

- RECOVERING the June Sucker
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## 2023 Construction Update

This flyer is to provide you information about delta project construction plans for 2023 and how activities may affect you. Please refer to the map on the reverse side, which also identifies future planned features.

Construction activities through this spring include redesigning portions of the existing Provo River channel, where crews are installing the river diversion, downsizing 1,300 linear feet of channel below the diversion to accommodate lower flows, and installing a small dam in the downstream end of the channel. The small dam will keep water levels deep enough for flat water recreation through this reach, will provide for better sport fishery management and will improve aesthetics of the channel.

Also planned this year is the construction of recreation and access features along the existing Provo River and in and around the delta. The Skipper Bay Parking lot, with non-motorized boat ramp, restrooms, and trail connections will be built. And the trails that will provide connections between Utah Lake State Park, the delta, and existing Provo River Parkway Trail will be completed.

In addition, Provo City will be developing the Delta Gateway Park, which will include a nature focused playground and will be a significant hub for the community into the future.

Please note the entire Provo River Delta project area, including the areas along the Utah Lake shoreline, remains an active construction area closed to the public. The area will open when project construction is complete in 2024.

## **Second Saturday Site Tours**

We're happy to offer our monthly Second Saturday Site tours of the new delta for a third season from April 8-October 14. These guided tours are an opportunity to get a close look at the restored delta and new river channel, as the project is still under construction and closed to the public. You can also sign up for a community wildland gardening event after the tour to help the native vegetation put down roots before the noxious weeds do.

Visit the <u>Contact Us</u> page on our <u>website</u>, or call Paula Trater at 801-560-1790, to get on a list for a tour.

## Provo River Diversion / Provo River Parkway Trail

The Provo River is being diverted into the new delta in March of 2023. With this diversion of flows, the portion of existing river channel between the diversion structure and Lakeview Parkway is being narrowed to receive a minimum flow of water to maintain the area's recreation values and access. The accompanying section of Provo River Parkway Trail, which has been closed during construction, will remain closed while the diversion and channel narrowing work is underway. There will be short periods when inflows to the existing river are interrupted; we are coordinating with Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and downstream landowners to limit impacts to the fishery and other river uses during this construction period.





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