february 2018

@ Fresh Pond Reservation

all events are free & open to the public!

Friday February 2nd 10am to 11am

Nature Storytime with Cambridge Public Library

Meets at Country Kitchen [lower level], Neville Place, 650 Concord Ave.

Join us on the first Friday of each month this winter as we welcome Cambridge Public Library's Children's librarian Margaret Macri for nature story time at Fresh Pond! We will read about winter and what humans and wildlife do during this time. Bring warm clothes and go for a winter walk after story time is over! In the event of tight parking The Fayerweather Street School has kindly offered us the use of their parking. Please feel free to contact Catherine Pedemonti at friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com to RSVP or for parking information.

Sunday February 4th 1pm to 2:30pm

Watershed in Winter

Meets at the Maynard Ecology Center, Neville Place, 650 Concord Ave.

This month's look at water: what's going on with watershed in the winter? It's more complex than you learned in school. Come update your water awareness with other adults in a fun activity-based program led by your watershed rangers, Jean and Tim. For directions to the Maynard Ecology Center or to RSVP, please contact Ranger Jean (508) 562-7605 or email jrogers@cambridgeMA.gov

Wednesday February 7th 7pm to 8:30pm

The Beautiful Adaptations of Native Plants

Meets at the Cambridge Public Library, 449 Broadway St.

This is a part of a lecture series, "Evenings with Experts," presented by Grow Native Massachusetts. Dan Segal, founder of the Ithaca Native Plant Symposium, will talk about native plants' fascinating mechanisms for survival and the origins of New England flora's adaptive traits. This talk is co-sponsored by the Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation.

Friday
February 9th
10:30am to
11:30am

Seasonal Walkabout @ Lusitania Wet Meadow

Meets at the "meeting rocks" [where the meadow meets the main 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

February 11th 10:30am to Noon

The Disciplines of Animal Tracking

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

Ever wonder about the tracks you see? Animal tracking contains a lot more than just footprints. This guided walk will go over the various aspects of arguably one of the oldest human traditions. Join Ranger Tim as we observe the hidden streets of Cambridge and read the stories written in the earth. Open to all audiences. Proper footwear encouraged, we will be walking off-path.

Questions? Contact: tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

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Wednesday February 14th Noon to 1pm

Fresh Air Walk: Love in the Animal Kingdom

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

This casual walk, led by Ranger Tim, will encompass Fresh Pond and take an informal look at each month in nature. In honor of Valentine's Day, we'll talk about animal courtship on our way around the pond. Come alone or bring your co-workers! Rain or shine. Questions? Contact: tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov

Sunday February 18th 1pm to 2pm

Sweet Maples

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

What trees in Massachusetts can be tapped? How long has this craft existed? Why are trees sweet? These questions and more will be answered inside and during a guided walk to Kingsley Park and a live tapping demonstration. Come learn about the lifeblood of New England! We will be walking off-path. To RSVP, please contact Ranger Jean at (508) 562-7605 or email irogers@cambridgeMA.gov

Wednesday February 21st 10:30am to 11:30am

Animal Detectives: Coyotes

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

February's spotlight is on the Coyote. Come see what it takes to be a coyote as we explore what they do and how they act. This family program is best suited for kids between 4 and 12. Accompanying adult must be present, service dogs only please, and dress warmly as this is an outdoor program.

Groups please check-in with Ranger Tim at tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov prior to Friday, February 16th.

Thursday
February 22nd
10:30am to
Noon

Intro to Animal Tracking for Kids

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

Have you ever seen wildlife in Cambridge? Whether you did or not they have left behind clues. We'll learn how to track an animal and go out looking ourselves! This family program is best suited for kids between 4 and 12. Accompanying adult must be present, service dogs only please, and dress warmly as this is an outdoor program.

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Monday February 26th 6pm to 7:30pm

Monday Night Movie Night: "Olmsted & America's Urban Parks" [G]

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

What's better than a free movie? Free popcorn! This documentary examines the life of America's most famous urban park designer. Best-known for Central Park, NY, the Olmsted firm was also commissioned by the Cambridge Water Board in 1894 for work on Fresh Pond. [Runtime: 57 min. Rated G] tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov for more information.

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