

# july 2019

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



**Mondays**  
5:30pm to  
7:30pm

**Tuesdays**  
Between  
9:30am  
and 1pm

**Tuesdays**  
Noon to  
1:30pm

**Thursdays\***  
10am to  
Noon

**Friday**  
July 5th  
2pm to 4pm

## PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

### Fresh Pond Reservation:

#### Protecting the Cambridge Water Supply Since 1889

Did you know that all of the water is treated on-site? Tours available!

Please read and respect all posted rules; this is a public shared-use area, open green space, and active drinking water reservoir.

#### Evening Fresh Pond Stewards

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

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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

\*Does not meet on Wednesday July 4th

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.

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#### Nature Journaling

*Register for meeting location (different sketch target each month)*

This is a fun series! We share together how to create, illustrate and maintain a Naturalist & Field journal. This includes practicing sketching, nature illustration skills, recording field observations, and simply writing about what we see, including how we feel. The series runs the first Friday of the month. Over the year, we explore a few sites of the reservoir and cover ecology, phenology, birds, insects, mammals and the many critters that make the different habitats of Fresh Pond. Please bring your own (portable) art supplies, and RSVP on Eventbrite (<https://bit.ly/2HNcR6r>) because space is limited.

*more on the back...*

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**Friends of Fresh Pond  
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**Sunday**

**July 7th**

**7:30am to**

**9:30am**

**Monday**

**July 8th**

**6pm to**

**7:30pm**

**Tuesdays**

**July 9th**

**& July 23rd**

**1pm to 3pm**

**Friday**

**July 12th**

**11am to Noon**

**Sunday**

**July 14th**

**11am to Noon**

**Coming Soon**



## **Summer Bird Walk**

*Register for meeting place and weather cancellations*

The best time to look for birds during the summer is early in the morning, because that is when birds are most active. The air is cool and comfortable and the birds are hungry for breakfast. With walk leader Nancy Guppy, we may find adults feeding babies in the nest, and fledglings begging for food while following their parents. As always, beginning birders are welcome. We have binoculars to lend and will show you how to use them. Register with Catherine Pedemonti at [friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com)

## **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](mailto:tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov). Please email ahead if coming with a group.

## **Pollinator Survey at Fresh Pond**

**Two dates!**

*Meets at the Lusitania Meadow entrance across from Wheeler St. on Concord Ave.*

This is an opportunity to be a citizen scientist and connect with nature. In partnership with Earthwise Aware, help us observe and collect information about what pollinators visit our meadows, we then feed our findings into global databases that help track species richness, population abundance, and phenophases. This will also help us develop a virtual guide to the insects of Fresh Pond, and you can be a part of it! We'll be meeting on-site at the entrance to Lusitania from Concord Ave. Please RSVP to [citizenscience@earthwiseaware.org](mailto:citizenscience@earthwiseaware.org) for communication about what to wear, bring, and if there is any change in plan due to weather.

## **Seasonal Walkabout at 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. Service dogs only, please. To RSVP, please contact Ranger Jean at (508) 562-7605 or email [jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov](mailto:jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov). Heavy rain postpones to the following Friday.

## **Animal Detectives: A Frog's Journey**

*Meets at the Ranger Station (under the clock tower), 250 Fresh Pond Parkway*

Join Ranger Tim and see what it takes to be a frog as we explore how they live and what they do. This family program is best suited for kids between 4 and 12. Accompanying adult must be present, service dogs only please, and dress appropriately as this is an outdoor program. Groups please check-in with Ranger Tim at [tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov](mailto:tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov) prior to Thursday, July 11th.

## **See the Monarch Caterpillars grow in the Ranger Station!**

We're preparing for our 6th annual Monarch Butterfly Release Celebration this August. The butterflies to be released as a new generation of pollinators start off their journey as caterpillars raised in captivity. Keep visiting us and see their rapid growth, learn about their lives, and take in the beauty of a Monarch butterfly chrysalis. The Ranger Station is open 7am to 7pm daily. *Stay tuned for the date of the release celebration!*



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**Like us for more events and updates!**

**Questions?**

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