

september 2018

@ Fresh Pond Reservation
all events are free & open to the public!

Mondays*
5:00pm to
7:00pm

Tuesdays
Between
9:30am
and 1pm

Wednesdays
Noon to
1:30pm

Thursdays
10am to
Noon

Monday
Sept. 3rd
8:30am to
10:30am

Friday
Sept. 14th
11am to Noon

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING



= Open Volunteer Opportunity

Evening Fresh Pond Stewards



Meets at the volunteer trailer near the front of the Water Treatment Facility, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Note: Does not meet on Labor Day, Sept. 3rd

Note: Time change for earlier sunset

Join our weed-warrior crew! We are Fresh Pond citizens dedicated to keeping invasive plants at bay for the benefit of wildlife, water and humans alike. No experience or long-term commitment necessary! All tools are provided; sturdy shoes, pants, long-sleeves and a water bottle are strongly recommended. Meets at the volunteer trailer in the lower parking lot. Contact tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov for more information.

Woodland Restoration Area Gardening



Meets at the Woodland Habitat (Northeast Sector)

Join other stewardship-minded volunteers in caretaking the native plant restoration area next to Lusitania Meadow, and learn about the diversity of native plant life! We seek dedicated participants who enjoy camaraderie and hard work that includes weeding, pruning, planting, watering new plantings, hauling wood chips and moving logs. Please email friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com if you would like to come, and for more information.

Fresh Air Walks



Meets at the Ranger Station, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

These casual walks, led by Ranger Tim, will encompass Fresh Pond and take an informal look at each week in nature, life, and the city. Come alone or bring your co-workers! Rain or shine.

Questions? Contact: tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

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Labor Day Bird Walk



Register for location and parking information

Enjoy your day of rest from your labors by going on a bird walk at Fresh Pond! Many birds stop there to take a break while heading south for the winter. We will look for migrating warblers in their non-breeding plumage and several species of ducks. We also might see local summer residents such as herons, vireos and orioles that will soon be leaving; and birds that stay year-round, such as woodpeckers and hawks. Beginners are welcome. We have binoculars to lend and will show you how to use them. Led by Nancy Guppy. To register and for important parking information, email Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.

Seasonal Walkabout @ Black's Nook



Meets at Maher Park, 650 Concord Ave

Come out for a seasonal walkabout with Ranger Jean at Black's Nook. We will monitor wildlife by sign, track or presence, and make note of weather, state of plants, condition of water and other abiotic resources. You can help chart the seasonal changes of some of our most active wildlife spots, or simply come to enjoy the walk. Come dressed to be outdoors for the hour. All knowledge levels welcome. We will be walking off-path. To RSVP, please contact Ranger Jean at (508) 562-7605 or email jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov. Heavy rain postpones to the following Friday. Service dogs only, please.

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Sunday
Sept. 16th
1pm to 2pm

Welcome to Fresh Pond! @ Kingsley Park



Meets at the Ranger Station, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Are you new to Cambridge or the Fresh Pond area? Looking to learn more about restoration on the Reservation? Join Ranger Jean for an introductory tour of Kingsley Park. The tour will cover the rich human and natural history of the land, as well as new improvements. A great opportunity to bring questions or to see what Fresh Pond Reservation is all about! For any RSVPs or questions, please email jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov or call (508) 562-7605.

Monday
Sept. 17th
6pm to
7:30pm

Walter J Sullivan Water Purification Facility Tour



Meets at the front door, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Come learn how the Cambridge Water Department purifies drinking water for your tap after it's conveyed from nearby Fresh Pond into our facility. You'll have the chance to speak with water treatment staff, see the equipment in action and check out our water quality lab! For more information, contact Ranger Tim at (617) 349-6489 or tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov. Please email ahead if coming with a group.

Friday
Sept. 21st
8am to 6pm

Cambridge PARK(ing) Day 2018



Citywide Event

In our biggest event yet, we're partnering with 75 organizations, artists, businesses and City departments to turn 145 parking spots including Main Street from Third to Ames Street into vibrant community spaces for the day! This year WILL be epic. Contact Jennifer Lawrence at jlawrence@cambridgeMA.gov with any questions. Check out Fresh Pond and the Water Dept. space in front of City Hall!

Sunday
Sept. 23rd
10am to
11:30am

Meadow Wildflower Walk with Ted Elliman



Meets at Maher Park, 650 Concord Ave

If you wish that you could identify the wildflowers you see lining the paths around Fresh Pond, this walk might be perfect for you! Ted Elliman, author of *Wildflowers of New England*, will lead a walk around our lovely meadows, demonstrating the use of identification guides and sharing information about some of our most lovely floral inhabitants. Feel free to bring a hand lens or your favorite wildflower guide! Please contact Catherine Pedemonti with any questions at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.

Thursday
Sept. 27th
6:00pm to
7:30pm

The Owlet Debriefed



Meets at the front door, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Back by popular demand! Maybe you've heard the news about Cambridge's most famous baby bird—the owlet. After a season of intrigue, danger, and drama, all worked out for the best in the natural world. You're invited to Fresh Pond to hear the story from beginning to end about what truly went on here with over 100 photos of the owlet growing up and how we can balance our curiosity with the needs of the wild. For more information, contact Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov.

Saturday
Sept. 29th
8:30am to
4pm

Cycle to the Source 2018



Meets at the front door, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway (Rain date Sunday Sept. 30th)

Along with Cambridge Water Department staff and guides from Urban Adventours. This event is free and open to the public, but for safety reasons is for **adults only**. Cycle to the Source is a 33-mile bike tour of the Cambridge Watershed. It is a chance to explore where your water comes from, how it is collected, and what steps are taken to ensure the city has clean drinking water. It will include stops at the upper reservoirs, dams, gatehouses, and the CWD field office. The ride starts and ends at the Walter J. Sullivan Purification Facility at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, and explores the Cambridge watershed, which includes the lands and reservoirs in Lincoln, Lexington, Weston, and Waltham.

Register at tiny.cc/cycletotheshource or with aoconnell@cambridgeMA.gov if you'd like to participate! All you need is a working bike, helmet, lunch, and water. If you would like to join but need a bike, Urban Adventours rents hybrid and road bikes that are suitable for the event. \$65 would cover the cost of the bike, helmet, and delivery to Fresh Pond on the morning of the tour. Visit their website for more information.

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