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

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.

Woodland Restoration Area Gardening

Meets at the Woodland Habitat (Near the Lusitania Wet Meadow)

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

[Note: we will not meet on the week of Thanksgiving]

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! Parking passes available. Rain or shine. Questions? Contact: tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

Fresh Pond Stewards

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

[*Does not meet on Thanksgiving*]

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.

Hike & Sketch

Register for meeting location (different areas 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...



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

**Tuesdays
Noon to
1:30pm**

**Thursdays
10am to
Noon**

**Friday
Nov. 1st
1pm to 3pm**

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Monday
Nov. 4th
6pm to
7:30pm

Walter J Sullivan Water Purification Facility Tour

Meets at the front door, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

This is the last public tour until Spring 2020

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
Nov. 8th
11am to Noon

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.

Sunday
Nov. 10th
2pm to 4:30pm

Fascinating Fungi of Fresh Pond

Register for parking and meeting information

Mycologist Lawrence Millman has identified over 320 mushroom species at Fresh Pond Reservation alone. For the past 13 years he has led Fresh Pond mushroom forays that give participants the chance to add to this list as well as learn more about the world of fungi. Fresh Pond Reservation's "no harvesting" regulation will be emphasized at this event. Mr. Millman is the author of Fascinating Fungi of New England, the first guidebook devoted exclusively to New England mushrooms. To register and for important parking information, email Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.

Saturday
Nov. 16th
8:30am to
10:30am

Migratory Bird Walk

Register for location and parking information

We will look for migrating songbirds and waterfowl that have stopped at the Fresh Pond to rest and feed on their way south for the winter. We also may see a variety of year-round avian residents. Beginners are welcome! We have binoculars to lend and will show you how to use them. Led by Nancy Guppy. To register, for important parking information, and for notice of cancellation due to weather, email Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.



Q: Where do the fall foliage colors come from?

A: They were in there all along and are revealed when the trees strip salvageable nutrients from the leaves. Different tree species use different building blocks. Carotenoids = Yellows/Oranges and Anthocyanins = Reds/Purples

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