

august 2019

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

Available online at:

cambridgema.gov/water/freshpondreservation/publicprogramming

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.



Visit our Monarch Butterfly Caterpillars in the Ranger Station!

Release Aug. 18th, more info on back!



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 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

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.

more on the back...

Fresh Pond Reservation:
Protecting the Cambridge
water supply since 1889



Cambridge Water Department
www.cambridgema.gov/water
(617) 349-6489
tpuopolo@cambridgema.gov



**Friends of Fresh Pond
Reservation**
www.friendsoffreshpond.org
friendsoffreshpond@yahoo.com

august 2019

... continued

**Friday
August 2nd
2pm to 4pm**

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.

**Monday
August 5th
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.

**Tuesdays
August 6th
& August 20th
1pm to 3pm**

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 for communication about what to wear, bring, and if there is any change in plan due to weather.

**Friday
August 16th
11am to Noon**

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. Heavy rain postpones to the following Friday.

**Sunday
August 18th
2pm to
3:30pm**

6th Annual Monarch Butterfly Release Celebration



Meets near the Ranger Station, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Reservation staff are raising Monarch butterfly caterpillars for release at Fresh Pond! This butterfly species is under threat, and we're acting to raise awareness about the importance of habitat protection and ecological stewardship at Fresh Pond. Join us to celebrate the growth of our monarch caterpillars into beautiful butterflies, and wish them luck on their long migration to Mexico. See the butterflies up close and personal, learn about their lives and stages, then walk with us from the Water Treatment Facility to a native meadow at nearby Kinglsey Park, where we'll send our butterflies off into the flowers. Feel free to just meet us at the meadow too! Volunteers needed to help with crafts.

Contact Ranger Tim at (617) 349-6489 or tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov.

Fresh Pond Reservation:
*Protecting the Cambridge
water supply since 1889*



/FreshPondReservation
Like us for more events and updates!

Questions?

Contact Ranger Tim:

(617) 349-6489 or

tpuopolo@cambridgeMA.gov