVUS EVENT

Start Location: John Wesley Powell Dead end just past the entrance into the Airport

Time: 1:00 PM

About 3 total miles around the FAA facility

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER - NEW YEAR'S EVE FESTIVUS EVENT

Night Snowshoe or walk of Buffalo Park

Start Location: Buffalo Park

Time: 6:00 PM

Our Tradition of welcome to the New Year on the FUTS in Flagstaff's most popular park.

Last year we did a walk in the rain and were rewarded with a near clear sky at the end of the traipse. in other years we did a snow shoe adventure. It's Flagstaff and the San Francisco Peaks made their own weather and we try to enjoy whatever shows up.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE -PINECONE DROP - FESTIVUS EVENT

TWO PINECONE DROPS TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

Location: In front of the Weaterford Hotel in Downtown Flagstaff

Time:

10:00 AM

and

MIDNIGHT

Traditional New Year's event celebration. The 10:00 PM Pinecone Drop is for we humans who can't stay awake past 8:00 PM

MONDAY 1 JANUARY 2018 - NEW YEARS DAY - FESTIVUS EVENT

CLEAN UP OF LEFTOVER LITTER FROM THE CELEBRATION OF THE NEW YEAR

Location: Area around the Weatherford Hotel

Time: 9:00 AM

We meet inside the MIX Restaurant at 8:45 AM for a small raffle and then head out the door to pick up all the litter we can in the surrounding area.

Everybody Welcome!

MONDAY 1 JANUARY 2018 - WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR - FESTIVUS EVENT

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE INTO LAKE MARY

Location: Upper Lake Mary Boat Dock

Time: HIGH NOON

This event has been growing every year as more folks choose to start off the new year with a cleansing plunge into Lake Mary to purge the remains of the previous year and start anew.

Spectators Welcome!

Bring a canned good for donation to the Food Bank

AND We'll NEED SOME ABLE BODIES TO HELP WITH THE BREAKING OF ICE AROUND THE

LAKE MARY BOAT DOCK THIS YEAR.

IF YOU'RE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CALL ME AT 928 714 0504

QUESTIONS??

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Other Events may be added during FESTIVUS when I find out more details:

Possible Additions To The FESTIVUS CALENDAR

Flagstaff Community Band (date?)

Sled Dog Races (Date?)

Sledding at Ft Tuthill (Weather Dependent)

Shepherd of the hills Christmas Concert (date)