

Public Programming Cont'd

June 2018
@ Fresh Pond Reservation
all events are free & open to the public!

Saturday
June 23rd
1pm to 2:30pm

Early Summer Scavenger Hunt: Looking for Life in and Around a Small Pond

Meets at Black's Nook

This is a drop-in style program, come any time between 1 and 2pm to join rangers in exploring the life in and around Black's Nook at the official start of summer. Every age can benefit from this guided discovery! Bring binoculars and magnifying glasses if you have them.

Saturday
June 30th
6pm to 7pm

The Owlet Debriefed

Meets at the Water Treatment Plant front door, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

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 and how we can balance our curiosity with the needs of the wild.

For more information, contact Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov.

June Words of Wisdom



June's Wildlife Activity: Canada Geese Grounded

Canada geese are a common sight in Massachusetts and these adaptable fowl not only migrate over 1,000 miles, they go through a yearly molting process where they lose their flight feathers and grow new ones. During the molt, there is a period of a couple week in late June / early July when **geese can't fly**. In addition to being momentarily flightless, they will most likely have goslings in tow.

For your safety please do not approach the geese, they will be defensive. For animal safety please keep dogs away from wildlife, these geese are without their primary means for escape and can be injured or killed by pets.



Turtle Power

Birds aren't the only nesting animals with beaks this time of year! Turtle mating season has recently completed under the pond waters and now it is time for the females to venture out on land to dig a nest and lay their eggs— their final task as a parent.

Painted turtles (pictured) and snapping turtles, the two most common, rarely stray far from their body of water to nest but have been known to travel over a quarter-mile to find an ideal location. Please do not disturb any turtles you may find plodding along the trails of the reservation, we try to keep this a natural and safe place for all.



Tuesdays
Between
9:30am and
1pm

Wednesdays
Noon to
1:30pm

Thursdays
10am to Noon



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.

Ongoing Weekly Opportunities

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

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 for more information.



= Open Volunteer Opportunity

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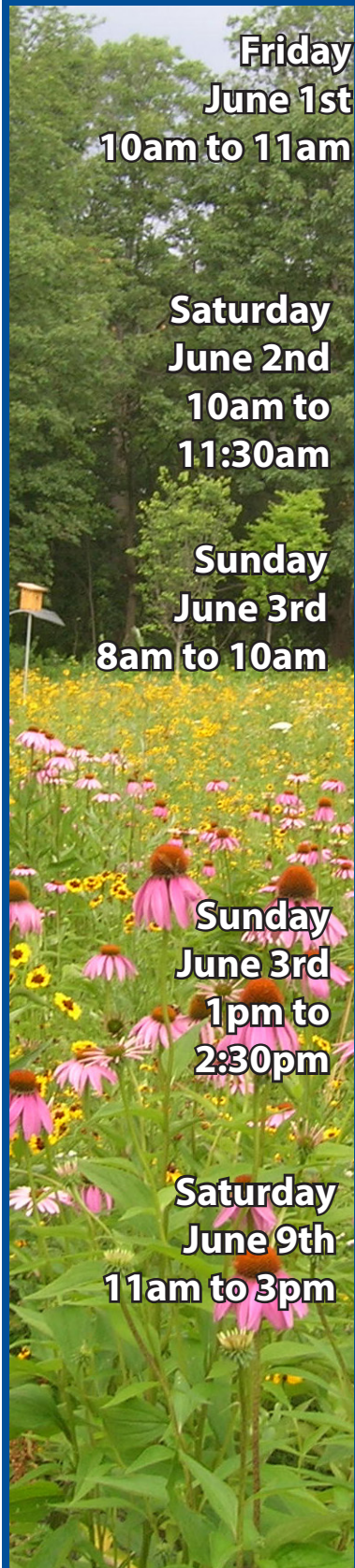


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**Friday
June 1st
10am to 11am**

**Saturday
June 2nd
10am to
11:30am**

**Sunday
June 3rd
8am to 10am**

**Sunday
June 3rd
1pm to
2:30pm**

**Saturday
June 9th
11am to 3pm**

Fresh Pond Kids Walk

Meets at Country Kitchen, lower level of Neville Place (back building), 650 Concord Ave.

