

Leroux Springs



Flagstaff historian Platt Cline described Antoine Leroux as the "father, perhaps grandfather, of Flagstaff," because "it was on his advice that the expeditions followed the general routing through here which they did...The finest spring at the foot of the San Francisco Peaks was named in his honor." Big Leroux Spring was soon captured and piped underground by the first settlers. Now under the control of the Forest Service and with few demands on its water, **could this beautiful spring finally be allowed to flow free again after 150 years?** For more information, see the exhibit in the display case to your left.

Cheshire



The Cheshire Wetland project is part of the Rio de Flag Greenbelt Restoration Plan. Recently the Flagstaff Area Stream Team (F.A.S.T.), a volunteer group coordinated by David McKee of the City's Stormwater Dept., along with twelve members of the NAU Cottonwood Ecology Group, **planted narrowleaf cottonwoods and arroyo and coyote willows along its banks**, bringing the total number of plantings to 280.

Willow Bend



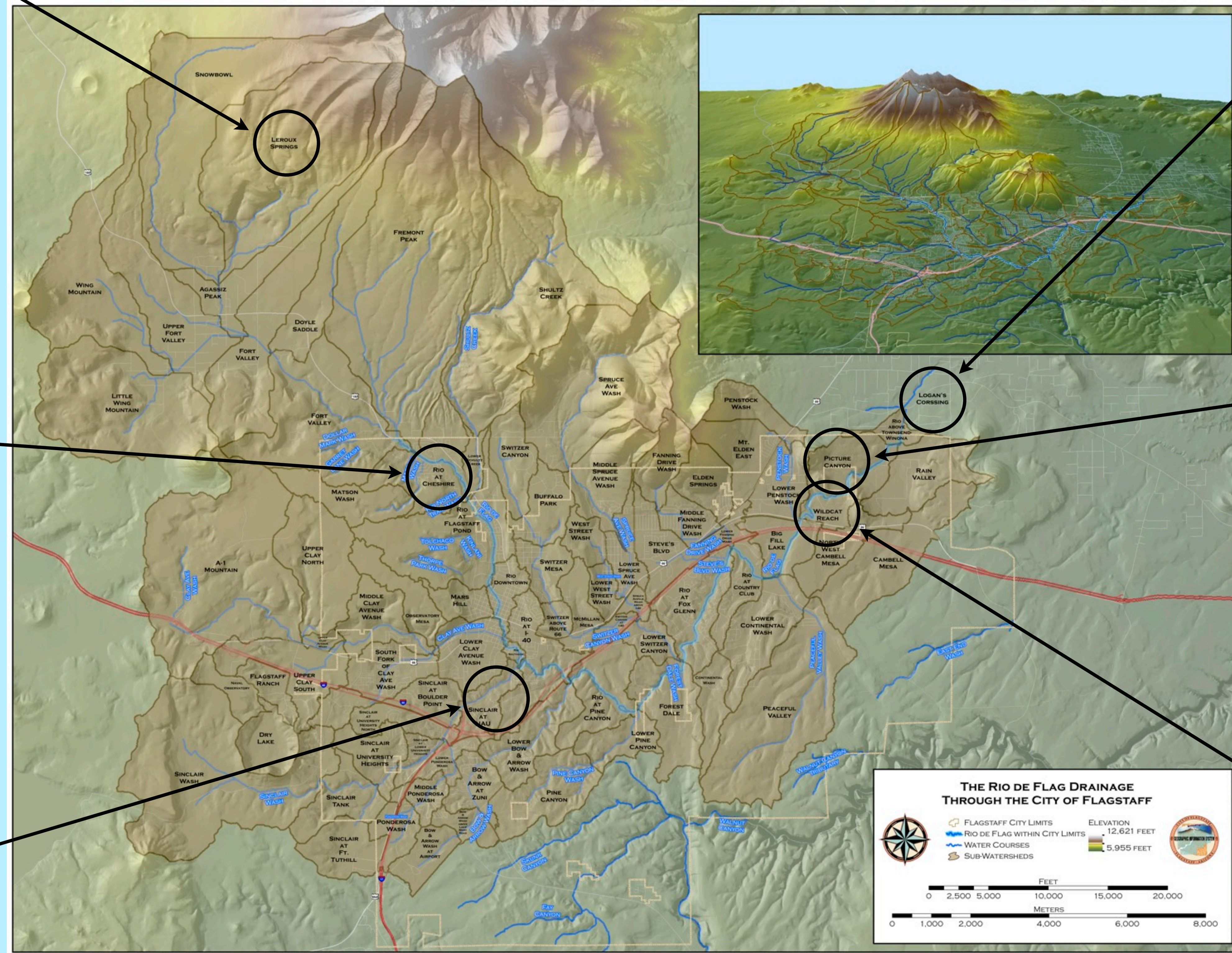
Willow Bend is a nonprofit environmental education center sponsored by the Coconino Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD). Their mission is to provide education outreach services that build environmental awareness and **an ethic of responsible stewardship of our natural and cultural resources**. One of the many ways they do this is through their stewardship of Sinclair Wash, a large tributary to the Rio de Flag that runs behind the center located at Sawmill Park.



Friends of the Rio de Flag

The goal of FoRio is to educate, protect, restore, clean up and improve the Rio de Flag and its tributaries to maximize their beauty, educational, recreational, and

Next meeting
Nov 4, 6:30p
Adult Center



Friends of the Rio de Flag supports groups, individuals and agencies that promote the Rio de Flag's natural stream system as a unique and valuable natural resource,

*Riparian habitats are water-dependent ecosystems characterized by rich and diverse groups of plants and animals. A vanishingly rare community resource for Flagstaff, riparian ecosystems play a key role in reducing flood peaks, enhancing water quality and groundwater replenishment, as well as

Logan's Crossing



Logan's Crossing is owned by the Forest Service and has been **designated by the Northern Arizona Audubon Society as their first Bird Sanctuary**. The 162 bird species documented here are drawn to the many habitat types that come together on this section of the Rio de Flag. Audubon coordinates monthly invasive weed pulls April through October (contact bunky@cybertrails.com for more information).

Picture Canyon



Tucked behind the Flagstaff Mall, this lush section of the Rio is fed primarily by the Wildcat Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is also **full of birds, waterfalls, wild grape and rock art, and is on the National Record of Historic Places**. Natural Channel Design, a local company, is currently working with an Arizona Water Protection Fund grant to restore the meanders to this section of the Rio. Others working on this project include the City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, N. AZ Audubon, NRCD, NAU Centennial Forest, AZ State Land Trust and AZ Game & Fish. The land is owned by the State Land Department and could be sold for development.

Wildcat Reach



With drainage from new development in the area focusing increased attention on this section of the Rio, a restoration and preservation plan for Wildcat Reach is being undertaken by F.A.S.T. **The goal is to restore this section to a properly functioning channel** by reconnecting it to the floodplain, promoting plant diversity, reducing noxious weeds, preserving cultural heritage, improving wildlife habitat, and adding interpretive educational and recreational opportunities. Contact David McKee at dmckee@flagstaffaz.gov if you would like to help with this effort.

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