Join us for casual nature explorations, designed for young kids and their parents/caretakers, and play in our urban wild! We might look for frogs and turtles at Black's Nook, or find pill bugs and bird nests in the Butterfly Meadow. Please come dressed ready for the weather and in clothes that are OK to get a bit dirty! Feel free to contact Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com with any questions or to RSVP.

Fresh Pond Nature Walk

Meets at The Gazebo at Neville Place, 650 Concord Ave.

Join us for a walk through our urban wild. We will explore together the flora and fauna of the Reservation, noting bloom and berry; birds and bugs; and beyond! Feel free to bring binoculars, field guides, a hand lens, journal, camera... or just bring yourself! Beginners are welcome, as are children. Feel free to contact Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com with any questions.

Nesting Bird Walk

Register for parking and meeting information and for notice of cancellation due to inclement weather

Many birds choose to build their nests and raise their young at Fresh Pond Reservation, because there is an abundance of insect food and plenty of safe habitat. We may hear birds singing their territorial songs and see others gathering food for their hungry babies. Walk leader Nancy Guppy will help us look for Baltimore orioles, yellow warblers, warbling vireos, redwing blackbirds, and other migratory birds which spend the breeding season at the Pond. Beginning birders are welcome! If you don't have binoculars you may borrow a pair from us. Register with Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com.

Outdoor Water Conservation: Rain Gardens, Water Barrels, and Plants That Need Less Watering

Meets at the Ranger Station, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

As the days warm up and rain becomes less frequent but more intense, learn some ideas to consider that will keep your water usage from going up while making your surroundings more attractive and healthy. Do your part for the environment while having the healthiest plot on the block! For questions or to secure a seat, contact Ranger Jean at (508) 562-7605 or email jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov.

FRESH POND DAY 2018

*Takes place at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway
Parking at 197 Vassal Lane, Cambridge MA (Tobin School)*



Fresh Pond Reservation is truly Cambridge's green gem - an urban wild that protects Fresh Pond, Cambridge's in-city drinking water reservoir. Fresh Pond Day is the Cambridge Water Department's annual tribute to this unique Reservation that is a vital natural resource, an invaluable sanctuary for wildlife, and a beloved recreational escape in the City. So, let's give Fresh Pond the celebration, jubilation and love it deserves; join in the festivities! Attendees will enjoy **live wildlife presentations (pond creatures this year!), parade, live music, facepainting, snacks truck climb-boards, tours, and more.**

Free and open to all, on-leash dogs are welcome. Please note that rain cancels this event.

Now in Bloom at Lusitania Wet Meadow

Meets at the "Meeting Rocks" (where the meadow meets the perimeter road trail)

Cattails, wildflowers, and song birds, oh my! Come take a leisurely walk with Ranger Jean and learn how to identify the beautiful natural features we walk by every day at Fresh pond. Bring binoculars and magnifying glasses if you have them. To RSVP, please contact Ranger Jean at (508) 562-7605 or email jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov.

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.

Seasonal Walkabout at Lusitania Wet Meadow

Meets at the "Meeting Rocks" (where the meadow meets the perimeter road trail)

Come out for a seasonal walkabout with Ranger Jean at the Lusitania Wet Meadow. 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.

Animal Detectives: Dragonflies

Meets at the Ranger Station, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

June's spotlight is on the dragonfly. These predators truly are the dragons of their world, let's explore together how they live. 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 prior to Thursday, June 14th.

Summer Solstice Bird Walk

Register for parking and meeting information and for notice of cancellation due to inclement weather

If you can't bear to get up at dawn to look at birds, this evening walk is for you! Just as people take advantage of the longest days of the year to continue their outdoor activities, so do birds: They spend the extra hours of daylight foraging for food for their hungry babies. Led by Nancy Guppy. 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.

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**Sunday
June 10th
10:30am to
Noon**

**Monday
June 11th
6pm to
7:30pm**

**Friday
June 15th
11am to Noon**

**Sunday
June 17th
11am to Noon**

**Friday
June 22nd
6pm to 8pm**



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Questions? Volunteers?

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